

# MINUTES

**Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on June 4, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Eddie Tejeda, 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; 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 Tejeda 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 real property negotiators - Government Code §54956.8  
(Assistant City Manager Boatman)

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| Property:           | APN: 0292-401-01-0000 (Vacant Land)                                                  |
| Agency Negotiators: | Charles M. Duggan, City Manager; Christopher Boatman, Assistant Manager              |
| Negotiating Party:  | Terry W. Tompson, Director Real Estate Services Department, County of San Bernardino |
| Under Negotiation:  | Terms and payment and price for possible purchase of property by City.               |

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| Property:           | APN: 0170-142-12-0000 (ESRI Parcel) and APN: 0169-272-27-0000 (City Parcel)  |
| Agency Negotiators: | Charles M. Duggan, City Manager; Christopher Boatman, Assistant City Manager |
| Negotiating Party:  | Lance Lenhart, Manager, Property One, LLC                                    |
| Under Negotiation:  | Terms of possible land exchange with City.                                   |

## RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Tejeda followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and Kennel Attendant Hailey Stuck introduced "Meatball", a two-year-old male Pit Bull / Bull-dog mix, who is available for adoption, along with thirty-one other dogs and nineteen cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Kroeger informed the Council there had been twenty-four dogs and nineteen cats adopted in June 2024. She announced the Shelter was full, and all dog adoption fees would be waived.

### Pride Month Proclamation

Council Member Davis and Council Member Guzman-Lowery presented a Proclamation to The Neighborhood Gays declaring June 2024 as Pride Month.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sale of Historic Water Shares - David Armstrong raised concerns about the City's recent sale of the South Mountain Water Company shares, and he thought they were undervalued at the time of sale and asked whether an appraisal had been performed.

Pro Life Recognition - Joshua Hall requested the Council Members consider declaring June or July as Pro Life month.

Terrorism Threat - Gregory Brittain offered warnings that terrorists could be entering the country through the southern border.

DEI - Sam Wong searched the City's website to better understand the policies related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), where he found the Human Relations Commission listed. He thought their mission was well worth repeating and one that should be a guide for everyone's behavior. The Commission was established to foster peaceful relations among persons of different races and national origins.

## 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 special meeting minutes of May 20, 2024, and the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2024.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### Proclamation June 2024 Pride Month

As public comment, Gregory Brittan voiced his discomfort with the proclamation recognizing June 2024 as Pride Month.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation recognizing June 2024 as Pride Month.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and General Release between the City of Redlands and Mark Winters. Under the terms of the agreement, the City agrees to pay Mr. Winters \$150,000.00 to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies associated with actions occurring in December 2022.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Support for San Bernardino Regional Parks' Grant Application

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, Mayor Tejeda to sign a letter of support for the County of San Bernardino's grant application for the Santa Ana River Trail Phase IV-B/C project.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Letter of Support for AB 1772 Retail Theft

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, Mayor Tejeda to sign a letter on behalf of the City of Redlands in support of Assembly Bill 1772, authored by Assemblyman James Ramos, concerning retail theft.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Encampment/Illegal Dump Site Clean Up Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Ernest Elmer Inc., doing business as Servpro of South Redlands/Yucaipa in the amount of \$40,000 for Encampment/Illegal Dump Site Clean Up services.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Re-introduce Ordinance No. 2966 Undergrounding Requirements

Development Services Director Desatnik provided a brief report on the re-introduction of Ordinance No. 2966 to amend Title 17 (Subdivision Regulations) of the Redlands Municipal Code, Chapter 17.17 (Improvements), to modify the criteria and requirements for undergrounding utilities, that are applicable to subdivisions and development projects. The request to re-introduce the ordinance is due to revisions to the categories of exemptions proposed under Section 17.17.020(G)(1) to include private educational schools. As public comment, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Evan Sanford raised questions relating to exemptions and asked if there was a plan to use the funds

