

MINUTES

Regular meetings of the City Council and the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on February 7, 2023 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: Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Chris Catren, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief

Mayor Pro Tem Barich called the meeting 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

Mayor Tejeda reconvened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and announced that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. An invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tempore Barich. The pledge of allegiance to the American flag was conducted by Franklin Elementary fourth and fifth graders who participate in the Friendly Helpers Program.

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and Animal Services Officer Kaitlyn Giroux introduced “Stede”, a three-year-old male German Shepherd mix who is available for adoption, along with forty-one other dogs, four cats and one bird at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Kroeger informed the Council there had been thirteen dogs and six cats adopted in January 2023.

Proclamation Black History Month

Council Member Davis presented a Proclamation in celebration of Black History Month to Human Relations Commissioner Kenneth Ford and Jina Imani of The Artlands.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth St Speed Limit - John Mills urged the Council to lower the speed limit on Elizabeth Street, adding that a petition was signed by over 172 residents who consider the conditions to be unsafe for walking, cycling, parking and driving. The street has a number of twisting turns, lacks sidewalks in sections and falls within a school zone. He requested the Council support a 4-way stop sign proposed at Fountain and Elizabeth.

Step Up in Redlands - Reverend Raymond Moorehouse expressed his deep gratitude for the City Council's support of the Step Up in Redlands Project, a permanent supportive housing solution for homeless individuals, which recently began to welcome its first residents. He encouraged the City to be mindful about continuing support of residents as they will face new challenges.

Open Meetings - Dennis Bell complained that the City's Commission and Board meetings lacked transparency and offered spotty access due to the unreliability of Zoom connections.

Timing of Commissioner Term Limits - Andy Hoder raised a potential dilemma with the Street Tree Committee, as four members will be termed out before the committee's annual report can be delivered to Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Boards, Commissions, Committees and Outside Agencies

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the 2023 City Council Liaison assignments to the City's Boards, Commissions, Committees and Outside Agencies as presented in the staff report.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Celebrating Mahaparamashivaratri

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring February 18, 2023 as the celebration of *Mahaparamashivaratri* in the City of Redlands as a gesture of support for those in our community who observe and celebrate this occasion.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Celebrating Black History Month

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring the month of February to be Black History Month in the City of Redlands.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8433 Remote Teleconference Meetings

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8433 authorizing remote teleconference meetings by the City Council and all Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (2021) for a period of 28 days or until the City Council adopts a Subsequent Resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) or until the Governor terminates the State of Emergency whichever occurs first.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Orange Blossom Trail Phase 3 Project Contract Amendment

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Second Amendment to the Public Works Contract with Deark E&C, Inc. for the Orange Blossom Trail Phase 3 Project to extend the time for completion by sixty (60) calendar days.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

CFD Annual Levy Administration & Annexation Agreement Amendment

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 contract amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Webb Municipal Finance, LLC increasing the total agreement amount to \$86,500; and approved an additional appropriation of \$33,577.59. On December 20, 2022, City Council approved the second amendment to the agreement with Webb Municipal Finance, LLC to change the City's representative, to extend the term of the agreement for 3 years through December 31, 2025, increasing the agreement from \$56,500 to \$86,500 and an additional appropriation of \$33,577.59. However, it was discovered the second amendment did not include the increase from \$56,500 to \$86,500, which is reflected in this third amendment.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending State Plan of Operation with Police Department

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an addendum amending the existing State Plan of Operation between the State and the Redlands Police Department, and authorized the Chief of Police to execute the addendum. This addendum amends the existing State Plan of Operation between the State and the Redlands Police Department and is herein referred to as the SPO Addendum. The SPO Addendum implements requirements found within Presidential Executive Order 14074 (Section 12), signed on May 25, 2022.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Interlocal Agreement JAG Award

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Apple Valley, the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, Fontana, Hesperia, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Victorville, and the County of San Bernardino concerning distribution of the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant Award; and approved an additional appropriation of \$18,431 to the police department.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Vermeer Stump Grinder Purchase

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the purchase of a 2022 Vermeer Stump Grinder for the amount of \$106,675.89.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Art-On-State-Street 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 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 special event and authorized the temporary closure of East State Street from 6th Street to 7th Street on March 19, 2023 for the Art-On-State-Street event hosted by the Redlands Art Association.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Solid Waste Compliance Software

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the sole source purchase with Citizen Communications DBA Recyclist for Solid Waste compliance software for the amount of \$34,390.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

California Market Match Program Grant Acceptance

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the California Market Match Program Grant

through the Ecology Center in the amount of \$5,200; approved an additional appropriation of \$5,200; and approved an in-kind service match of \$8,914.25. An in-kind match in the amount of \$8,914.25 will be fulfilled through staff time at the market distributing and redeeming the SNAP EBT and Market Match incentives, along with administering the grant. The term of this grant is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Contract Joslyn Senior Center Renovation Project

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 agreement is exempt from an environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 of the State's CEQA guidelines; and approved the First 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 one hundred fifty (150) calendar days.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Annual Report Citrus Preservation Commission

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to receive and file the Annual Report of the Citrus Preservation Commission by Chairman Michael Day as attached to the staff report.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

2023 Council Members Academy Conference Report

Council Member Saucedo attended the League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Member Academy held February 1-3, 2023 in Universal City and reported on the organization's mission and goals. He briefly described the intensive three-day conference which included courses related to land use policies, financing, the Brown Act and bullying. In addition, he highlighted one session in particular, entitled "City of Dysfunction Junction", a situational performance that was not only entertaining but educational as well.

