

MINUTES

Regular meetings of the City Council and the Redlands Financing Authority of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on May 21, 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; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle
 Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development
 Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director;
 David Ketcherside, Fire Battalion Chief; Jeremy Floyd, Police Commander;
 Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Robert Meteau,
 HR/Risk Management Director

Mayor Tejeda called the meeting to order and announced there were no closed session matters scheduled for the City Council to consider. The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Council Member Davis, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Idiopathic Hypersomnia Day

Mayor Tejeda presented the Proclamation declaring June 1, 2024 as Idiopathic Hypersomnia Day Proclamation to Caitlyn Early and her family, Stephanie Muckey, Tim Muckey, and Juliette Early.

Proclamation Dutch American Heritage Month

Council Member Saucedo presented a Proclamation declaring May 2024 as Dutch American Heritage Month to Ken DeWitt, Marcia Van Mouwerik and Doug Jorritsma.

Proclamation Portuguese American Heritage Month

Council Member Saucedo presented the Proclamation declaring May 2024 as Portuguese American Heritage Month to John Fontes and David Moore.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were presented either in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline.

Reasonable Limits to Vitriolic Speech - Andy Hoder, Phil Courtney and Michael Paisner urged the Council to consider establishing reasonable limits on speakers whose language is inflammatory or

vitriolic

Undergrounding Utility Lines - Michael Paisner discovered that the City's undergrounding utility program was discontinued, and he was concerned that this did not align with the General Plan.

Budget Workshop Reflections - In response to the recent Workshop presentation of the Biennial Proposed FY 25-26 Budget on May 20, Dennis Bell said it raised more questions than provided answers, and he listed several concerns and posed questions about a number of items.

Sale of South Mountain Water Shares - David Armstrong thought it short-sighted of the City to sell the South Mountain Water Company shares and said it seemed they were undervalued at the time of sale. He asked whether an appraisal had been done and pointed out these were historic water rights.

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 May 7, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Idiopathic Hypersomnia Day

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring June 1, 2024, as Idiopathic Hypersomnia Day.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Dutch American Heritage Month

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring May 2024 as Dutch American Heritage Month.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Portuguese American Heritage Month

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring May 2024 in recognition of Portuguese American Heritage Month.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Adopt Ordinance No. 2963 Freeway-Orientated Signs & Sign CUP No. 28

Development Services Director Desatnik briefly explained Ordinance No. 2963, amending Title 15, Section 15.36.420 related to Freeway-Orientated Signs and Sign Conditional Use Permit No. 28 was introduced on May 7, 2024, and staff is requesting the Council consider adoption tonight. As public comment, Andy Hoder questioned why In N Out Burger needs any sort of sign at all, especially one that is 95 feet tall, as their name and brand recognition is extremely high. Michael Paisner raised concerns that the Applicant representing In N Out may have misled the Council when they indicated most of their stores have a large sign such as the one proposed for Redlands.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2963 amending Title 15, Section 15.36.420 related to Freeway-Orientated Signs and Sign Conditional Use Permit No. 28 to construct a Freeway-Orientated Sign located at the southwest corner of West Lugonia Avenue and Citrus Plaza Drive, on the west side of the Interstate 210 freeway. (In N Out Burger).

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

Adopt Ordinance No. 2967 Agricultural Tourism

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2967 pertaining to agricultural tourism and related uses within the A-1, Agricultural zone of the City of Redlands (Chapter 18.20 of the Redlands Municipal Code).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8588 Street Vacation No. 192 - 665 E Sunset Drive North

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8588 for Street Vacation No. 192, a request for summary vacation of excess public right-of-way, approximately 4,000-square feet in area that is not used for any public or roadway purposes, located on a property with an existing single-family residence at 665 East Sunset Drive North (APN: 0176-481-01-0000). This proposal is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Agreement for Temporary Shelter Beds for the Homeless

Homeless Solutions Manager David Rabindranath reviewed the Agreement with Church of Religious Science doing business as CRS Redlands for \$180,000, to be paid from the Encampment Resolution Funding Grant, to provide temporary shelter beds to the homeless. As public comment, Ed Torres, President of CRS thanked everyone for keeping these services going, and he offered special thanks to Rick Ferguson, the Contemporary Club and Mayor Pro Tem Barich.

