

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on October 1, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: **Eddie Tejada, Mayor**
 Paul Barich, Mayor Pro Tempore
 Denise Davis, Council Member
 Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Council Member
 Mario Saucedo, Council Member

Staff: **Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Albert Maldonado, Special Counsel;**
 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; Stephen Crane, Deputy
 Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director

Mayor Tejada 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

Raising Questions - Steve Rogers wondered why the City Manager's contract was being considered at this time, when the current contract was not set to expire until January 31, 2026. He said the Council should table this matter until after the election when the new council members will be sworn in and until the timing is more appropriate.

CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code §54957.6
(Assistant City Manager McConnell)

Agency Negotiators:	Mayor Tejada and Mayor Pro Tempore Barich
Unrepresented Employees:	City Manager

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Tejada. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Crafton Elementary School Students.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Special Counsel Albert Maldonado announced that the City Council gave direction to make two changes to the City Manager's proposed Employment Agreement, as provided in Agenda Item L-1, under New Business. The two changes included the following: 1) Effective January 15, 2025, the annual base salary shall increase to \$315,000; and 2) Effective the first payroll period following July 1, 2025, Employee will receive a two percent (2%) increase to salary over the prior

year. The Council will consider the proposed Employment Agreement, with the changes, during New Business.

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and Kennel Attendant Hailey Stuck introduced "Ghost", a three-year-old male German Shepherd, who is available for adoption, along with fifty-two other dogs and fourteen cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Kroeger informed the Council there had been nineteen dogs and sixteen cats adopted in September 2024. She added the shelter was full and in urgent need of fosters and adopters and all fees will be waived.

Proclamation Recognizing Dr. Leonard Sigdestad

Council Member Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barich presented a Proclamation to Dr. Leonard Sigdestad in recognition of his 55 years of caring for animals of all shapes and sizes in and around the Inland Empire and for his lifelong dedication to community service, veterinary medicine, and animal welfare.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Crystal Springs Well Installation - Steve Rogers referenced an email sent to the City Council earlier in the day, voicing concerns about what he said was an illegal well installation that was harvesting spring water from Crystal Springs Ranch. He said the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) had expired, so he was confused why the property owner would not be required to apply for a new CUP before obtaining a new well installation permit from the County. Assistant City Manager Boatman clarified that the CUP had expired, but one is no longer required for the property. The property owner has met the requirement to obtain a ministerial use permit.

Introductions - Dr. Hillary Jenkins, of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District introduced herself as the newly appointed District Representative for northeast Redlands.

Valley Water District Incentive Funds - David Armstrong wondered why the City of Redlands did not send a representative to receive an incentive check from the San Bernardino Valley Water District designated for those users who conserve water. It was announced that Redlands had been granted \$340,000 through the program, but he said no Council Member or staff member was present at the meeting. Director Harris explained he and his staff had planned to attend and accept the check, but they were not notified of a scheduling change, so unfortunately, they missed the meeting.

Various Musings - Dennis Bell complained that the state was at it again with the recent ban on plastic bags from being offered at grocery stores. He was not pleased the City was searching for a Sustainability Manager and thought public funds should not be used on cultural and social issues, but instead on public safety. He drew attention to recent unsafe conditions with cyclists on city sidewalks, saying he had almost been hit by a cyclist himself.

Social Media Accessibility - Kathy Sadanala pushed for Mayor Tejeda to be more transparent with his social media accounts and allow people to engage and open a dialogue.

Candidate Forum Comments - Michael Paisner thanked Mayor Pro Tem Barich for being more selective about endorsing candidates. But he was troubled with certain responses made by candidate Eddie Tejada at a recent Candidate Forum.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Recognizing Dr. Leonard Sigdestad

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Leonard Sigdestad's 55 years of caring for animals of all shapes and sizes in and around the Inland Empire and for his lifelong dedication to community service, veterinary medicine, and animal welfare.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Human Relations Commissioner Appointment

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Roya Damsaz to serve the remainder of a four-year term on the Human Relations Commission ending October 18, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

MOU First Amendment Victorville Fire Department

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Victorville for the loan of a Fire Tiller Truck to Victorville Fire Department. On March 5, 2024, the Redlands Fire Department agreed to lend their available tiller truck to Victorville for training, but since that time, the Victorville Fire Department has also asked to use the Tiller Truck for emergency responses, in addition to its original training purpose.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Acceptance of National Opioid Settlement Funds