Council Member Davis announced that she and City Manager Duggan were honored to be panelists at the conference, and they presented to hundreds of people on the main stage regarding "Developing an Effective City Council and City Manager Team".

Annual Report Airport Advisory Board

Vice Chair Jason Golembeski, of the Airport Advisory Board (AAB), presented the annual report of accomplishments for 2022. The Board consists of several members who possess many years of aviation experience, and they are passionate about the airport and their work to improve the facility. Their goal is to make it safer, to advise the Council on airport related decisions and to act

as the conduit between the aviation community and the City Council. Accomplishments included the formation of a safety committee, assessment of wildlife mitigation, Amazon fly overs and the development of a website update. Looking ahead to 2023, the Board will continue to review safety at the airport, continue to address the airspace incursion problem, complete the review of the Airport Layout Plan and continue to grow interest in the airport among the community. Mayor Tejeda and Council Member Davis thanked Mr. Golembeski for his thorough report and his dedication to serving the City.

San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced Monique Arellano, Council of Governments and Equity Programs Manager, with the San Bernardino Council of Governments, who delivered a presentation on the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT). The SBRHT will be established by the San Bernardino Council of Governments and intends to provide significant funding and affordable housing development interests in the San Bernardino region. She provided an overview of SBRHT's goals and visions.

The City of Redlands anticipates that SBCTA/SBCOG will administer SBRHT and that each participating party shall make annual contributions toward the budgeted administrative costs of SBRHT. In return, SBRHT will provide services and support to the region and its parties to carry out the purpose of SBRHT. She explained the attached letter of intent was not a commitment, it was provided to identify interest in the participation and further the planning for the establishment of the SBRHT. Final commitment to join the SBRHT will be brought back to the City Council at a later date for consideration and be subject to approval, funding availability, and other factors. Other discussion points included the creation of a Joint Powers Agreement, board member structure and terms, best practices of models already established, benefits of an early commitment from agencies and the positive long term housing benefits for the community. Council Members were in support of the program.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the submittal of the letter of intent to participate in the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust to be established by the San Bernardino Council of Governments.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

2023-2024 CDGB Program

Tricia Munoz, of Development Services, presented staff's recommendation for FY 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). In response to this year's NOFA, the City received a total of six eligible PSA applications totaling \$99,000 in funding requests and staff is recommending funding for all six requests at \$8,506 each. One CIP project was submitted and deemed eligible. It provides for the continued rehabilitation of the Joslyn Senior Center, which includes improvements to the customer service counter and computer lab, to be funded in the amount of \$289,210. This project will address compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to direct staff to prepare the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Cooperating City Recommended Projects Form using the recommendation in this report and submit it to the County of San Bernardino Community Development and Housing Division prior to the February 24, 2023, deadline. The recommendations include: \$289,210 for Redlands Project: Joslyn Senior Center Rehabilitation Project - Additional ADA Improvements; \$8,506 for each of the following PSAs: Family Service Association of Redlands-Housing and Food; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Redlands-Family Strengthening; YMCA of the East Valley-Legal Aid; Steps 4 Life-Transitional Supportive Housing; Partners Against Violence-Supportive Services/Victims of Violence; The Blessing Center-Transitional Housing.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Purchase Solid Waste Collection Vehicles

Assistant City Manager Boatman reviewed the purchase and replacement of five solid waste collection vehicles from Rush Truck Centers in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,278,102.70. Of the City's 43 solid waste vehicles, 19 have exceeded American Public Works Association (APWA) standards and need replacement. The global issue in the parts and labor supply chain is affecting all Heavy Duty OEM Truck Manufactures in North America and currently, the production of truck chassis has been cut back by 50%, resulting in a lead time for specialized truck builds between 12 to 18 months. The recommendation to purchase the five solid waste collection vehicles at this time is to fulfill equipment needs over the next two years.

On motion of Council Member Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the purchase and replacement of five solid waste collection vehicles from Rush Truck Centers in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,278,102.70.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Contract Award Prospect Park Lighting Upgrades Project Staff requested this item be pulled from the agenda. The matter will be rescheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Tejeda addressed attendees of the Lincoln Pilgrimage.

Mayor Pro Tem Barich attended the Pet Palooza animal adoption event hosted by Redlands Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and enjoyed the Lincoln Shrine Open House and Civil War Re-Enactment.

Council Member Davis attended the 3rd annual Black History group art show, curated by Gina Imani at The Artlands. She and Council Member Saucedo represented the City at the Santa Ana River Trail Phase III Groundbreaking Ceremony, and she participated in the meeting of the Climate Policy Council where attendees were joined by special guests, James and Deborah

Fallows.

2023 Homeless-Point in-Time Count - Council Members Guzman-Lowery and Saucedo were pleased to participate in PITC held on January 26 with over 80 volunteers who conducted the annual count.

Council Member Saucedo attended a Water Policy Advisory Commission meeting with Director Harris and he challenged his colleagues to participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and become certified.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on February 21, 2023.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS

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 Successor Agency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Barich, seconded by Board Member Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2022 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Successor Agency Board of Directors' meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on March 7, 2023.

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