

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands, as adjourned on July 18, 2023, and held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on July 25, 2023 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: **Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Phillip Doolittle, City Treasurer; 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; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Assistant Director; Deanna Cantrell, Deputy Police Chief**

Mayor Tejada called the adjourned meeting of July 18, 2023 to order and announced there were no closed session matters scheduled for the City Council to consider. The meeting was recessed at 5:00 P.M.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Representation - Andrea Ramirez, a resident of District 1, was frustrated that Council Member Davis had not responded to her emails or acknowledged her concerns and she thought her perspectives were not represented properly.

Rapid Building Growth - Susan Leonard was concerned with traffic congestion and the rapid growth of development within the City, especially in the downtown area.

Council Member Service - Michael Paisner stated he had watched the actions of council members for several years and was convinced that each one deserved his respect, despite any differences of opinion that might have existed. He thought Council Member Davis had been serving the community well.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

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 regular meeting minutes of July 5, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee Appointment

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Brooke Doolittle of the Redlands Civilian Safety Employees Association to serve a one-year term as the non-public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee beginning July 18, 2023, and ending July 18, 2024; and appointed Reggie Brown of the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees to serve a one-year term as the public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee beginning July 18, 2023, and ending July 18, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Redlands Bowl 100th Year Anniversary

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 Proclamation celebrating the Redlands Bowl 100th Year Anniversary.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8504 Salary Schedule

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. 8504 establishing a Salary Schedule and Compensation Plan for City Employees and Rescinding Resolution No. 8466. The City secured an Encampment Resolution Fund Program Award in the amount of \$4,529,069 which provides support in ensuring the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness. A portion of these funds will be used to add additional staffing to the City's Homeless Solutions Program.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

CalApp Grant Award Acceptance

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the California Energy Commission CalAPP+ Grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the implementation of the online solar permitting program; authorized an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000; and adopted Resolution No. 8501 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the California Energy Commission Grant Agreement and all other related documents necessary to implement the CalApp Program.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Intergovernmental Purchase Network Security Enhancements

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 intergovernmental purchase of Palo Alto Networks Firewall Hardware and Software Support, for network security enhancements from Digital Scepter Corporation in the amount of \$240,263.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

2002 Type I Seagrave Fire Engine Sale

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 sale of a 2002 Type I Seagrave Fire Engine to Crafton Hills College for their Fire Academy and Fire Technology Programs for the amount of \$1.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

California Conservation Corps Sponsorship Agreement

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 Sponsorship Agreement with the California Conservation Corps for participation in the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Fuels Reduction Program.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8506 CDBG Funding Award

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding award in the amount of \$334,141; authorized an additional appropriation of \$334,141 for the FY2023-2024 CDBG Program Year; and adopted Resolution No. 8506 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, amendments and other related documents associated with the 2023-2024 CDBG Program Year.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution Nos 8499 and 8500 Outside City Utilities

Development Services Director Desatnik provided background on Resolution No. 8499 and a request for new connections to the City of Redlands water distribution and sewer collection systems for seven vacant parcels located at the northeast corner of the intersection Nice Avenue and Turquoise Avenue in the unincorporated community of Mentone within San Bernardino County. Measure U, approved by the voters in 1997, requires a Pre-Annexation Agreement with the Applicant, since the development is located within the City's sphere of influence. As public

comment, San Orbaker, of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce, opposed the pre-annexation agreement, thought the action illegal and added that Mentone residents did not want to lose any additional land to the City of Redlands. City Attorney Garcia said the item had been reviewed and was found legal, while Director Desatnik explained the action, if approved, was not physically annexing territory within Redlands.

