MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on November 4, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: **Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Tempore**
Paul Barich, Council Member
Eddie Tejeda, Council Member
Denise Davis, Council Member

Absent: **Mario Saucedo, Mayor**

Staff: **Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Phillip Doolittle, City Treasurer; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Rachel Tolber, Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management Director**

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw called the meeting to order and explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. He offered the public an opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
(City Attorney Garcia)
One (1) Case:
a. Wagner Zemming Christensen, LLP v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2529490

Conference with legal counsel: Initiation of Litigation -Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) (City Attorney Garcia)
One (1) Case:

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation -Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1):
(City Attorney Garcia)
One (1) Case
A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances as determined on October 22, 2025, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the local agency but which the local agency

believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Council Member Barich. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was conducted by Judson and Brown Elementary School.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced that no reportable action was taken during the closed session, and she noted that Mayor Saucedo and Council Member Davis were absent.

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Joe Alcarez and Kennel Attendant Hailey Stuck showed off "Scooter", an eleven-year-old male Beagle mix, who is available for adoption, along with thirty-five other dogs at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Mr. Alcarez provided the Shelter statistics for October 2025, which included: 26 adopted dogs and 4 adopted cats.

Redlands Police Community Foundation Donation

Representing the Redlands Police Community Foundation, President Chris Martin and Vice President Terry Vines presented a check in the amount of $20,217.41 to Police Chief Tolber and Officer Mazi Shahabi, with K-9 Jake by his side.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Health Concerns - David Holtzclaw explained that after the replanting of England Grove, his daughter, who lives on Alvarado Street, noticed raw sewage bubbling up. She filed a claim against the City and was told a response would be provided within 45 days. He pointed out they had still not heard anything, yet, this open cesspool was unsafe and a public safety issue. He thought it seemed like a simple fix, and he urged the Council to take appropriate action.

Traffic Safety - Elizabeth and Rimon Shaker requested the City install a traffic signal or at the very least a 3-way stop sign for the intersection at Reservoir Road and Ford Street. Ms. Shaker said this area near the I-10 westbound on-ramp is extremely unsafe, due to limited visibility, steep downhill approach, and inadequate traffic control. She was aware of multiple accidents occurring over the years and asked the City to review recent collision data and MUTCD signal warrants.

Redlands Historical Glass Museum - Andy Hoder, Board Member of the Redlands Historical Glass Museum, highlighted the many reasons why the Glass Museum deserves more attention. He said it is less well known than the Museum of Redlands (MOR) but still deserves recognition. He suggested the Glass Museum could possibly have a permanent exhibit at MOR, and he encouraged everyone to visit the Museum to see its many treasures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2025.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Executive Evaluation Services Agreement

As public comment, Dennis Bell thought that residents should be included in the survey to determine what they expect from their city manager, and if stakeholders are asked to be a part of the evaluation process, he recommended they be impartial voices.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, an agreement with Jacob Green and Associates for executive evaluation services for an amount not-to-exceed $29,600.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and General Release between the City of Redlands and Miller & Associates, LLC. The City shall have the option to either purchase the property at 611 W Redlands Blvd for $3.4 million; or pay plaintiff $2.1 million to settle the matter of Miller & Associates, LLC v. City of Redlands. The Plaintiff shall release all claims, known and unknown, against the City and dismiss its lawsuit against the City, with prejudice.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Resolution No. 8733 Homeless Solutions Division Expenses

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8733 to ratify the City Manager's approval for the Memorandum for Public Benefit of Homeless Solutions Division Expenses authorizing the Finance Department to process specific, limited expenditures incurred by the Homeless Solutions Division that may not typically be funded with public funds, but which are necessary to further the City's legitimate public purpose of reducing homelessness and supporting the transition of unhoused individuals into safe, stable housing and which, thereby, provide a public benefit to the community.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Fire Station 264 Future Location & Funding

Council Member Davis announced that due to property ownership within 500 feet of the site being considered as the future location for Fire Station 264 at Heritage Park, she recused herself from voting and discussion on this item. As public comment, Dennis Bell agreed that Fire Station 264 desperately needed a new home, but he questioned the location, raising concerns about traffic and road conditions. Richard O'Donnell supported the efforts to find a new location for Fire Station 264 but wasn't convinced this particular site was the best choice, and he opposed using open space funds to accomplish that goal. He suggested instead that funding should come from Measure T revenues.

Assistant City Manager Boatman offered some background, explaining that Heritage Park was ultimately selected due to the availability of land, favorable site configuration, and cost-effectiveness. Relocating Station 264 to the site will allow the department to close current service gaps in the surrounding area and improve response times for residents and businesses in the southwest region. This new location also positions the station well for long-term growth and future community development.