available in the account established for in-lieu fees. Assistant City Manager Boatman and Director Desatnik explained that this ordinance allows for some exemptions, such as schools and churches, but it calls for all projects to underground utilities or pay the in-lieu fees. Additionally, there are plans to utilize the funds currently available in the in-lieu fees account, in connection to an Edison project along Cypress Avenue.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously re-introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2966, amending Title 17 (Subdivision Regulations) of the Redlands Municipal Code, Chapter 17.17 (Improvements), to modify the criteria and requirements for undergrounding utilities, that are applicable to subdivisions and development projects, and to create certain categories of parcels or development projects that will be exempt from the undergrounding requirement. The proposal is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Resolution No. 8595 Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8595 declaring weeds to be a public nuisance and setting June 18, 2024, as the public hearing for objections to the proposed weed abatement.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### NPDES Program Management Support Services Agreement

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 Professional Services Agreement with CASC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. (CASC) is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Professional Services Agreement with CASC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. to provide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program management support services for an amount not to exceed \$199,996.80.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Resolution No. 8587 Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency Withdrawal

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris summarized Resolution No. 8587 to withdraw from the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency and provided background explaining that on January 18, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 8290, which adopted the Yucaipa Sub-Basin GSP. In January 2024, the City sold its remaining SMWC shares and is no longer a SMWC shareholder. Furthermore, the portion of the City limits that overlies the Yucaipa sub-basin is primarily private properties with individual groundwater wells, encumbered by conservation easements, or is within the Wester Heights Water Company (WHWC) service area. WHWC is currently a Yucaipa GSA "Water Purveyor". In the unlikely event the City elects to extract groundwater from the Yucaipa Sub-Basin in the future, it will comply with GSP requirements.

As public comment, David Armstrong strongly opposed the City pulling out of the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency, reminding the Council they still had land use responsibilities, and the time obligations related to the agency were minimal. Council Member Davis wondered whether the City would be hurt by not being at the agency's table to stay abreast of activities. Director Harris pointed out he was able to be well-informed about the agency's activities, even with the City's withdrawal.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Eddie Tejeda, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8587 to withdraw from the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**Vote: 3 - 2 Passed**

#### Redlands Animal Shelter Donation

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker was pleased to report the estate of George Fikrle was donating approximately \$96,000 to support the Redlands Animal Shelter. Mayor Pro Tem Barich voiced his enthusiasm for such a generous donation. As public comment, Andy Hoder and Dr. Sam Wong expressly thanked the George Fikrle estate and said they were grateful the Animal Shelter was the designated beneficiary.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the donation from the estate of George Fikrle of approximately \$96,000 to support the Redlands Animal Shelter; approved the additional appropriation for the same; and authorized the City Manager or his designer to execute documents as required to accept the donation.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Reject Bids for Joslyn Senior Center Roofing and HVAC Replacement Project

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker explained the need to reject all bids received for the Joslyn Senior Center Roofing and HVAC Replacement Project. She indicated the bids received exceed the available budget. As public comment, Dennis Bell questioned why the City was spending so much money on this underused facility.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously rejected, by roll call vote, all bids received for the Joslyn Senior Center Roofing and HVAC Replacement Project, as bids received exceeded the available budget.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Redlands Fourth of July Celebration In-kind Request

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$48,240 related to the Redlands Fourth of July Celebration event on July 4, 2024, at Sylvan Park and Moore Middle School. The Fourth of July Committee requested the Council approve street closures and authorize the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at each location. As public comment, Dennis Bell complained the City was far too generous with this in-

kind request of approximately \$48,000, particularly so, because the City had already donated \$30,000 to help fund the fireworks portion of the event. He asked for more financial transparency.

On motion of Mayor Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Redlands 4th of July event is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized the temporary closure as necessary for the event and as detailed in the staff report; approved the expenditure of city resources and in-kind support in the amount of \$48,240 related to this event; and approved the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the event held at Sylvan Park and along 5th Avenue during the event held at Moore Middle School.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### 2024 Summer Music Festival In-kind Support

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker described a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$33,381 related to the 2024 Summer Music Festival event hosted by the Redlands Bowl Performing Arts. As public comment, Dennis Bell questioned a \$100,000 donation from the City to the Redlands Bowl Associates, and he wondered why he had not seen this item come before the full City Council for their consideration.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the 2024 Summer Music Festival event is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the request for in-kind support in the amount of \$33,381 related to the 2024 Summer Music Festival event hosted by the Redlands Bowl Performing Arts.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Resolution Nos. 8543 and 8544 SLD and LMD Assessments