Fire Chief Sessler reviewed the request to accept the National Opioid Settlement Funds from the five Settling Defendants including Allergan, CVS, Teva, Walgreens, and Walmart in the aggregate amount of \$192,720.22, for a Substance Use Navigator position in the Fire Department to help improve treatment and access to medication for Opioid Use Disorder in the community. As public comment, Dennis Bell raised questions about the program, suggesting it sounded more like handholding than actually helping people move away from an addictive lifestyle.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the acceptance of National Opioid Settlement Funds from the five Settling Defendants (Allergan, CVS, Teva, Walgreens, and Walmart) in the aggregate amount of \$192,720.22, for the recruitment of a Substance Use Navigator in the Fire Department to help improve treatment and access to medication for Opioid Use Disorder within the community; and authorized an additional appropriation for the payment amounts from each Settling Defendant.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Tate Water Treatment Plant Project Amendment

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the Tate Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Influent Pipeline Replacement Project extending the completion time by twelve (12) months to October 18, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Revel Big Bear Marathon Event Street Closures

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced the request to temporarily close San Bernardino Avenue for the Revel Big Bear Marathon event hosted by the Brooksee Foundation on November 16, 2024 and the request for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. As public comment, Dennis Bell thought it odd that the Brooksee Foundation was based out of Utah, and he questioned why the event was called the Revel Big Bear Marathon, when the course was not located in Big Bear.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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; and approved the request for the temporary street closure of San Bernardino Avenue and the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages related to the event for the Revel Big Bear Marathon event hosted by the Brooksee Foundation on November 16, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Chamber of Commerce Dog Jog Event In-Kind Request

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reviewed the request to hold the Dog Jog event hosted by the Redlands Chamber of Commerce on October 20, 2024, within Ed Hales Park and the downtown area, which included the request for street closures related to the event and in-kind support in the amount of \$11,948. As public comment, Debi Menard, Chamber of Commerce Membership Director, described some of the many activities available during the event, and she encouraged everyone to participate. Mayor Pro Tem Barich said he has enjoyed the event every year, and he pointed out it attracts many people to the downtown area.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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 \$11,948.00; and approved the temporary street closure related to the Dog Jog event hosted by the Redlands Chamber of Commerce on October 20, 2024, within Ed Hales Park and the downtown area.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Sole Source PO Traffic Signal Cabinets from Econolife

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the sole source purchase order for the purchase of five (5) Blue Series Cabinets Part CAB18036 and three (3) Blue Series Cabinets Part STCAB3575-77 from Econolite for an amount not to exceed \$124,966.96.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Citrus Valley Band Tournament Event In-Kind Request

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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 \$2,700, and approved the temporary street closure of West Pioneer Avenue from Texas Street to Tennessee Street for the Citrus Valley Band Tournament event for Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

License Agreement Dawg Social LLC

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a License Agreement with Dawg Social LLC is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and approved a License Agreement with Dawg Social LLC to operate a hot dog cart at City Hall, 35 Cajon Street.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

November 5, 2024, & January 7, 2025 Council Meeting Cancellations

Mayor Tejeda opened the discussion regarding the possible cancellation of the November 5, 2024, and the January 7, 2025, regular meetings of the City Council. City Manager Duggan recommended the cancellation of November 5, in order to allow staff and the City Council to participate in the election and cast votes. Additionally, Mr. Duggan said that in light of the December holiday closure, he recommended the cancellation of January 7, 2025. The next regular meetings will be held on November 19, 2024, and January 21, 2025, respectively. As public comment, Steve Rogers pointed out the City Council had already canceled meetings for the whole month of August, and he thought it excessive to also cancel the November 5 meeting. He added the government should be held accountable to the people and canceling meetings does not send the right message to build public trust. Mayor Pro Tem Barich said that even when there are no meetings, Council Members continue to work and respond to queries from the public. Council Member Davis added that work will still be accomplished, just on another day.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the cancellation of the November 5, 2024, and the January 7, 2025, regular meetings of the City Council.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 8629 Venue at Orange Apartment Development Application

Council Member Davis announced that due to property ownership within 500 feet of the development, she recused herself from voting and discussion on this item. Mayor Tejeda opened the Public Hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik for a full review of Resolution No. 8629 and the development applications related to the construction of 164 apartment units within the Venue at Orange Apartments, located at the southwest corner of Orange Avenue and Alabama Street. The entitlements included the following:

- Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study as required by Measure U;
- Commission Review & Approval No. 914, Revision 1, to construct an additional 164 units consisting of three four-story apartment buildings within the Venue at Orange apartment project, pursuant to a density bonus to allow up to a 50% increase in the total project density. The proposed additional 164 apartments ("Density Bonus Units") would be constructed on the south side of Orange Avenue on a 3.2-acre portion of the subject property located at the southwest corner of Orange Avenue and Alabama Street;
- Parcel Map No. 20796, to subdivide a 9.2-acre parcel into two parcels for residential development purposes.
- Density Bonus Agreement with Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants and Restrictions;
- Loan Agreement, to provide \$1,500,000 in financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan with a term of 55 years to be funded by the Inclusionary Housing Fund for the

construction of 164 apartment units, including 50 units for Very Low Income households.

