

# 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 January 17, 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:**            **Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney;**  
                     **Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; 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 Tejeda called the meeting to order and explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. He offered the public an opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

## CLOSED SESSION

Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6  
(Assistant City Manager McConnell)

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| Agency Negotiator:      | Laura Kalty, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore; Janice McConnell; Tommi Ng, Danielle Garcia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Employee Organizations: | Redlands Association of Department Directors<br>Redlands Association of Management Employees<br>Redlands Association of Mid-Management Employees<br>Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees<br>Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees<br>Redlands Police Officers Association<br>Redlands Professional Firefighters Association<br>Redlands Civilian Safety Employees<br>Teamsters Local 1932 Redlands Chapter |

Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
(City Attorney Garcia)

- a. Lydia Rodriguez v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS1935452
- b. Neitzel v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Small Claims Case No. SCVA2203323

## RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 7:10 P.M. with an invocation by Council Member Davis followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

## PRESENTATIONS

### Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and Animal Services Officer Trevor Houser introduced “Hercules”, a one-year-old male Pit Bull mix who is available for adoption, along with thirty-six other dogs and two cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Kroeger informed the Council there had been thirty dogs and nineteen cats adopted since December 1, 2022.

### Proclamation Recognizing UofR Men's Water Polo Team

Mayor Pro Tem Barich presented a Proclamation recognizing the University of Redlands Men's Water Polo Team to University President Krista Newkirk, Head Coach Ryan Hall, and the players, who were congratulated for winning the USA Water Polo Division III Collegiate National Championship on December 4, 2022.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Homelessness - Luis Camargo complained about the blatant drug use and aggressive nature of some of the homeless population and he said at times, he feared for his safety.

Airport Access - Allen O'Neil, of Past Pleasures Car Club, requested the City consider granting him access to the Redlands Municipal Airport to offer people with disabilities a chance to see the airport. He invited everyone to attend the Club's monthly car shows held the 1st Fridays from April to November in Yucaipa.

Homeless & Small Businesses - Deborah and Stanford Martin, as small business owners, expressed concerns about the growing homeless population in Redlands. They were disappointed that homelessness even exists in one of the richest nations of the world and they urged the Council to do everything they can to address the matter.

North Side History - Andy Hoder offered several nuggets of history concerning the early days of Redlands, focusing particularly on the north side of town.

## 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 regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2022.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

### Proclamation Recognizing U of R Men's Water Polo Team

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 to the University of Redlands Men's Water Polo Team.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### Resolution No. 8430 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. 8430 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 30 days.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### Ordinance No. 2953 Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore

On December 20, 2022, Council Members approved to introduce Ordinance No. 2953, to change Chapter 2.02 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and their respective terms of office and tonight's item was to consider the final adoption of the ordinance. As public comment, Andy Hoder questioned the ordinance verbiage concerning council member compensation, thought it confusing, and he opposed increasing the monthly stipend. John Roach agreed with the rotation methodology for selecting the Mayor but he was concerned that the ordinance was tied to a resolution identifying the selection details, which only requires a one-step approval process to amend or revise.

City Attorney Abich Garcia clarified that the ordinance amended the section related to the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem selection process and did not amend the section addressing Council Member compensation, but rather the compensation section restated what had already been adopted last year. Council Member Saucedo reiterated that he preferred the current methodology which provides for a more democratic process instead of declaring someone mayor, simply by default. Council Member Davis said the rotation schedule was fair and in alignment with other cities nearby. Mayor Pro Tem Barich suggested the possibility of tabling the item but there was no consensus. Mayor Tejeda added he had a productive conversation with Council Member Davis and he better understood her reasons for moving to a rotation system and he said he would support it.

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. 2953, (Second Reading), changing Chapter 2.02 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and their respective terms of office.

**Vote: 4 - 1 Passed**

### Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and General Release between the City of Redlands and Lydia Rodriguez. Under the terms of the agreement, the City agrees to pay Ms. Rodriguez \$75,000.00 to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies associated with a civil action pending in the San Bernardino Superior Court and entitled Lydia Rodriguez v. City of Redlands, et al., Case No. CIVDS 1935452.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### RASME Side Letter Agreement

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a Side Letter Agreement between the City and the Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees (RASME). The agreement will provide for a \$3,500 retention bonus for its employees. All other provisions of the Memorandums of Understanding between the City and RASME are unaffected by this agreement.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Amending Professional Services Agreement Inclusionary Housing Program

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the sole source Professional Services Agreement with Keyser Marston Associates, Inc., to extend the term end date to June 30, 2023, allowing for the continued performance of professional services associated with the creation of an Inclusionary Housing program.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Receive and File PARIS Program Annual Report

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 Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) Program Annual Report.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Amending Professional Services Agreement for Citywide Left-Turn Pocket Study

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, approval of the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation for the Citywide Left-Turn Pocket Study 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 Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation for the Citywide Left-Turn Pocket Study.

