

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on April 2, 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 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 Mayor Tejeda. The pledge of allegiance to the American flag was conducted by the Flag Folder and Safety Squad of Kingsbury Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and Kennel Attendant Hailey Stuck introduced "Ariel", a three-year-old female Australian Kelpie, who is available for adoption, along with forty-three other dogs and ten cat at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Kroeger informed the Council there had been forty-one dogs and eight cats adopted in March 2024. She announced the Shelter was full, and all dog adoption fees would be waived.

Proclamation National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Council Member Saucedo and Police Chief Tolber presented a Proclamation declaring April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week to Rose Madsen of Family and Friends of Murder Victims.

Proclamation Dolores Huerta Day

Council Member Saucedo presented a Proclamation to Yolanda Contreras in celebration of Dolores Huerta Day.

Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Tejeda presented a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month to Kevin Anderson, Interim Children's Network Officer, San Bernardino County.

Council Members agreed to move Agenda Item I-4 of New Business to the first item of discussion under New Business. Consideration of Resolution No. 8573, naming the park in Tract No. 20336 in honor of Jerry Coyazo, naming the baseball field within the park in honor of Joe Gonzales, and the placement of a commemorative plaque in honor of Patrick J. Meyer on the flag pole at the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tejeda announced that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline.

Construction Industry Tax Fraud - Eddie Campos and Delshawn McClellon, of Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, brought attention to a growing problem of employer tax fraud in the construction industry, which they said was allowing businesses to cheat their employees, evade taxes and defraud communities. A Days of Action event is planned from April 13 - April 19, to protest and raise awareness.

Parking Enforcement - Dennis Bell noted that the City had increased the levels of parking enforcement in the downtown area, but he said this same level of enforcement should apply across the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation National Crime Victims' Rights Week

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring April 21-27, 2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Dolores Huerta Day

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring April 10, 2024, as Dolores Huerta Day.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Conflict of Interest Code Review

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously directed staff, by roll call vote, to review the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Redlands in accordance with Section 87306.5 of the California Government Code.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8569 Small Claims Court Representatives

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8569 appointing Small Claims Court Representatives to act for the City of Redlands and on the City's behalf and Rescinding Resolution No.8405.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Homeless Resources Services Agreement

Homeless Solutions Manager David Rabindranath introduced a Homeless Resources Services Agreement and purchase order with Swami Shriji Investment Inc. doing business as Super 8 Redlands for Temporary Housing Services on an as-needed basis for an amount not to exceed \$66,300. He added that the Super 8 Redlands operates the motel within the City of Redlands and the purchase order will facilitate the use of the motel for the purpose of providing emergency rooms for homeless individuals and families, ranging in stay from one to seven nights. As public comment, Dennis Bell thought the City's strategy was only just to warehouse the homeless population instead of addressing the bigger problems associated with homelessness.

On motion of Mayor Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a Homeless Resources Services Agreement and a sole source purchase order with Swami Shriji Investment Inc. doing business as Super 8 Redlands for Temporary Housing Services on an as-needed basis for an amount not to exceed \$66,300.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending On-Call Plumbing Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the agreement to perform on-call plumbing services with Pro-Craft Construction, Inc. for an additional \$30,000 per year for the remaining two years, resulting in a total agreement amount of \$210,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Development Impact Fee Study Professional Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with David Taussig and Associates, Inc. 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 Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with David Taussig and Associates, Inc. increasing the total compensation to \$67,480.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

RESA Event Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the agreement 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 agreement with the University of Redlands for the Redlands Emergency Services Academy.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

RAFME Side Letter Agreement

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Side Letter of Agreement between the City and Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees modifying language in Article 19 of the Memorandum of Understanding to clarify sick leave benefits at the time of retirement.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 2961 Agritourism

Mayor Tejeda opened the public hearing and called on Planning Manager Brian Foote, of Development Services, for details of Ordinance No. 2961, to amend Redlands Municipal Code Chapter 18.20 (A-1, Agricultural District) to permit certain types of agritourism and related uses as ancillary land uses within the A-1, Agricultural zone, as well as adopt development standards and sign standards for agritourism uses. He reported the applicant, Two Canyon Farmers Guild, represents multiple property owners and farmers who predominantly reside or operate citrus groves in the San Timoteo Canyon and Live Oak Canyon areas of Redlands. The applicant has applied to amend the provisions of Redlands Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 18.20 for the A-1, Agricultural District to expand the list of allowable ancillary and supportive activities to enhance and diversify revenue sources from existing agricultural land uses. The largest contiguous area of Redlands with A-1 zoning is in San Timoteo Canyon and Live Oak Canyon (south Redlands). On February 27, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted 7 to 0, recommending that the City Council approve the ordinance.