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. 8499 for new connections to the City of Redlands water distribution and sewer collection systems for seven vacant parcels located at the northeast corner of the intersection Nice Avenue and Turquoise Avenue and identified as county of San Bernardino Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0298-103-14-0000 through 0298-103-20-0000 in the unincorporated community of Mentone within San Bernardino County; adopted Resolution No. 8500 relating to Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 23-08 and determined that approval of the Resolutions is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15319 of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8495 Five Year Measure I Capital Improvement Plan

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 adoption of Resolution No. 8495 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8495 for the Fiscal Year 23/24 through Fiscal Year 27/28 Five Year Measure I Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Measure I requires each local jurisdiction receiving Measure I revenues to adopt a Five-Year CIP listing the projects that will be funded or partially funded through Measure I annually. Streets identified for improvement in the Five-Year CIP are determined through the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP), which was adopted by City Council in April 2020. Street segments are programmed into the City's annual street resurfacing project based on the PMP recommendations.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8498 Traffic Regulations

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 resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8498 establishing a no-parking zone and restricted parking zone from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM on Industrial Park Avenue between Nevada Street and Alabama Street.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Hold Harmless Agreement for Heroes and Helpers 2023 Event

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 Hold Harmless Agreement with Redlands Joint Venture, LLC, Majestic Realty Co. for use of its facilities for the Heroes and Helpers 2023 Event between December 18, 2023 and December 21, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

2023 Toyota Tundra Donation

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the donation of a 2023 Toyota Tundra for the Redlands Police Department's Citizen Volunteers, valued in the amount of \$53,156.68, from the Redlands Police Community Foundation; and authorized an additional appropriation of the same amount.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Downtown Redlands Artwalk Event In-Kind Support

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced the request from Kid's Cures Foundation for in-kind support of \$8,344, for street closures and for the sale of alcoholic beverages related to the Downtown Redlands Artwalk to be held on October 29, 2023. As public comment, Dennis Bell pointed out the event host was an out-of-town organization and he wondered why such a busy street as State Street would need to be closed. He also raised questions surrounding the hard and soft costs as listed in the staff report and urged the City for more transparency and accountability. Staff clarified that the in-kind support costs were based on a worst-case scenario and ultimately the final amount paid by the City could be less than estimated.

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 event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized and approved a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$8,344 related to this event; authorized the temporary closure of East State Street from Orange Street to 7th Street, and 5th Street from Redlands Boulevard to State Street on October 29, 2023; and approved the request for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Ed Hales Park.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Contract Joslyn Senior Center Renovation Project

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 the approval of the agreement is exempt from an environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 of the State's CEQA guidelines; and approved the Second Amendment to the Public Works Contract with Armstrong Cal

Builders, Inc. for the Joslyn Senior Center Renovation Project to extend the time for completion by seventy-five (75) calendar days.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Contract Prospect Park Lighting Upgrades

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 First Amendment to the Public Works Contract with VT Electric, Inc. for the Prospect Park Lighting Upgrades, to extend time for completion by ninety (90) calendar days.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

License Agreement for Regional Aerobatic Competition

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 License Agreement is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15323 of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the License Agreement with International Aerobatic Club Chapter 26 for use of the Redlands Municipal Airport for the 2023 Official Regional Aerobatic Competition to be held August 31, 2023 through September 3, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Use of Zoom for City Council & Planning Commission Meetings

After facing technological difficulties during the meeting of July 18, 2023 which forced the City Council to adjourn the meeting to tonight, Mayor Tejeda asked his colleagues whether they still supported continuing the use of Zoom for all meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission. On February 13, 2023, the City Council authorized the continued use of Zoom for City Council and Planning Commission and agreed to allow for remote participation pursuant to AB 2449. Mayor Pro Tem Barich said he was not a fan of Zoom and instead, preferred in-person meetings with the public speaking directly to the Council. Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery valued the increased public participation and accessibility and appreciated the provision of greater flexibility allowed under AB 2449 for the Council to teleconference during meetings (limited to four times per year).

