

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on December 20, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Barich, Mayor
Eddie Tejeda, Mayor Pro Tempore
Denise Davis, Council Member
Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Council Member
Mick Gallagher, 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; Travis Martinez, Deputy 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 Barich called the meeting to order and explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. This was conducted as a teleconference meeting, with Council Member Guzman-Lowery and City Manager Duggan participating remotely. All votes during the meeting were conducted by roll call. The Mayor offered the public an opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Class Action Lawsuit - Steve Rogers clarified that the lawsuit he filed against the City was submitted as a Class Action Lawsuit on behalf of himself and on behalf of all City of Redlands solid waste collection customers who have paid rates and charges in connection with Ordinance No. 2852, that embed the PARIS surcharge. He urged the Council to settle this matter.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Two Cases:

- a. Lydia Rodriguez v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS1935452
- b. Steve Rogers v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2126031

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.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ELECTION CERTIFICATION - OATHS - CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Resolution No. 8397 Election Results Certification

City Clerk Donaldson presented Resolution No. 8397, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands reciting the fact of the general municipal election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, declaring the following results and such other matters as provided by law:

<u>Member of the City Council, District 1</u>	<u>Votes</u>
DENISE DAVIS	1,875
TOM BERG	937
RODGIR COHEN	317
ANDREW HODER	379

<u>Member of the City Council District 3</u>	<u>Votes</u>
MIKE SAIFIE	1,692
MARIO JACOB SAUCEDO	2,296

<u>Member of the City Council, District 5</u>	<u>Votes</u>
PAUL T. BARICH	5,353
RICHARD O'DONNELL (Write-In)	1,558

<u>Measure 'F' Principles of Managed Growth Amendment</u>	<u>Votes</u>
YES	8,504
NO	13,763

<u>Measure 'J' Warehouse Business License Tax Increase</u>	<u>Votes</u>
YES	12,135
NO	10,584

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8397 of the City of Redlands reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, declaring that Denise Davis was elected as a Member of the City Council, District 1; Mario Jacob Saucedo was elected as a Member of the City Council, District 3; and Paul T. Barich was elected as a Member of the City Council District 5; all for a term of four years; Measure F, Amending Principles of Managed Growth was defeated by the People of the City of Redlands and shall not be deemed adopted and ratified; and Measure J related to Business License Tax Rates for Distribution Centers was approved by the People of the City of Redlands and shall be deemed adopted and ratified.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Expression of Appreciation

For his eleven months of service as a Member of the City Council, Mick Gallagher received expressions of gratitude and praise from Mayor Barich. Mr. Gallagher thanked his fellow Council Members and City staff for their dedication and service and he was confident the City was in capable hands for the future.

Administration of Oaths

City Clerk Donaldson administered the oath of office and presented certificates of election to the newly elected Council Members Denise Davis, Mario Saucedo and Paul T. Barich. The inductees took their respective seats at the dais.

Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore

City Clerk Donaldson conducted the elections of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for a term of two years, announcing nominations do not require a second. She called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Council Member Barich nominated Eddie Tejada. Council Member Davis nominated Paul Barich, but Mr. Barich declined to accept the nomination. There being no further nominations, Eddie Tejada was declared the new Mayor.

Ms. Donaldson called for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for a term of two years. Mayor Tejada nominated Paul Barich. Council Member Guzman-Lowery nominated Denise Davis. There being no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken:

VOTE: Nominee Paul Barich

Ayes: Paul Barich, Eddie Tejada, Jenna Guzman-Lowery and Mario Saucedo

Nays: Denise Davis

VOTE: Nominee Denise Davis

Ayes: Denise Davis and Jenna Guzman-Lowery

Nays: Paul Barich, Eddie Tejada and Mario Saucedo

Paul Barich was declared the new Mayor Pro Tem for a term of two years.

PRESENT:

Eddie Tejada, Mayor

Paul Barich, Mayor Pro Tem

Denise Davis, Council Member

Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Council Member

Mario Saucedo, Council Member

Brief comments were provided by Mayor Tejada, Mayor Pro Tem Barich and the newly elected and re-elected City Council Members Davis and Saucedo

Mayor Tejada called for a brief recess at 6:25 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 6:41 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Congratulations - Maia Pawooskar congratulated the newly elected Council Members and the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and recommended the Council continue striving to make inclusivity a priority and specifically noted the need to include those that are different or disabled.

Common Ground - Andy Hoder thought it was not the Council's duty to correct speakers as they participated in a meeting, and he said that opportunities to address the Council were provided as a platform for speakers to voice their concerns, regardless of their opinions. He suggested there was common ground to be found.