Representing Two Canyon Farmers Guild, Anna Knight explained the group's intent was to promote the longevity and economic sustainability of farming operations (i.e., economic development opportunities) without sacrificing or diminishing the existing agricultural uses of the land. As citrus production in the region has gradually declined over recent decades, landowners are seeking additional ancillary revenue streams to augment declining crop income. This proposed code amendment will allow for a variety of related land uses that are intended to be ancillary and supportive of agriculture activities, without detrimentally affecting the rural and historic character of the agricultural areas. She introduced another local farmer, Tony Hicks, who added that fewer restrictions in connection to pumpkin patches, "glamping", and wineries would be helpful.

As public comment, fifteen speakers, including Dennis Bell, Linda Hamilton, Phil Courtney, Bob Knight, Ann Van Damme, Kaito Knight, John P Beall, Teresa Mattura, Julie Estrella, Tammy White, Doug Powell, Hans and Mary Ann Schaepper, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Evan Sanford and Jaimie Fanous addressed the Council to voice their support of the proposal. Speakers represented a diverse segment of the population including Redlands property owners (farmers), residents, local business representatives, members from local school districts, and other interested persons. Overall, they stressed the value the proposed changes would bring and stated these would benefit not only the farmers, but bring a revenue boost to the local economy, and would preserve the rich agricultural heritage of the community.

Four written comments were received from Sherli Leonard representing Redlands Conservancy and also representing Two Canyons Conservancy, Samiha Hamdi of Fresh Approach and Jamie Fanous, of Community Alliance with Family Farmers. All letters were in full support of the proposal. As rebuttal, Anna Knight urged the Council to include four line items to be classified under the administrative review processes, rather than under the Conditional Use Permit processes. These items included farm stays, educational farm camp (no motor vehicles/trailers), retail self-pick onsite by customers, and tours, day classes and farm experience excursions. With no additional comments, Mayor Tejeda closed the public hearing.

Council Members thanked Anna Knight for her informative and passionate presentation and announced their support of agritourism. They were anxious to make this work for both the farmers and the City but wanted to make sure clear standards were set. Several questions were raised, and they asked for clarification regarding the timing to approve the ordinance, the timing to consider

revisions to the ordinance and possible continuation of the hearing to the May 7 Council meeting, definition of certain terms, such as "glamping", the use of RVs, permit requirements and cost of permits. During the lengthy discussion, it was agreed to introduce the ordinance as originally presented and continue to work with the applicant to evaluate the additional revisions they requested.

On motion of Mayor Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2961, to amend the Redlands Municipal Code Chapter 18.20 (A-1, Agricultural District) to permit certain types of agritourism and related uses as ancillary land uses within the A-1, Agricultural zone, as well as adopt development standards and sign standards for agritourism uses; and determined that 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

NEW BUSINESS

Arts and Culture Master Plan Agreement

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reviewed a Professional Services Agreement with The Cultural Planning Group, LLC for the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$126,000. The Cultural Arts Commission recommended that the City Council direct staff to procure the services of a consultant to develop an Arts and Culture Master Plan (Plan), as the Plan is a necessary tool to ensure that art is promoted and utilized in a cohesive and intentional manner throughout the community. On December 6, 2022, the City Council directed staff to advertise a request for proposal for the development of the Plan. As public comment, Dennis Bell said the City didn't need another plan, and he thought it was a waste of taxpayers' money.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Cultural Planning Group, LLC for the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approved the Professional Services Agreement with The Cultural Planning Group, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$126,000.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Mayor Pro Tem Barich was absent during the vote