As public comment, twenty-four people spoke in support of continuing Zoom as a way to engage the public, promote equal and fair access, and they thought the benefits far outweighed any technical glitches experienced. Andy Hoder pointed out the public could watch the live feed through the City's website and through the local government access channel, and anyone could participate using their phones. Dennis Bell stated that Zoom had been unreliable from the very beginning, and he didn't trust its viability. Mayor Pro Tem Barich admitted he learned from the

various speakers who addressed the Council tonight, and he recognized the need to reevaluate Zoom's usefulness. Although Zoom could be frustrating at times, Council Members agreed the desired goal was to promote transparency, offer access to everyone and encourage public participation.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the continued use of Zoom for all meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission in order to comply with teleconferencing requirements as described in California Assembly Bill 2449.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Sister Cities Hino, Japan Travel Expenditure

Mayor Tejeda offered background of the Sister Cities program and read from a letter personally inviting him to Hino, Japan, so that he could attend the 60-year celebration of Hino's establishment, and the anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship. He said that the Council must authorize the expenditure of funds for travel to Sister Cities Hino, Japan. During a City Council presentation on May 16, 2023, Caitlin Arakawa, of Sister Cities Hino, Japan, extended an invitation to Mayor Tejeda from Hino City Mayor Otsubo to attend their 60th anniversary celebration in Hino this coming November. The last Council Member to travel to Japan was Jon Harrison, who accepted an invitation to visit Hino in 2003 to celebrate their 40th year anniversary.

As public comment, thirteen people raised several questions that were not addressed in the staff report, including what were the costs, what were the goals and how would the expenditure benefit Redlands. Some said they supported cultural experiences, but this was not an appropriate use of funds when the City had so many other pressing needs. They suggested the Mayor consider raising his own funds for the travel expenses. Two speakers, Kenneth Ford and Ellen Gruenbaum supported the sister city program and thought this an excellent opportunity to grow the partnership.

Council Members Guzman-Lowery and Davis asked for more details about the cost and objectives of the trip in order for them to make a more informed decision about authorizing the expenditure. Council Member Davis also pointed out it was their duty to be fiscally responsible with the City's finances. Desiring to provide additional context for the expenditure, Council Member Saucedo read from Resolution No. 7938, the current policy governing expenses and use of public resources. Mayor Pro Tem Barich was curious about the cost, and he thought the item should be postponed until the September 5, 2023 meeting, to give staff time to establish the expenditure amount needed for travel. He supported the trip and even offered to help with a donation. He said the visit would show good will to the people of Hino.

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 determine trip costs for the Mayor to travel to Sister City Hino, Japan; and directed staff to provide relevant details associated with the visit; and authorized this item be brought back for consideration on September 5, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8508 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore Selection

Mayor Tejeda opened the discussion relating to Resolution No. 8508, establishing the process for the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and their respective terms of office and repealing Resolution No. 8414. On December 20, 2022, the City Council reviewed potential changes to the selection process by which the council selects the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and adopted Resolution No. 8414 to provide for a seniority-based rotating schedule beginning December 2024 and continuing thereafter, every even numbered year. On January 17, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2953 amending Chapter 2.02 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the selection process. Resolution No. 8508 would eliminate the rotation system and states that the City Council shall meet after each general municipal election and choose one of its members as Mayor, and one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore. The terms of office of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore will be for two years.

As public comment, twenty-eight people urged the Council to give the rotation method a chance, pointing out there was no data to prompt the reversal of the current resolution. Speakers raised several topics, including, the value of providing each district equal and fair representation, the premature timing of the proposal because it had only been seven months since the rotation schedule had been approved and they recommended the process be tested first and then reevaluated. Many said there was an appearance that the proposed resolution attempted to reduce the power of women leaders, diminish the LGBTQ community and target Council Member Davis. Five people preferred having council members select the mayor and MPT amongst themselves, stating this method was based on merit, not on seniority. Ryan Johnson suggested the Council consider electing the mayor at-large, so that every voter was given an opportunity to determine who represented the City as mayor.