As background, Mr. Desatnik offered a summary of the project: Phase I: 328 apartments in seven 3-story buildings; Phase II: 164 units in three 4-story buildings; 50% Density Bonus; 50 Units reserved for Very Low Income households for 55 years; Affordable units to be scattered throughout both phases of project; \$1.5 million (\$30,000/unit) loan from Inclusionary Housing fund; \$1.5 million loan from General Fund to Inclusionary Housing Fund. Furthermore, he reviewed the following items:

- Financial Gap Analysis as prepared by Kathleen Head, of Keyser Marston Associates, who analyzed project costs, projected net operating income, determined the financial gap to make the project feasible; determined financial gap of \$1.59 million (\$31,800 / affordable unit); and a request of \$1.5 million (\$30,000 / affordable unit); and compared to the financial gap for a Very Low Income Unit with no Density Bonus was \$275,000 / affordable unit;
- Financial assistance requested included: Loan Amount: \$1.5 million; Source of Funds: Inclusionary Housing Fund; 1/55 of loan amount, plus accrued interest, forgiven every year that projects remain in compliance with affordability covenants; and \$1.5 million loan from General Fund to Inclusionary Housing Fund (anticipated term 12-24 months);
- A comparison of affordable rent data based on very low income rent calculations

He explained that as of now, the Inclusionary Housing Fund has not collected revenue from in-lieu fees, but there are two residential development projects currently in the project pipeline that are anticipated to generate significant revenues for the Fund. The Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 includes anticipated revenues of \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, for the Inclusionary Housing Fund as adopted by Council. The timing of this anticipated in-lieu fee revenue has created a cash flow gap for the Inclusionary Housing Fund as it is now presented with an opportunity to fund 50 affordable housing units through the Venue at Orange Apartments Project. It was determined that an interfund loan from the General Fund to the Inclusionary Housing Fund was the most effective means of moving this affordable housing project forward, provided that the terms of the interfund loan abided by the policy and procedures set forth in the City's interfund loan policy.

Principal Planner Sean Reilly, of Development Services, presented slides related to the land use applications, showing the project location, General Plan map, zoning map, site plan, parcel map, concessions/incentives as required by law; and the Socio Economic Cost Benefit analysis and environmental analysis. He said the Planning Commission voted 5-1-1, with one Commissioner opposed and one Commissioner absent, recommending approval of the project entitlements and the Density Bonus Agreement to the City Council.

Project representative and architect, Gary Miller provided an overview of the Apartments, detailing the vision and design of the project, to develop the finest community in the region, address housing needs and trends, while complimenting adjacent neighborhood services, and complying with land use regulations. He said the project was designed as a continuous connected village and will provide for the luxury and quality as found in Phase I, improve underutilized property, and help meet California's housing needs for affordability and high quality.

Council Members raised a number of questions and concerns regarding the timing of the loan, as currently the Inclusionary Housing Fund has not collected revenue from in-lieu fees

yet, consideration of loaning the funds to a private developer and thereby, setting a precedent for future developments, the risks associated with the loan, the City's obligation to provide for concessions/incentives, potential flooding, the General Fund impact, and a what-if scenario if the economy were to take a serious downturn. City Manager Duggan and staff responded to their questions, while Ms. Head, of Keyser Marsten Associates, briefly reported on the Financial Gap Analysis she conducted and, she said the City was required to provide three meaningful concessions.

As public comment, Bobby Garrity requested the Council approve the project because the City was in a housing shortage and, in particular, an affordable housing shortage, and he urged the Council to push for policy reforms to allow for increased density that does not inhibit development. Steve Rogers said the project appeared to be worthwhile, but he thought it should have been conditioned to make improvements to what he saw as an unsafe condition located at Iowa Street and the zanja bridge. Michael Paisner was concerned with the building heights and increased traffic and reminded everyone that these issues were also voiced during the Phase I approval process. Kathy Sadanala also voiced safety concerns about the impact of increased traffic since multiple schools are situated near the project. One written comment was received from John James, who questioned certain items related to the financial gap analysis in the income section, and he recommended the Council deny the project or postpone their decision to allow for more time to review.