In 2012, the City Council approved the expenditure framework for the proceeds generated from the sale of the Nevada Palmetto Grove. That policy directed the use of funds toward public benefit purposes in five general categories: Parks and Recreation, Trails, Agricultural Open Space, Natural Open Space, and Other Public Benefit Improvements. Since that time, the vast majority of those proceeds have been invested in community-serving projects consistent with that policy, providing lasting improvements across multiple sectors.

While the policy framework has been largely fulfilled, two categories—Trails and Agricultural Open Space—retain uncommitted balances of approximately $658,000 and $557,000 ($1,215,000 combined), respectively. These remaining funds have no pending projects or anticipated expenditures, and other potential funding sources exist for future projects. Staff recommended that the remaining undesignated funds be reallocated to support the design phase of a new Fire Station No. 264.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council designated, by roll call vote, 1.5 acres at Heritage Park as the future location of Fire Station 264; and reallocated $1,215,000 reserved from the Palmetto Grove Proceeds to the Future Facilities Reserve for fire station design services.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Denise Davis (RECUSE)

Ordinance No. 2992 Flood Damage Prevention and Floodplain Management

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2992, amending Title 15, Chapter 15.32 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to Flood Damage Prevention and Floodplain Management.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras Lease Renewals

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the sole source purchase order with the Flock Group, Inc. to renew leases of automated license plate recognition cameras in the amount of $133,500.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Redlands Police Department K9 Unit Donation

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council accepted, by roll call vote, the donation of $20,217.41 from the Redlands Police Community Foundation for operational expenses of the Redlands Police Department's K9 Unit; and authorized an additional appropriation of the same amount.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Grant Award Office of Traffic Safety

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the Grant Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety relating to the distribution of a grant award for local law enforcement agencies in an amount not-to-exceed $105,000; authorized the Chief of Police to sign and execute agreements implementing the grant; and approved an additional appropriation of the same.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Resolution No. 8720 Grant Application Land Water Conservation Fund Program

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8720 authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program grant, execute any agreement, amendments, and all other related documents associated with the LWCF to be utilized for the redevelopment of Texonia Park.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

In-Kind Support New Year's Eve Beach Ball Drop Event

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized the expenditure of city resources, in-kind support in the amount of $2,749.00 related to the New Year's Eve (NYE) Beach Ball Drop event hosted by the Redlands Visitor Center on December 31, 2025; and authorized the temporary street closures related to this event.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

PO Civic Center Temporary Chiller Rental

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that the approval of the purchase order is exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15304 of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; rejected all previous bids received on May 19, 2025; and approved the Purchase Order with Total Environmental Management, Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed $183,600 for the rental of a temporary chiller for the Civic Center, for a period of up to twenty-four months.

Vote: 3 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Paul Barich (ABSENT)

Redlands Lawn Bowling Club Facility Use Agreement Staff requested this item be pulled from the agenda. The item will be presented to the Council for consideration at a future meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 8732 Food Security and Child Nutrition Support Initiative

Council Member Davis opened the discussion regarding Resolution No. 8732 to establish the City of Redlands Food Security and Child Nutrition Support Initiative. Food insecurity has grown in Redlands due to recent reductions in federal and state nutrition benefits, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and CalFresh. Local schools, food banks, and nonprofit partners report increasing demand for emergency food and meal programs. The proposed Food Security and Child Nutrition Support Initiative will coordinate local efforts and improve access to nutritious food. Through the formation of a Food Security Task Force, the City can collaborate with schools, nonprofits, and faith-based partners to identify barriers to food access as well as develop and coordinate solutions.

If approved, staff would establish a citywide task force, identify City-owned sites for food access programs, expand youth meal partnerships with Redlands Unified School District, explore community mini-grants to support local efforts, and advocate for the restoration and expansion of state and federal nutrition assistance

programs.

As public comment, Kyra Stewart, Executive Director of Redlands Family Service Association (FSA), was in full support of a task force and was deeply encouraged by the City's desire to collaborate and work with all the local partners. She listed various actions already taken by FSA to help fill the gaps that exist for those in need. Roberto Ceja said that it is difficult to see so many people losing a portion of their SNAP benefits, but this task force could represent a beacon of hope for those struggling. He was excited to be a part of the program and help in any way he could.