Throughout a lengthy discussion, Council Members provided their thoughts and perspectives. Mayor Tejeda concurred with many of the speakers that the optics were not good, and he apologized. He read from a letter submitted by a former council woman who made the case that the selection of mayor should be based on merit, and not on what is considered fair and equitable, and she thought the council members were in the best position to make that decision. Council Member Davis was unsure why this was on the agenda since the Council had already voted on the matter in December 2022 and the rotation schedule had not been tried and tested yet. She and Council Member Guzman-Lowery questioned the timing and asked the Mayor to explain why this was being considered. Council Member Saucedo favored the system whereby council members determined who would fill the leadership roles based on competency, not on time served. Mayor Pro Tem Barich was uncomfortable making a decision tonight and suggested the matter be tabled so that he and his colleagues could have more time to speak with their constituents and consider all options, including the possibility of electing a mayor at-large.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council agreed, by roll call vote, to table Resolution No. 8508 establishing the process for the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and their respective terms of office and repealing Resolution No. 8414. Delaying a decision will allow more time for public engagement.

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 8497 Delinquent Municipal Services Account Report

Mayor Tejada declared the meeting open as a public hearing and called on Management Services/Finance Director Garcia for a review of Resolution No. 8497 approving the Delinquent Municipal Services Account Report and the submittal of the report to the Auditor-Controller of San Bernardino County for lien processing. Delinquent accounts not paid by August 23, 2023 will be included on the 2023-2024 tax roll that staff will submit to the County no later than the final deadline of September 1, 2023. Staff will accept payments on delinquent accounts up until August 23rd, such that any and all accounts that are brought current as a result will be excluded from the list being sent to the County for recordation. With no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8497 approving the Delinquent Municipal Services Account Report and Submittal of the Report to the Auditor-Controller of San Bernardino County for Lien Processing.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8502 Delinquent Administrative Citation and Fine Report

Mayor Tejada declared the meeting open as a public hearing and called on Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker for a review of Resolution No. 8502, approving the Delinquent Administration Citation Fine Report and submittal to the Auditor-Controller of San Bernardino County for lien processing. Ms. Crocker described the administrative citation program and explained that staff makes every attempt to work with the property owner to comply with the Municipal Code before issuing citations. She added the program was complaint driven. The property owners, identified in the reports, have been found in violation of various sections of the Redlands Municipal Code (RMC). To date, 72 delinquent administrative citations have been issued to the property owners listed in the report with a total unpaid fine balance of \$68,705 as of July 1, 2023. The property owners were mailed a notice of the City Council's consideration of this report on July 5, 2023, which specifies that objections may be presented at the hearing or filed in writing five days in advance of the hearing. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8502 approving the Delinquent Administrative Citation and Fine Report and submittal to the Auditor-Controller of San Bernardino County for Lien Processing.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 8503 Senior Housing Density Bonus Agreement

Sean Reilly, of Development Services, presented Resolution No. 8503 to approve a Density Bonus Agreement for a 108-unit, market-rate, multi-family project that is deed restricted for senior housing (55+) located between Grove Street and Judson Street, south of the Orange Blossom Trail. Mr. Reilly provided background of the density bonus program Pursuant to State

law, as well as Section 18.228.030(A) of the Redlands Municipal Code, a density bonus granted to a residential development project shall consist of an increase over the maximum residential density allowable under the City's General Plan designation as of the date of application and in this case, the applicable General Plan designation for the project is High Density Residential. This land use designation allows up to 27 units per acre. Projects that are deed restricted to only allow tenants that are senior citizens, are eligible for a density bonus of up to 20% by both State law and the Municipal Code. The applicant is requesting an increase in density of approximately 15%. As public comment, Bobby Garrity urged the Council to think about the long-term housing needs of Redlands. He pointed out this senior housing development was not accessible to him, and he wondered why the City artificially limited housing development by way of requiring excessive parking standards and arbitrary design standards. Andy Hoder questioned what the term "Market Rate" really represented.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8503 to approve a Density Bonus Agreement for a 108-unit, market-rate, multi-family project that is deed restricted for senior housing (55+) located between Grove Street and Judson Street, south of the Orange Blossom Trail (APNs: 0170-221-53-0000 and 0170-221-55-0000); and determined that approval of this resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Acceptance