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 Homeless Resource Services agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and approved the Homeless Resource Services Agreement with Church of Religious Science doing business as CRS Redlands for \$180,000, to be paid from the Encampment Resolution Funding Grant, to provide temporary shelter beds to the homeless.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Agreement Automated Metering Infrastructure Project

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 First Amendment to the Non-Professional Service Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC 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 First Amendment to the Non-Professional Service Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the Automated Metering Infrastructure Project authorizing a second year extension to the Agreement.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

In-kind Support Olive Avenue Market Centennial Event

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the in-kind support and temporary street closure is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$600 relating to the Olive Avenue Market Centennial event hosted by Redlands Chamber of Commerce to be held on June 8, 2024; and approved a request to temporarily close a portion of South Michigan Street.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

RUSD Temporary Street Closures

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced the request for the temporary closure of Eureka Street, Grant Street, and Glenwood Drive for the Redlands Unified School District graduations from June 3 through 7, 2024. As public comment, Dennis Bell said the graduations held at the Redlands Bowl were simply a nuisance and should be moved to the school's football stadiums.

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 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 temporary street closures from June 3rd through June 7th, 2024, relating to the Redlands Unified School District graduation activities.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

POs for Repairs to Solid Waste Collection Trucks

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a sole source purchase order with All American Truck & Auto Body in the amount not to exceed \$44,694.84 and a sole source purchase order with Rush Truck Centers in the amount not to exceed \$54,426.86 for repairs to solid waste collection trucks.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PO Video Detection Units Traffic Signals

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 three (3) Iteris video detection units for the traffic signals from Iteris, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$86,782.66.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Facility Use Agreement with Redlands Theatre Festival

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Facility Use Agreement with Redlands Theatre Festival is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and approved the Facility Use Agreement with Redlands Theatre Festival for use of the Sewall Theatre within Prospect Park.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Cost-Sharing / Reimbursement Agreement Water from Pioneer Mutual Water Company

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a Cost-Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Redlands and other shareholders currently utilizing and accessing water from Pioneer Mutual Water Company concerning the Pioneer Mutual Water Company Well Repair and Operations; approved an additional appropriation and re-allocation of funds from the Agricultural Open Space-Acquisition/Conservation Easement category of the Nevada Palmetto Grove sale proceeds in the amount of \$100,000. The funds represent the City portion of well repairs needed to supply water to Riverview Grove.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

SBCTA Letter of Support

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a letter of support for the San Bernardino County Transit Authority (SBCTA) to include in their application to Caltrans for the Cycle 7 Active Transportation Program funding.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

2024 City County Conference Report

Council Member Saucedo provided a report relating to the City County Conference 2024, hosted by the San Bernardino County Transit Authority (SBCTA) held May 16-17 in Lake Arrowhead. The conference brings together elected officials and agency staff to hear presentations about important countywide topics. He and City Manager Duggan attended various sessions, with topics ranging from, Cyberthreats as a Business, Building Better Communities / Homelessness Projects, Street Vending, Changing the Narrative and a Legislative Roundtable discussion.

Resolution No. 8589 Review of In-kind Support Policy

Council Member Saucedo opened the discussion related to Resolution No. 8589, amending the policy for the consideration of requests for in-kind support and/or the contribution of City resources by nonprofit organizations hosting special events within the City. The proposed changes would limit nonprofit organizations to two requests for in-kind support for the period of January 1 to June 30 and two requests for the period of July 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

Council Members Guzman-Lowery and Davis did not see the value in restricting the number of times a group held events and stressed the economic vitality these events bring to the downtown area and the important work being done to benefit the community at large. Mayor Tejeda thought it prudent to limit how many times one group submits a request and Mayor Pro Tem Barich said that four requests per year seemed reasonable.

As public comment, Michael Paisner was disappointed that this item was even up for discussion and said that it seemed evident to him that the new policy was related to the nonprofit group, Stronger Together Now (STN). Jennifer Maravillas was struggling to understand the purpose of limiting the number of events held, when it will be the community who loses, and she said the optics had the appearance of targeting STN. Andy Hoder stated it would be wise to set standards, and he supported reasonable restrictions, based on value, number of requests, request amounts and size of the events. Redlands Chamber of Commerce Director Evan Sanford suggested the Council consider a compromise by allowing six in-kind requests a year, rather than four requests.