Amending Applied LNG Technologies, LLC Agreement

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker explained the need to amend the Agreement with Applied LNG Technologies, LLC to increase the total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,909,879. During the first extended term of this agreement, the City has experienced an increase in RLNG and CNG sales. This Second Amendment will increase the agreement amount and provide for the purchase order modification to account for the increased expense and revenue associated with the additional fuel sales. The estimated revenue for FY 2023-24 is \$851,500, which is a 39% increase over FY 2022-23 totals.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an additional expense appropriation in the amount of \$136,902; a revenue appropriation in the amount of \$243,000 for the Equipment Maintenance Fund; and approved the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Applied LNG Technologies, LLC.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8559 Master Lease & Purchase Caterpillar Model D8 Track Type Tractor

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker detailed Resolution No. 8559 approving a Master Lease and Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Inc. for the lease and purchase of a replacement Caterpillar Model D8 Track Type Tractor for \$1,363,518.10. The City uses a D8 Dozer at the City landfill on a daily basis and plays a crucial role in daily landfill operations and has now surpassed its recommended service life and is no longer in working condition. The dozer is essential to maintain regulatory compliance, and its replacement is needed immediately to stay in compliance, avoid unnecessary fines, and incur violations at the California Street Landfill. The purchase price will be paid over a six-year term with the first (5) five annual payments in the amount of \$272,683.42 and a remaining payment in the sixth year in the amount of \$101.00. At the end of the agreement and upon the last payment, the City will own the vehicle outright.

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. 8559 approving a Master Lease and Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Inc. for the lease and purchase of a replacement Caterpillar Model D8 Track Type Tractor for \$1,363,518.10.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8753 Naming of Park, Baseball Field & Commemorative Plaque in Tract No. 20336

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker provided background for Resolution No. 8573 and the proposal to name the park in Tract No. 20336 in honor of Jerry Coyazo, name the baseball field within the park in honor of Joe Gonzales, and to place a commemorative plaque in honor of Patrick J. Meyer on the flag pole at the park. As part of the development of Tract 20336, now known as the Live Oak neighborhood, MLC Holdings LLC will build and dedicate to the City of Redlands an 11.8-acre public park with 7 sports fields, parking, public restroom facilities, picnic, and passive open space areas. The Master Landscape Plan incorporates several features in the park, including: one baseball/softball field, six soccer fields, a basketball court, sports field lighting, restrooms, and multi-use trails. The developer requested the City name the park and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission led the effort in accordance with the park naming resolution. They received over 150 park name suggestions from the public.

As public comment, Jim Holmes, President and CEO of Redlands Community Hospital, spoke in honor of Pat Meyer, who was instrumental in bringing many developments to fruition, including this one. Mr. Holmes spoke for the many others also in attendance, and he expressed their deep sadness of Mr. Meyer's recent passing, on March 31, 2024. Mayor Tejeda and Council Member

Saucedo praised Mr. Meyer for his efforts to encourage developers to incorporate parks and trails and sports fields within their developments, bringing great value to the whole community. Andy Coyazo, on behalf of the Coyazo family, and Gloria Candelaria, on behalf of her father, Joe Gonzales, said they were humbled and honored to have the park and baseball field named for their families.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8573, naming the park in Tract No. 20336 in honor of Jerry Coyazo, naming the baseball field at the park in honor of Joe Gonzales, and placing a commemorative plaque in honor of Patrick J. Meyer on the flag pole at the park.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council Member Guzman-Lowery announced the West Valley National Crime Week Memorial will be held on April 22, 2024 in Rancho Cucamonga. On a personal note, she was grateful for City staff members and gave special recognition to the Redlands Fire Department, Station 1 crew, for their incredible response to a family emergency.

Council Member Saucedo expressed his appreciation of Esther Martinez, Redlands Emergency Operations Specialist, who was honored by Assemblymember James C. Ramos as one of the 2024 Women of Distinction in Assembly District 45. The annual award honors women in the district who exemplify leadership, innovation, and service in Assembly District 45.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. in honor of Pat J. Meyer, who passed away on March 31, 2024. Mayor Tejeda called for a moment of silence and praised him for his dedication and selfless service to the betterment of the community. He will be greatly missed. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on April 16, 2024.

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