Licensed Engineer - Steve Rogers reiterated his request for the City to require the director of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department to be a licensed engineer, who would be responsible for reviewing and negotiating contracts, appraisals and evaluations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2022.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

2023 Local Appointments List

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Local Appointments List for 2023 in accordance with Government Code Section 54972.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Planning Commission Appointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Marc Shaw and Rich Smith to each serve four-year terms on the Planning Commission beginning January 6, 2023 and ending January 6, 2027.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission Reappointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously reappointed, by roll call vote, Kurt Heidelberg, Dr. Lauren Weiss Bricker, and Steven Holm to each serve four-year terms on the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission ending January 18, 2027.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Traffic and Parking Commission Appointment

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Kevin Morningstar and Bill Waddell to each serve a four-year term on the Traffic and Parking Commission ending December 20, 2026.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8428 Remote Teleconference Meetings

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8428 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

Cultural Arts Commission Reappointment

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously reappointed, by roll call vote, Danielle Giudici-Wallis to serve a four-year term on the Cultural Arts Commission beginning January 6, 2023 and ending January 6, 2027.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Library Board Reappointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously reappointed, by roll call vote, William D. Hatfield and Kate Pretorius to each serve three-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees beginning January 1, 2023 and ending January 1, 2026.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Ordinance No. 2940 Official City Seal and City Logos

Assistant City Manager McConnell reviewed Ordinance No. 2940, amending Chapter 1.08 of the Municipal Code regarding Custody and Use of the Official City Seal and City Logos, Badges and Patches. The ordinance will provide for important protections of the Seal and Logo. As public comment, Steve Rogers thought it made sense to protect the seal but also asked to see that a code of ethics be reinstated to the employee bargaining unit MOUs.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2940 (Second Reading), amending Chapter 1.08 of the Municipal Code regarding Custody and Use of the Official City Seal and City Logos, Badges and Patches.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Amending CFD Annual Levy Administration & Annexation Services

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of this 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 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Webb Municipal Finance, LLC changing the name of the City's representative, updating the rate schedule and extending the end term by 3 years from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2025, in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,500; and authorized an additional

appropriation in the amount of \$33,577.59.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8426 DIF Annual Report

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8426, approving the City's annual report of Development Impact Fees for the Year Ended June 30, 2022, and adopting the findings contained therein.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Payment for Police Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, an annual maintenance payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$96,853.66 for the Police Department's Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

CFD Annual Reports

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to receive and file the Annual Reports for Community Facility District (CFD) No. 2001-1 and Community Facility District (CFD) No. 2003-1 pursuant to Local Agency Special Tax and Bond Accountability Act (SB 165).

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Reject Bids Security Fencing Installation Project

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to reject all bids for the Security Fencing Installation Project. All bids significantly exceeded the approved project budget. Staff will reprioritize bid items and issue a new Request For Bids in the near future.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Withdrawal Santa Ana River/Mill Creek Exchange Plan Agreement

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, withdrawal from the Santa Ana River - Mill Creek Exchange Plan Agreement; and authorized the City Manager or his designee to issue a withdrawal notice to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

License Agreement CDWR and SBVMWD

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the License Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8416 Approved Contractor List

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris presented Resolution No. No. 8416, establishing an approved contractor list pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. The City is a participating agency under the Act and is required to develop and maintain a contractor list under Public Contract Code section 22034 (a)(1). He explained that contractors can be added to the list throughout the year. As public comment, Steve Rogers urged the Council to deny approval of the list, questioned whether the City analyzes submittals in a proper way to obtain the best services possible and raised concerns about the qualifications of RK Engineering who performed the recent traffic study.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of Resolution No. 8416 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, and approved Resolution No. 8416, establishing an approved contractor list pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act .

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8419 Water Systems Master Plan

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris provided details of Resolution No. 8419 approving the 2022 Water Systems Master Plan. The Plan was developed over a 6-8 month period, includes water and non-potable water and will be a valuable tool to ensure the sustainability of water infrastructure. The Plan will assist staff with Capital Improvement Program (CIP) prioritization to meet current and future customer demands. As public comment, Steve Rogers said master plans should be integrated as a part of the General Plan and be approved with a full EIR and he added he did not see a final engineering stamp on the document.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the 2022 Water Systems Master Plan 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. 8419 approving the 2022 Water Systems Master Plan.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8420 Grant Application CDWR Drought Relief Funding

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris reviewed Resolution No. 8420 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Program requesting supplemental funding for the engineering and replacement of the Sunset Reservoir. As public comment, Steve Rogers said he thought this request for funding appeared to be related to the Water Systems Master Plan just approved, and he restated his opinion that the Plan was thrown together haphazardly.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8420 authorizing the submittal of

a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Program requesting supplemental funding for the engineering and replacement of the Sunset Reservoir.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras Services Agreement