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8543 preliminarily approving the annual Engineer's Reports for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 and Street Lighting District No. 1; and approved Resolution No. 8544 declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for fiscal year 24/25 and scheduling a June 18, 2024, Public Hearing to receive comments related to levying assessments within these districts.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Homeless Resource Services Agreement for Temporary Shelter Beds

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 the Homeless Resource Services agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and approved the sole source purchase order and Homeless Resource Services Agreement

with God's Work, Inc. doing business as Saving Grace Homes to provide temporary shelter beds to the homeless for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Redlands Police Community Foundation Annual Report

Police Chief Tolber introduced Redlands Police Community Foundation (RPCF) Board President Judy Cannon and Board Members Dr. Chris Martin and Brenda Boone, who presented the 2023 Annual Report. Each member highlighted a different aspect of the Foundation's work. Since its inception, the Foundation has given back directly to the RPD and the Redlands community, totaling \$647,463. Some RPD programs supported include, Citizen Volunteer Unit, K9 Unit, Police Reserves, Community Youth Programs, such as Back 2 School Jam, Cops N Kids Program, Blue Christmas, Mobile Blood Library, Community Bike Fund, Heroes & Helpers, RESA Academy, Street Smart Self-Defense Program and Community Outreach and Safety Programs. The members thanked all the Foundation donors and spoke of their deep gratitude towards the generous community support.

### Environmental Arts and Community Garden Proposal

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker opened a discussion for Council to consider taking action relating to a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to explore entering into a partnership with interested community organizations, including the University of Redlands and ANCA, to develop an Environmental Arts and Community Garden. On January 11, 2024, the PRAC voted unanimously to support a recommendation to City Council to pursue the development of an Environmental Arts and Community Garden based on a presentation made by Danielle Giudici Wallis.

As public comment, Dick Corneille of ANCA, Brenda Spoelstra of Horticulture Buzz LLC, PRAC Commissioner Joanne Lessard, Pat Wallis, Erin Sanborn of the University of Redlands, and Danielle Giudici Wallis spoke in full support of the program, describing the various ways in which the community will benefit, with little cost to the city. Gregory Brittian opposed the item, stating he thought this to be political propaganda that was promoted by people supporting Climate Change theories. Mayor Pro Tem Barich said there were no politics associated with this proposal, and he thought it was clearly going to be a valuable asset for the people. City Manager Duggan, Assistant City Manager Boatman and Director Crocker explained the house located within Sylvan Park was in need of serious renovation and was also currently storing certain items belonging to the Museum of Redlands.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously directed staff, by roll call vote, to work with interested community organizations, including the University of Redlands and ANCA, to form a partnership agreement that will provide guidance for the development and maintenance of an Environmental Arts and Community Garden within the City of Redlands.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### Cancellation of August City Council Meetings

Mayor Tejeda recommended the Council cancel the August 6 and August 20, 2024, regular meetings of the City Council.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the cancellation of the August 6 and August 20, 2024, regular meetings of the City Council.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Mayor Tejeda called for a brief recess at 7:30 P.M. with the meeting reconvening at 7:36 P.M. City of Redlands Flag Policy

Council Member Davis provided background on her request to consider amending the City of Redlands Display Policy for the United States, State, Local and Other Flags to Authorize the Flying of the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall during the Month of June by adopting Resolution No. 8602. She said that flags are symbols of community membership, unity, and visibility. In 2021, the City flew the Pride Flag over City Hall for the first time, and again on June 21, 2022, the City Council approved, by a 4-1 vote, the flying of the Pride Flag over City Hall and directed staff to revise the City's flag policy. An amended policy was brought before the Council on May 2, 2023, and after a very lengthy discussion, Resolution No. 8439 was not approved.