As rebuttal, Architect Gary Miller clarified that all accommodations had been made to the nearby schools, a traffic review was conducted, and it was determined the project met the traffic related criteria of CEQA Guidelines, the financial gap analysis was performed by an independent consultant, and no complaints had been received opposing the proposed building heights. Morgan Gallagher, of Cox Castle, informed the Council that a postponement of the proceedings would not be desirable for the developer. She added the loan would be put towards paying the project's permit fees and development impact fees. With no more comments, Mayor Tejeda closed the public hearing.

Council Members continued to openly discuss the merits of the project, the added value of bringing fifty affordable housing units to the City's inventory, the decisions about the intended placement of the affordable housing units within the projects and the project timing.

On Motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council agreed, by roll call vote, to table the item until after a vote was taken on Agenda Item L2, Resolution No 8636, pertaining to an Interfund Loan.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Denise Davis (RECUSE)

Before voting on this Project, the City Council reviewed and voted on Agenda Item L2, Resolution No 8636, pertaining to the Interfund Loan associated with the Project.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8629, approving the Development Applications related to the Venue at Orange Apartments, for the construction of 164 apartment units located at the southwest corner of Orange Avenue and Alabama Street, approving:

- Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study prepared for the proposed project as required by Measure U;
- Commission Review & Approval No. 914, Revision 1 - A proposal to construct an additional 164 units consisting of three four-story apartment buildings within the Venue at Orange apartment project, pursuant to a density bonus in accordance with State Density Bonus Law (to allow up to a 50% increase in the total project density). The proposed additional 164 apartments (“Density Bonus Units”) would be constructed on the south side of Orange Avenue on a 3.2-acre portion of the subject property located at the southwest corner of Orange Avenue and Alabama Street (APNs: 0292-482-01-0000, 0292-721-01-0000, 0292-721-02-0000) in the Multiple Family Residential (EV/2500RM) district of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan.
- Parcel Map No. 20796 - A request to subdivide a 9.2-acre parcel into two parcels for residential development purposes. Parcel 1 is 5.9 gross acres and is developed with the Venue at Orange apartment project (105 existing residential units). Parcel 2 is 3.2 gross acres and currently vacant, and is the proposed location for the Density Bonus Units of the proposed project. The site for the Density Bonus Units is located at the southwest corner of Orange Avenue and Alabama Street (APN: 0292-482-01-0000) in the Multiple Family Residential (EV/2500RM) district of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan.
- Density Bonus Agreement with Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants and Restrictions - A request to approve a Density Bonus Agreement which sets forth the terms and conditions to allow the Density Bonus Units and increased density for the project, the incentives/concessions and waivers that the developer is entitled to, pursuant to State law, and affordability covenants to ensure the affordability of fifty (50) apartment units for Very Low Income households throughout the Venue at Orange project for a term of 55 years;
- Loan Agreement - An agreement to provide \$1,500,000 in financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan with a term of 55 years to be funded by the Inclusionary Housing Fund for the construction of 164 apartment units, including 50 units for Very Low Income households.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Denise Davis (RECUSE)

NEW BUSINESS

Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement

Mayor Tejada presented the Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of Redlands and Charles M. Duggan, Jr. and explained the current Employment Agreement with the City Manager expires on January 31, 2026. The term of the proposed employment agreement is extended to January 31, 2028. Special Counsel Maldonado reported that during Closed Session, the City Council authorized two changes to the Agreement to include: 1) Effective January 15, 2025, annual base salary shall increase to Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000); 2) Effective the first payroll period following July 1, 2025, Employee will receive a two percent (2%) increase to his Salary over the prior year. All other terms as set forth in the current contract remain unchanged.

As public comment, Steve Rogers was frustrated that the City has continued to

ignore his suggestions to reorganize departments in order to make the City run more efficiently, but most importantly, he was concerned with the removal of the Code of Conduct from the employee personnel rules and regulations, saying this does not build trust in city government. City Manager Duggan pointed out his Employment Agreement required his compliance with the International City/County Management Association Code of Ethics. Council Members expressed every confidence in Mr. Duggan and were fully supportive of his job performance.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of Redlands and Charles M. Duggan, Jr, as amended with two changes including: 1) Effective January 15, 2025, annual base salary shall increase to Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000); 2) Effective the first payroll period following July 1, 2025, Employee will receive a two percent (2%) increase to his Salary over the prior year. All other terms as set forth in the current contract remain unchanged.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8636 Establishing an Interfund Loan Based on the recommendation of Special Counsel Maldonado, this item was discussed and voted on before the determination was made regarding the Development Project, Venue at Orange Apartments, considered as Item K1 under Public Hearings.