Deputy Police Chief Martinez introduced an Agreement with the Flock Group, Inc. for the lease of automated license plate recognition cameras and he described the many benefits provided by the cameras, which have been instrumental in solving over 150 cases. As public comment, Joshua Hall said that added surveillance did not make him feel safer and he was concerned the City was pulling data to create profiles to use against residents. Andy Hoder admitted he was skeptical of the surveillance technology at first, but he was amazed at how well they were working to catch criminals and there appeared to be no misuse of the data.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Additional Services Agreement with the Flock Group, Inc. for the lease of automated license plate recognition cameras in the amount of \$69,550 for two years.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Amending Allied Universal Security Services Agreement

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Universal Protection Service, LP, DBA Allied Universal Security Services to amend the total to an amount not to exceed \$135,785.28 for security services at the facility located at 300 E. State Street.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

AYSO In-Kind Support Use of Redlands Sports Park

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced the request to consider in-kind support for use of the Redlands Sports Park in the amount of \$66,584 for Redlands Region 50 of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). The City considers AYSO a valued partner and is committed to ensuring the continued success of AYSO in Redlands. AYSO's previous agreement was terminated on December 14, 2022, and the City plans to issue a one-year permit to AYSO to allow continued and uninterrupted use of the Sports Park while negotiations proceed. The previous agreement included the use of all fields during all usable hours. Consequently, AYSO would normally be subject to a significantly higher fee under the City's current fee structure than it previously paid. Therefore, a contribution of in-kind support is necessary to allow AYSO to use the fields for a fee comparable to its previous rent. As public comment, Steve Rogers was opposed to terminating the AYSO contract and he was worried the City was putting too much financial burden on the all-volunteer organization. He thought the City should use ARPA funds for the increased fees.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the in-kind support for use of the Redlands Sports Park in the amount of \$66,584 for Redlands Region 50 of the American Youth Soccer

Organization.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

SBVMWD Regional Recycled Water Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Barich explained the need to select two City Council representatives to serve on the Regional Recycled Water Ad Hoc Committee of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Barich, seconded by Council Member Saucedo, the City Council unanimously designated, by roll call vote, Mario Saucedo as the primary delegate and Paul Barich as the secondary delegate to serve as the Redlands City Council representatives on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Regional Recycled Water Ad Hoc Committee.

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Process for Filling Vacancies on the City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Tejeda opened the discussion regarding Ordinance No. 2954 and Resolution No. 8429 related to the process for filling vacancies on the City Council. He pointed out that since he has served on the Council since 2016, there have been three appointments made. His desire was to establish a formal process that would provide for more accountability and transparency when considering a future vacancy. The process would require that the City Council first consider the appointment of any interested former council member who lived in the district of the vacated council seat. If no former council member was interested in the appointment or lived in the district, the City Council would open the process to any interested resident living in the district. The Council could also consider the option of filling the vacancy by holding a special election.

Council Members each provided insight into the proposal before them. Mayor Pro Tem Barich and Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery preferred the application process as they said it provided for a more equitable and transparent approach, since it would be open to all qualified residents who lived in the district of the vacated seat. Council Member Saucedo saw value in Mayor Tejeda's proposal and agreed that filling a vacancy with someone who had already served on Council would bring invaluable experience to the table.

As public comment, Andy Hoder reminded the Council that they were here to serve the public and just because someone had been on the Council in the past, didn't necessarily mean they would bring the necessary qualities to best serve the City. Kenneth Ford, Kathy Sadanala, Jenn Kim, Dr. Traci Lownethal and John Roach supported an open and fair application process and said former council members could apply if they were interested. Richard O'Donnell insisted a special election would best serve the residents of the district. Steve Rogers recommended the Council strongly dissuade any elected official from resigning early and thought that term limits should be established for the City Council.

It was agreed no action would be taken and on motion of Council Member Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed, by roll call vote, to take no action on Ordinance No. 2954 and Resolution No. 8429.

Vote: 5-0 Passed (Approved to take no action)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 8427 Street Vacation No. 186 Jasper Avenue

Mayor Tejeda opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik, for a summary of a proposed street vacation (SV 186). The Applicant, Madison Capital Group, requested the City vacate an excess public right-of-way that is three (3) feet wide and 404 feet in length along the westerly side of Jasper Avenue, and along the eastern property line of the commercial property located at the southwest corner of the Naples Avenue Jasper Avenue intersection. One written comment was received from Southern California Gas Company, stating they did not maintain gas piping facilities within the proposed area. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion of Council Member Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8427 to vacate the portion of Jasper Avenue along the east property line street frontage of the parcel located at the southwest corner of Naples Avenue and Jasper Avenue (APN: 0298-051-07-0000).