As public comment, Wendy Ingram, Germaine Miles, Tracy Wise, Samantha Trad, Michael Paisner, Maria Brunner representing Assemblymember Eloise Reyes, Anthony Dodd, Megan Garcia, Jennifer Maravillas, Ella Rosa Keeling, Rudi Whitmore, Valerie Taber, Tariq Azim, Judith Ashton, Ryan Lowe, Bruce Laycook, Ashley Williamson, Alex Beltran, Cody Regester, Stacy Ramos, and Maribel Nunez of Inland Equity Vote spoke in support of amending the existing policy to allow the Pride flag to fly in the month of June, as a visible sign that the City supports and protects marginalized groups and is committed to creating a safe and welcoming community for all.

Andy Hoder, Joshua Hall, Gail Howard, Mick Gallagher, Andrea Ramirez, Dale Broome MD, Valerie, Sam Wong, and Gregory Brittan were opposed to flying the Pride flag and thought the change in policy was divisive, showing a preference for one group over another, adding that the American flag represents everyone and is a symbol of inclusivity for all.

Each Council Member offered their perspectives on the matter. Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery were in support of amending the policy and noted that the Pride flag was already being flown at the state level and on some federal sites and this action would put Redlands in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan, promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. City Attorney Garcia clarified that under the "government speech doctrine", if the City has a written policy with clear guidelines, it may select which flags it wishes to fly as an expression of its own speech on city-owned flag poles.

Council Member Saucedo said the US flag already promoted inclusivity, representing all people. Furthermore, he supported the LGBTQ+ community and was in favor of anyone who chooses to fly the Pride flag on their own private property. Mayor Pro Tem Barich was uncomfortable giving preference to one group over another and said that education was the key to teaching our young people that everyone should be treated equally and fairly. Mayor Tejeda stated he was not in favor of amending the policy, and he pointed out there were other ways to celebrate Pride month, with the proclamation presented tonight to the Neighborhood Gays as a good example. Council Members were very appreciative of all the speakers who took the time to address the Council.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council failed to approve, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8602, to amend the City of Redlands Display Policy for the United States, State, Local and Other Flags, and authorized the flying of the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall during the Month of June.

**Vote: 2 - 3 Failed**

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Resolution No. 8571, Ordinance No. 2962, and Ordinance No. 2968 DIF - Continued to July 2, 2024

Mayor Tejeda announced that staff is recommending this public hearing to consider Resolution No. 8571, Ordinance No. 2962, and Ordinance No. 2968 pertaining to Development Impact Fees be continued to July 2, 2024.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously agreed, by roll call vote, to continue the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 8571, Ordinance No. 2962, and Ordinance No. 2968 pertaining to Development Impact Fees to July 2, 2024.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### City Manager's Proposed Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2025/26

City Manager Duggan and Management Services / Finance Director Garcia presented a brief overview of the Proposed Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. They recapped the Special Budget Workshop meeting held on May 20, 2024, reviewed the proposed budget's spending highlights and revenue assumptions, addressed major unfunded needs, provided a six-year financial model and reviewed the implications from the model and the proposed budget. Measure T Committee Chair Toni Momberger and Vice Chair Scott Welsh reported on the Committee's work to monitor how the City is spending Measure T funds and provided their analysis and conclusions of the proposed budget. The Committee determined that the projected allocation of Measure T revenue in FY 25 and FY 26 is aligned with the taxes' intended purpose, and they unanimously agreed to recommend adoption of the proposed budget.

As public comment, Bruce Laycook asked if there were funds set aside for preventative maintenance. Redlands Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Evan Sanford was concerned that it appeared the budget did not include funds for the Chambers' suggestions, including the creation of a freeway-oriented sign to welcome drivers to Redlands, establishment of a "new business" check list, and funds to address the downtown parking needs. City Manager Duggan clarified that preventative maintenance was included in the budget. He added that staff had considered the Chambers' requests, but it made more sense to wait until the Council had a chance to review and approve new City branding materials.

In conclusion, the City's fiscal health is projected to remain strong in Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. However, the US economy's outlook remains uncertain for the near future. The proposed biennial budget reflects a recognition that slower growth in revenue and the overall economy is a reality, yet the demand for programs, services and events will continue, regardless of economic conditions, and it is the City's duty to provide great services to its residents.