Staff discovered additional traffic counts were necessary and KOA agreed to complete the additional work for a total cost of \$9,000, increasing the Agreement's not-to-exceed value to \$108,905.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Resolution No. 8431 Support of Yucaipa Valley Water District Annexation

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. 8431 supporting the annexation of Assessor Parcel Number 0300-241-16-0000 by the Yucaipa Valley Water District for potable water, recycled water, and wastewater utility services.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Bear Valley Mutual Water Company Stock Purchase Agreement

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company Stock Purchase Agreement with Erin Barnum.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

Professional Services Agreement Coyote Mitigation Services

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 Professional Services Agreement with Wildlife Management Professionals is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Professional Services Agreement and a Single Source Purchase Order with Wildlife Management Professionals, Inc, for an amount not-to-exceed \$24,000 for coyote mitigation services.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

In-Kind Request Downtown Redlands Artwalk Event

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced the request from Kid's Cures Foundation for in-kind support for \$5,554, street closures and the sale of alcoholic beverages related to the Downtown Redlands Artwalk event to be held on March 26, 2023. As public comment, Dennis Bell questioned why an out-of-town organization was requesting to close streets in downtown Redlands and he thought the in-kind support was a waste of the public's money. Janelle Guerrero pointed out that Stronger Together Now also requested this date and there was a potential conflict. Jessie K, coordinator of the Artwalk, said the October event held last year was a great success and brought awareness to the Kid's Cures Foundation. Staff received the Artwalk application before the request from Stronger Together Now.

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; authorized and approved a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$5,544 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 March 26, 2023; and approved the request for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Ed Hales Park.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Redlands Bowl Electrical & Theatrical Lighting Upgrade 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 First Amendment to the Public Works Contract with My Electrician Inc. for the Redlands Bowl Electrical and Theatrical Lighting Upgrade Project, to extend time for completion by ninety (90) calendar days.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Senior Center Outdoor Dining Facilities Construction Project Contract 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 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 DEARK E&C, INC. for the Senior Center Outdoor Dining Facilities Construction Project to extend the time for completion by sixty (60) calendar days.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Wildlife Hazard Assessment & Wildlife Hazard Management Plan

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the agreement with Coffman Associates, Inc. is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15306 of State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$98,650 from the Airport Projects and Grants fund; and approved a Professional Services Agreement and Single Source Purchase Order with Coffman Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$98,650, to conduct a wildlife hazard assessment and prepare a wildlife hazard management plan.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Stronger Together Now Giving Sundays Events Ed Hales Park

Assistant City Manager Boatman reviewed the request from Stronger Together Now for in-kind support and for commercial vendors and the temporary closure of a portion of 5th Street for the Stronger Together Now Giving Sundays within Ed Hales Park on January 29, 2023, February 26, 2023, March 26, 2023, April 30, 2023, September 24, 2023, October 22, 2023, and November 19, 2023. Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery supported the request and appreciated how Stronger Together Now events bring life and vitality to the downtown area. As public comment, Janelle Guerrero, of Stronger Together Now, stated the group strives to accommodate the needs of the community while also minimizing the traffic and parking impacts, and she agreed to find a different date in March for Giving Sunday. Jessie, of Kid's Cures Foundation, recognized the value of the Stronger Together Now events.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that these events are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized the closure of a portion of N. 5th Street from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2023, February 26, 2023, April 30, 2023, September 29, 2023, October 22, 2023, and November 19, 2023; approved the expenditure of City resources and in-kind support in the amount of \$7,938 related to the events; and directed staff to find a new March date that will not conflict with the Downtown Artwalk event scheduled for March 26, 2023.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Landfill Hydrogeologic Support Agreement

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 this 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 a Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates, Inc., for Landfill Hydrogeologic Support at the California Street Landfill for an amount not-to-exceed \$79,642 for a period of one year, with two additional one-year renewal options for a total amount not-to-exceed \$240,040.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### National Community Survey Results

Project Manager Ross Wittman provided a brief report regarding the National Community Survey (NCS) and introduced Joe Dell'Olio, Senior Survey Associate at Polco who presented an overview of the results. The NCS includes standard questions and custom questions for measuring resident satisfaction levels and perceptions about the quality of local government services. The standardized portions of the NCS allow Polco to provide benchmark comparisons to any of the hundreds of communities who have conducted the survey. The results of the 2021 NCS were presented to the City Council in November 2021. To effectively gauge resident's continued satisfaction with City services, in February 2022, the City again contracted with Polco to conduct the 2022 NCS.