Council Member Davis announced that due to property ownership within 500 feet of the development, she recused herself from voting and discussion on this item. Management Services/Finance Director Garcia summarized Resolution No. 8636 to establish an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Inclusionary Housing Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000. She briefly stated that as of now, the Inclusionary Housing Fund has not collected revenue from in-lieu fees, but there are two residential development projects currently in the project pipeline that are anticipated to generate significant revenues for the Fund. The Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 includes anticipated revenues of \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, for the Inclusionary Housing Fund as adopted by Council. Because the Inclusionary Housing Fund is currently without the moneys needed to provide this financial assistance and because the opportunity to fund affordable housing via an existing development project is rare, staff collaborated on the best way to provide bridge funding. It was determined that an interfund loan from the General Fund to the Inclusionary Housing Fund was the most effective means of moving this affordable housing project forward, provided that the terms of the interfund loan abided by the policy and procedures set forth in the City's interfund loan policy. The proposed interfund loan had been fully vetted by City auditors. Ms. Garcia said that additional details of the Interfund Loan were discussed during Agenda Item K1.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8636 establishing an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Inclusionary Housing Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Other: Council Member Denise Davis (RECUSE)

MOU Santa Ana Wash Wildland Trails, and Mutual Covenant Staff requested this item be pulled from tonight's agenda to allow staff to conduct additional research. The matter will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Turf Mowing Contractual Services This item was pulled from tonight's agenda due to missing CEQA verbiage in the subject line. The matter will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Contract Award PMP 2024 Street Resurfacing Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris reviewed the Public Work Contract with Matich Corporation for the Pavement Management Program (PMP) 2024 Street Resurfacing Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,677,377. Staff utilized the PMP 2020 to prepare plans and specifications for the PMP 2024 Street Resurfacing Project (Project), which includes resurfacing approximately twenty-eight lane miles of streets, selective replacement of curb and gutter, and striping replacement. Additionally, the Project includes resurfacing employee and customer parking lots and the brine cap at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. All known utility agencies operating within the City have been contacted to coordinate construction activities within the Project limits.

On motion of Mayor Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the contract and construction of the PMP 2024 Street Resurfacing Project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the PMP 2024 Street Resurfacing Project Plans and Specifications; awarded a Public Work Contract to Matich Corporation for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,677,377; and approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$815,066.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Redlands Community Investment Corp Indemnification Agreement

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced an Indemnification Agreement with Redlands Community Investment Corporation for certain real properties in the City of Redlands located at 204 E. Redlands Boulevard. On October 17, 2023, the City Council approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for three parking lot parcels in the Downtown area with Redlands Community Investment Corporation (RCIC). After the close of escrow for these properties, staff determined that there was a need for an indemnification agreement to memorialize that RCIC has agreed to indemnify, defend and hold harmless from and against any and all loss, cost and expense arising from or relating to any failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any other applicable law regarding accessibility on or about the Property during the period of RCIC's ownership.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an Indemnification Agreement with Redlands Community Investment Corporation for certain real properties in the City of Redlands located at 204 E. Redlands Boulevard (APN 0171-071-08-0000) and 180 9th Street (APNs 0171-088-06, 07-0000).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Tejeda was honored to speak at the celebration commemorating the renaming of Community Park as Martinez Park on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the park. On May 21, 2024, the City Council approved renaming Community Park to honor Norman N. Martinez and Oddie J. Martinez, Redlands' first Latino City Council members. In 1978, Oddie Martinez was selected as the City's first Latino mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Barich enjoyed the renaming celebration at Martinez Park and the A.K. Smiley Public Library Family Day and dedicated this meeting in honor of his father, George Barich.

Council Member Davis attended the 20th Annual Dinner in the Grove event which benefits the Family Service Association of Redlands, walked the 5K event at the Vibe Health and Wellness Festival, Sept. 29, hosted by the University of Redlands, and wished her mother happy birthday.

Council Member Guzman-Lowery was looking forward to the Stater Bros Believe Walk on October 6 and the Fire Department's Open house on October 12, 2024 at Fire Station 261.

Council Member Saucedo attended the veteran's mental health resource fair hosted by the City, enjoyed the renaming celebration at Martinez Park, and participated in the 5K event at the Vibe Health and Wellness Festival, hosted by the University of Redlands.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tejeda offered some thoughts about civil discourse and, with no further action required the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on October 15, 2024.

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