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris provided details of two Highway Safety Improvement Program grants for projects totaling \$653,600 and \$245,000, respectively. The first project will install a new traffic signal, including left turn phasing and pedestrian controls, at the intersection of San Bernardino Avenue and Church Street, while the second project will improve existing traffic signals by installing larger signal heads with reflective borders at various locations throughout the City. Furthermore, he explained the need for the City Council to reject a third Highway Safety Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$718,100 to install protected left turn phase signals and timing at existing signalized intersections because the General Fund would not be able to support the local match of this third project.

Council Member Saucedo wondered if future Highway Safety Grant funds could be used to explore improving safety on Lugonia Avenue corridor from Alabama to Wabash. Director Harris briefly discussed the matter and stated jurisdictions overseeing this stretch included CalTrans, San Bernardino County and the City. He added that staff continues to work with these agencies on a regular basis. As public comment, Bruce Laycook asked how many people needed to die to bring pressure to bear on CalTrans to make safety a priority. Julie Houston suggested the City establish a committee to consider improvements at Lugonia and University.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, two Highway Safety Improvement Program grants for projects totaling \$653,600 and \$245,000, respectively; rejected one Highway Safety Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$718,100; and approved an additional appropriation in an amount not-to-exceed \$808,740 for this project.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8507 FCS Annual POs

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reviewed Resolution No. 8507 approving annual purchase orders for the Facilities and Community Services Department for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

On motion of Mayor Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that adoption of Resolution No. 8507 approving the agreements and purchase orders for the Facilities and Community Services Department for Fiscal Year 2023-24 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8507.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

RAFME and Teamsters Local 1932 MOU

Assistant City Manager Boatman provided background of the negotiation process leading to the proposed Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees and Teamsters Local 1932 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. All unit members of each bargaining group will receive a seven percent salary increase for the first year of the contract and two percent salary increases in both years two and three. Other changes include elimination of the two-tier benefit contributions, increases in vacation accruals and deferred compensation, professional development incentives, changes in overtime calculations, and reimbursement for costs associated with obtaining a commercial license.

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 Memoranda of Understanding negotiated by City staff between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees and Teamsters Local 1932 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Grant Award

Assistant City Manager Boatman explained the City was awarded just over \$4.5 million from the Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF-2) grant to help address unsheltered homelessness and create pathways to housing in the City. Through this program, the City will serve approximately 200 homeless individuals residing within encampments located along the Interstate 10 freeway, Interstate 210 freeway, Highway 38, and in the Santa Ana River basin with services such as street outreach, shelter, housing navigation, rapid rehousing, permanent housing, and hotel vouchers. The majority of the grant funds will be distributed by the City to local non-profit service providers ("subcontractors") in order to meet the project's proposed outcomes. Upon the City Council's acceptance of the Encampment Resolution Funding Program (ERF-2-R) grant, staff will prepare

subcontractor agreements for the Council's consideration at a future meeting. The funding will be allocated to local nonprofits that will assist the City in providing services. In addition, funding will be utilized to hire two full-time City outreach workers, and one full-time administrative assistant to support the Homeless Solutions Division. Council Member Guzman-Lowery praised the work of Homeless Solutions Coordinator, David Rabindranath and his team.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously accepted the award of \$4,529,069 from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness Unit of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for the Encampment Resolution Funding Program and authorized the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and related program documents; and authorized the additional appropriation of \$4,529,069.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

There were no Council Member announcements presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 10:57 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on September 5, 2023.

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