In general, Council Members were in support of forming a task force. Council Member Barich said this was a starting point. Additionally, he said that the City is not the expert in these matters, and he recommended we rely heavily on our local partners who do this kind of work every day. Council Member Tejeda envisioned the City becoming a hub of information and utilizing the website as a message board. Mayor Pro Tem Shaw said that information is the key. There are resources available but getting the word out is critical. With the Grocery Gift Card program coming to an end in December, Council Member Davis asked whether the Council could authorize a reallocation of funds for this emergency situation. City Manager Duggan and City Attorney Garcia clarified that reallocating funds was outside the scope of the current agenda item and, if requested, could be discussed at a future council meeting.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8732 establishing the City of Redlands Food Security and Child Nutrition Support Initiative, and directing staff to return to the City Council in February 2026 with a progress update.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Citrus Preservation Commission Annual Report

Chair Michael Day presented the annual report of the Citrus Preservation Commission, providing a recap of the Commission's accomplishments. He described how the City has finally come through the industry-wide challenges associated with the oriental fruit fly infestation. He was pleased to say that it appeared we survived the infestation, and farming is looking optimistically forward. The groves are in good condition, staff continues to do an excellent job handling the day-to-day operations, while Larry Jacinto and crew tackle all the bigger work. Educating the public remains one of the Commission's priorities and the Citrus Commission's webpage offers various resources. These include links to the San Bernardino County Farm Bureau Federation and up-to-date information regarding threats to California Citrus. Council Members thanked Chair Day and all the commissioners for their dedication and service.

NEW BUSINESS

Residential Zoning Districts for the Keeping of Hens

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, Development Services Director Desatnik provided an overview of residential zoning districts that permit the keeping of hens. Currently, hens are only allowed in two residential zoning districts, which are generally located in the far southeast area of the City. The regulations allow two hens on lots less than 7,200 square feet; three hens on lots ranging in size from 7,201 to 9,999 square feet; four hens on lots ranging in size from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet; and on lots over 20,000 square feet, one hen for every 2,000 square feet of lot area, not to exceed a total of nine hens.

The keeping and raising of hens has become increasingly popular, and experience in other jurisdictions has shown that hens generally do not create nuisance conditions comparable to roosters. Allowing hens in additional residential zones can support sustainability goals, promote local food production, and align City regulations with evolving community preferences. With Council's direction to move forward, staff would draft an ordinance and present it to the Planning Commission for consideration that would allow the keeping and raising of hens in all single-family residential zoning districts, with appropriate regulations governing the number of hens permitted based on lot size and other reasonable standards to ensure compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council directed staff, by roll call vote, to draft an ordinance to amend the City's Zoning Regulations to allow for the keeping of hens on lots in single-family residential districts and present the ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Groundwater Well & Booster Pump Maintenance & Repair Services Agreement

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Director Harris reviewed the Non-Professional Service Agreement with General Pump Company to provide groundwater well and booster pump maintenance and repair services. The City’s water production system includes forty-five potable and non-potable groundwater wells, thirty-eight booster pumps and two surface water treatment plants to serve more than 75,000 customers. The groundwater wells and booster pumps are operated by high horsepower motors, which require frequent routine maintenance to reduce the potential for malfunction and prevent equipment failure. During emergencies, staffing may be limited, and support from a qualified groundwater well and booster pump contractor is often necessary.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Non-Professional Service Agreement with General Pump Company is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301(b) of the State's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Non-Professional Service Agreement with General Pump Company for groundwater well and booster pump maintenance and repair services on an as-needed basis for an amount not-to-exceed $500,000 per year with an initial term of one (1) year and options to extend the agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw congratulated the efforts of City staff and Airport Supervisor Ted Richardson, for hosting the Plane or Treat Event held on October 26. The event was packed with families who enjoyed bounce houses, various dessert offerings, and, of course, lots of candy. What a great way to highlight all the planes and show off the airport. He submitted his report of activities for the month of October 2025, as available online and attached to the staff report.

Council Member Barich attended the Dia de Los Muertos event hosted by A.K. Smiley Public Library. The event offered a variety of activities, including face painting, a costume contest, and free books. He found it very informative. He also enjoyed the Olive Avenue Halloween Extravaganza event.

Council Member Tejeda participated in the Dia de Los Muertos event hosted by Smiley Library, which had about 400–500 attendees. Fun was had by all.

Council Member Davis kicked off the 5th season of Youth Council, participated in the Inland Counties Legal Services dinner held at the Mitten Building, enjoyed an event celebrating 16 years of Music Changing Lives held at Joe Gonzales Community Center, and attended the recent AAUW Redlands meeting. She and her son enthusiastically enjoyed the Halloween Extravaganza event on Olive Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required, Mayor Pro Tem Shaw adjourned the meeting at 7:22 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on November 18, 2025.

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