In early September, the 2022 survey instrument was distributed to a randomly selected sample of Redlands residents, representative of the City's demographics and spread equitably among each of the five City Council election districts. On October 5, 2022, the survey was opened to general participation for all members of the community. Data collection ended on October 19, 2022 and during the months of October and November, Polco compiled the results.

The NCS captured residents' opinions by considering ten central facets of a community, including Economy, Mobility, Community Design, Utilities, Safety, Natural Environment, Parks and Recreation, Health and Wellness, Education, Arts, and Culture, Inclusivity and Engagement. The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 339 residents of the City of Redlands collected from August 31st, 2022 to October 19th, 2022. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 5.2% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2022 survey was 13%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Redlands.

As public comment, Dennis Bell admitted he did not take the survey because he considered it rigged and a waste of taxpayer money. Mr. Dell'Olio and Council Members briefly discussed items such as survey methods, weighted responses, random sampling and general conclusions drawn from the results. Council Members appreciated the report as it will be a useful tool to guide the City moving forward.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to receive and file the presentation on the results of a National Community Survey (NCS) conducted by Policy Confluence Inc. dba Polco.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

## NEW BUSINESS

### Contract Award 2022 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris reviewed a construction contract with Tryco General Engineering for the 2022 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project, to replace approximately 3.5 miles of aging and deteriorated water pipelines. Each year, a portion of revenues generated through water utility rates is used to replace aging water pipelines throughout the City.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Construction Contract and construction of the 2022 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project are categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15302 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the 2022 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project plans and specifications; and approved a Construction Contract with Tryco General Engineering for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,744,111.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### 2023 Fourth of July Celebration Contribution

Assistant City Manager Boatman offered background on the request from the Redlands 4th of July Committee to approve a contribution of \$30,000 in anticipation of the 2023 Fourth of July Celebration to be held again at Moore Middle School. This cost represents only a portion of the total cost for fireworks, as the Committee reported the overall show costs in excess of \$100,000. The City recognizes the value of partnering with non-profit agencies and organizations to support programs that provide a community benefit, including drawing visitors into the City, encouraging tourism and economic benefits, as well as generating goodwill with the Redlands community. Last year, the Council expressed interest in relocating the event back to the University due to its central location but the Committee determined that the University was not ideal for two reasons: 1) a new scoreboard limits the ground fireworks visibility for the audience in certain seating areas; and 2) costs are significantly higher due to additional security and amenities that are needed.

As public comment, Dennis Bell thought last year's ticket sales were dismal at only 750 tickets sold. Andy Hoder said he regularly attended the event when it was held at the University location, and he suggested that ticket sales should offset the cost of the show. He wondered if there were other sources of revenue to meet the increased costs. Mayor Pro Tem Barich voiced concerns about the reliability of the fireworks vendor contracted by the Committee. Council Members Guzman-Lowery and Davis said their constituents thought Moore Middle School was not centrally located and, instead, recommended the event be moved back to the University. Council Member Saucedo supported the event but suggested this item should have been brought to Council sooner to allow for more thoughtful discussion. Mayor Tejeda was willing to approve the \$30,000 contribution for this year's event but did not want the Committee to turn this into an annual request. Event coordinator Tim Murone clarified that the fees charged by the University of Redlands were simply too high and, at \$37,000, would force the Committee to double the contribution request to \$67,000. Based on these costs, he said Moore Middle School was a more reasonable option.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Mario Saucedo, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, a contribution of \$30,000 for the 2023 Fourth of July Celebration to be paid to the Redlands 4th of July Committee and determined that the financial support serves a public benefit.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Tejeda thanked his colleagues for their support and selecting him as the new Mayor.

Council Member Guzman-Lowery expressed her appreciation of City staff and especially those focusing on addressing homelessness.

Council Member Saucedo was proud to attend the MLK event hosted by The Village, Second Baptist Church of Redlands and the All-Campus Peace Walk at the University of Redlands honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on February 7, 2023.

## REDLANDS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Chairperson 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 September 20, 2022 were unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redlands Financing Authority adjourned at 8:56 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on May 16, 2023.

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