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8424 Street Vacation No. 187 North Church Street

Mayor Tejeda opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik, for a summary of a proposed street vacation (SV 187). The Applicant, Michael Frazier, requested the City vacate an excess public right-of-way that is four (4) feet wide and 152.91 feet in length along the easterly side of North Church Street, and across the front property line of the residential property located 710 North Church Street. One written comment was received from Southern California Gas Company, stating they did not maintain gas piping facilities within the proposed area. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion of Council Member Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8424, approving Street Vacation No. 187 to vacate an excess public right-of-way that is four (4) feet wide and 152.91 feet in length along the easterly side of North Church Street, and across the front property line of the residential property located 710 North Church Street (APNs: 0170-071-03-0000 and 0170-071-04-0000)

Vote: 5-0 Passed

Resolution No. 8425 Street Vacation No. 188 Highland Avenue

Mayor Tejeda opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik, for a summary of a proposed street vacation (SV 188). The Applicant, Hicks and Harwick, Inc., requested the City vacate excess public right-of-way along East Highland Avenue, which is ten (10) feet wide and 998 feet in length, along the southerly side of East Highland Avenue and approximately 50 feet west of Redlands Street/South Lincoln Street, along the entire frontage of the previously approved Tract Map No. 20065. As public comment, Steve Rogers wondered why the City was not receiving compensation for the vacation. He maintained this was an engineering function and not something that should fall under the Development Services Department, and he

added that utility companies should be notified of vacating right-of-way intentions. Director Desatnik said the City does contact all utility companies in advance and land use engineers work out of the Development Services Department and have properly reviewed the items. One written comment was received from Southern California Gas Company, stating they did not maintain gas piping facilities within the proposed area. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion of Council Member Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8425, vacating excess public right-of-way along East Highland Avenue, which is ten (10) feet wide and 998 feet in length, along the southerly side of East Highland Avenue and approximately 50 feet west of Redlands Street/South Lincoln Street, along the entire frontage of the previously approved Tract Map No. 20065 (APN: 0174-161-25-0000).

Vote: 5-0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2953 Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore

On December 6, 2022, Council Member Davis proposed an alternative method for the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and as a result of their discussions, Council directed staff to bring forth changes to the City's Municipal Code as it pertains to the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. She explained the proposal under review tonight, outlined a 1-year seniority-based rotation with the most senior Council Member becoming Mayor, and the 2nd most senior serving as Mayor Pro Tem. At the end of the 1-year term, the Mayor Pro Tem would then rotate into the role of Mayor. An "opt-out" clause was included in the proposal to allow a Council Member to decline serving as Mayor. Ordinance No. 2953 removes language concerning the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and their terms of office from the municipal code. Resolution No. 8414 replaces the previous selection process, describes the seniority based rotation, and will take effect on the effective date of Ordinance No. 2953.

Council Members offered their perspectives regarding the proposal, with Council Members Guzman-Lowery and Davis pointing out that the methodology was designed to represent the districts equally and provide for inclusivity and diversity. Council Member Saucedo favored the current system that allowed for council members to determine who would fill the leadership roles for two years. Mayor Pro Tem Barich said he was not opposed to the rotation method in general, but could not accept a 1-year rotation model, stating he thought one year was not enough time to properly learn the mayoral role. Mayor Tejeda was not convinced the rotation proposal served the City's best interests and that while other cities may have implemented the process, it did not automatically mean it was suited for Redlands.

As public comment, five speakers, including Kathy Sadanala, Jenn Kim, John Roach, Traci Lowenthal and Richard O'Donnell supported the annual rotation method because the system was equitable and provided for a defined timeline allowing each district access and opportunity to serve in the top leadership roles. Richard O'Donnell did add, though, that he was opposed to an opt-out clause and urged Council to remove this so that every district was represented. Gail Howard and Andy Hoder opposed the rotation methodology and thought it focused only on making sure everyone had a chance to be mayor, and not on whether people possessed appropriate

leadership skills to serve. Steve Rogers raised his dislike of the by-district election system and thought that voters had less representation now that they were allowed to vote for only one candidate.

During a lengthy dialogue, Council Members considered the merits of a 2-year term versus a 1-year term, the rotation timing and whether it appropriately coincided with the election cycle, and the time required to assume the extra duties required of the mayor. Council Members searched for consensus and worked towards a compromise, agreeing to a rotation schedule that would keep the terms of office of the mayor and mayor pro tem to two years.

On motion of Council Member Davis, seconded by Mayor Tejeda, the City Council introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2953 changing Chapter 2.02 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, their respective terms of office; and adopted Resolution No. 8414, as amended, to provide for a rotating schedule beginning December 2024 and continuing thereafter, every even numbered year.

Vote: 4-1 Passed

NAY: Council Member Mario Saucedo

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Due to the late hour, no Council Member announcements were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further action required, Mayor Tejeda adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M. With the cancelation of the January 3, 2023 City Council meeting, the next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on January 17, 2023.

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