Council Members and the City Manager expressed their gratitude for all the effort and time the Finance Department devoted to the development of this budget, and in particular, gave special thanks to Director Garcia, Assistant Finance Director James Garland and Management Analyst Miriam Valtierra.

City Manager Duggan asked for a quick show of interest to determine whether the Council was interested in adding a ballot measure to the November 2024 election. Mayor Tejeda supported a warehouse parcel tax measure as a way to help fund the City's public safety infrastructure projects and agreed to direct staff to research the item for consideration on June 18, 2024. The other four Council Members thought the timing was too rushed to add to the November ballot and requested staff be given more time to review the matter.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the City Manager's Proposed Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 and Resolution No. 8598, to adopt the budgets for both Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026; enable unspent project funds and encumbrances to carry-forward from the current fiscal year (2024) to FY 2025 and from FY 2025 to FY 2026; enable the same carry-forward process for individual grant budgets; and establish the authority of the City Manager or his designee to adjust appropriations within each fund provided that the total for each fund does not exceed the amounts in the approved budget. It should be noted that the process to adjust appropriations by the City Manager is already in place, due to the nature and frequency of adjustments. The resolution simply formalizes this authority.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Ordinance No. 2971 Levying Special Taxes Within CFD

Management Services/Finance Director Garcia reviewed Ordinance No. 2971, levying special taxes within City of Redlands Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 (Northwest Development Project) and Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Redlands Business Center).

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2971, levying special taxes within City of Redlands Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 (Northwest Development Project) and Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Redlands Business Center).

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Citywide Annual POs Miscellaneous Tools, Equipment & Supplies

Assistant City Manager McConnell presented Citywide Annual Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the purchase of miscellaneous tools, equipment, and supplies that have been budgeted by each department. By leveraging purchasing power and economies of scale, the City is expecting to receive roughly \$115,000 savings in the upcoming year. Mayor Pro Tem Barich voiced his opposition to working with Lowe's.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the Citywide Annual Purchase Orders with Lowe's, Fastenal, Home Depot, and Office Depot for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for miscellaneous tools, equipment and supplies for a total not to exceed \$1,080,000.

**Vote: 4 - 1 Passed**

FY 2024-25 Annual Purchase Orders and Agreements FCS

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker listed the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Purchase Orders and Agreements for a total encumbered amount not-to-exceed \$6,480,536 and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$9,154,356, and she explained staff was recommending the Council reject the bid from Rupe's Hydraulics due to non-conformance.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Facilities and Community Services Department's Agreements and Annual Purchase Orders is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; rejected the bid from Rupe's Hydraulics in the amount of \$49,490; and approved the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Facilities and Community Services Department's Agreements and Annual Purchase Orders as itemized in the staff report for a total encumbered amount not-to-exceed \$6,480,536 and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$9,154,356.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Department Wide Annual POs and Agreements for Solid Waste Division

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reported on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Solid Waste Division and Department Wide Annual Purchase Orders and Agreements for a total encumbered amount not-to-exceed \$1,863,546.65 and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,169,946.65.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Facilities and Community Services Department Solid Waste Division and Department Wide Annual Purchase Orders and Agreements are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, and approved the 2024-25 Facilities and Community Services Department Annual Purchase Orders and Agreements as itemized in the staff report.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Barich enjoyed the Police Department's Bats and Badges event, the annual Fishing Derby at Ford Park, and he attended an event at the Community Center in support of Alzheimer's disease.

Council Member Davis hosted the last meeting of the City's Youth Council group for this school year. She participated in a Housing Policy Leadership Academy in Riverside, enjoyed the Redlands Festival of Arts event, and attended the Redlands Forum, with a focus on journalism.

Council Member Guzman-Lowery and Council Member Saucedo participated in the Family Service 10th Annual Hunger Walk.

Council Member Saucedo thanked the Redlands Firefighters for putting on such a great Car Show over Memorial Day Weekend. He enjoyed the Redlands Festival of Arts event and welcomed attendees to the Water Sustainability Workshop held at the University of Redlands.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on June 18, 2024.

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