

MINUTES

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on August 23, 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; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director

Mayor Barich 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 address them on any subject within the jurisdiction of the City Council which was not already scheduled on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution No. 8384 Remote Teleconference Meetings

Council Member Davis opened the discussion concerning Resolution No. 8384, authorizing remote teleconference meetings by the City Council and all Boards, Commissions, and Committees. She pointed out the pandemic was still very active in the community and providing options to participate remotely was extremely valuable not only to Council Members but to the public, as well. She reminded everyone that this supported the goals of equity and inclusion, recently incorporated in the Strategic Plan. Mayor Barich admitted he was not a fan of zoom meetings and instead, preferred meetings be held in-person, with members of the public taking the time to address the Council face-to-face. He added the City had encountered technological issues earlier in the month and was required to hold the same meeting twice. Council Member Guzman-Lowery suggested the various ways in which to attend a meeting through zoom provided for more public engagement and inclusivity. The Council raised the matter of considering making remote teleconference meetings permanent. Council Member Gallagher encouraged the City to continue the practice of reevaluating every 30 days and to verify the positions of the State and County. City Attorney Abich Garcia recommended the Council adopt this resolution tonight to follow AB 361, but suggested staff prepare a resolution to consider declaring remote teleconference meetings as a meeting rule.

On motion of Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8384 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

Resolution No. 8383 California Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8383 authorizing the City of Redlands to enroll and participate in the California Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Mayor Barich recessed the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on September 6, 2022.

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