Council Member Saucedo explained this proposal was not prepared in response to the in-kind requests made by Stronger Together Now and after listening to his colleagues and the public, he decided to pull the item from consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Workers' Compensation Program

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Meteau provided background of an agreement for Third Party Claims Administration for the City's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program to facilitate the day-to-day operations and assure that the City complies with the ever-changing Workers' Compensation regulations.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a three-year agreement with AdminSure, Inc. for the administration of the City's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program in an amount not to exceed \$382,320.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8590 Renaming of Public Facilities

Mayor Tejeda was extremely pleased to introduce multiple resolutions for the renaming and naming of certain public facilities in Redlands. He submitted the recommendations to city staff for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the City Council to: 1) Rename the Redlands Community Center in honor of Joe R. Gonzales, which would be in addition to the baseball field in Tract No. 20336, "Joe Gonzales Field," named in honor of Joe R. Gonzales, as there is no limitation noted within Resolution No. 7711; 2) Rename the Redlands Community Senior Center in Honor of Eddie and Gloria Flores 3) Name the Dining Room at the Redlands Community Senior Center in honor of Mary Reyes Sanchez; and 4) Rename the Community Park in honor of Norman N. Martinez and Oddie J. Martinez. On April 11, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the requests.

In joyful celebration of these special individuals who have served the City so well, Mayor Tejeda asked family members to be present to provide historical perspectives and offer personal stories regarding the commitment and dedication of the nominees. Several members of the audience participated, describing the vital and lasting impact the nominees have made on the community.

The Mayor called for a brief recess at 7:45 P.M. so photos could be had by all and the meeting reconvened at 7:51 P.M.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8590, renaming the Redlands Community Center in honor of Joe R. Gonzales; adopted Resolution No. 8591, renaming the Redlands Community Senior Center in honor of Eddie and Gloria Flores; adopted Resolution No. 8592, naming of the dining room at the Redlands Community Senior Center in honor of Mary Reyes Sanchez; and adopted Resolution No. 8593 renaming of Community Park in honor of Norman N. Martinez and Oddie J. Martinez.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Agreement for On-Call General Architectural Services

Facilities and Community Service Director Crocker reviewed the need to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Miller Architectural Corporation to increase the total

compensation to an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and extend the term by one additional year to provide on-call general architectural services. There are several City projects still in progress with Miller Architecture and will not be completed within the initial terms of the agreement. To ensure progress continues on these projects, the Facilities and Community Services Department initiated the proposed amendment with Miller Architecture. The First Amendment to this agreement will continue to help expedite the projects and efficiently use available funds. The funding for this amendment will be derived from individual project budgets in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000. The term of the amendment will extend the agreement by one additional year.

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 Professional Services Agreement with Miller Architectural Corporation to increase the total compensation to an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and extend the term by one additional year to provide on-call general architectural services.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Contract Award Community Park Sports Lighting Installation

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced the Public Work Construction Contract with Metrocell Construction, Inc. for the installation of sports lighting at Community Park.

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 project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15304 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Public Work Construction Contract with Metrocell Construction, Inc. for labor and materials to install sports lighting at Community Park for an amount not to exceed \$576,469.26.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Barich attended the Library Board meeting and participated in a tour of police facilities, led by Chief Tolber.

Council Member Davis attended the Omnitrans Board Meeting and enjoyed the Youth Hope Dinner event.

Council Member Guzman-Lowery was thrilled to participate in the City-sponsored Senior Breakfast with a City Official event held earlier this morning at the Community Center, enjoyed the Youth Hope Dinner event and has continued meeting with various constituents to discuss the City's accomplishments.

Council Member Saucedo attended the skate park competition hosted by the Redlands Optimists Club.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on June 4, 2024.

REDLANDS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Chairman Tejeda called the meeting to order and offered anyone present the opportunity to address the Board on any subject, not already on the agenda, within the jurisdiction of the Redlands Financing Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Barich, seconded by Board Member Guzman-Lowery, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2024 were unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redlands Financing Authority Board of Directors' meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. The next Redlands Financing Authority meeting will be held on September 17, 2024.

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