

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 April 5, 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; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; 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 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 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)

Agency Negotiator:
Employee Organizations:

Assistant City Manager McConnell
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 6:18 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 McHugh announced that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation April 2022 DMV/Donate Life California

Mayor Barich presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 2022, as DMV/Donate Life California to John VanCampen, representing One Legacy.

Proclamation U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary 45th Anniversary

Mayor Barich presented a proclamation declaring April 1, 2022, as The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 45th Anniversary to Denver Driberg, representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Proclamation Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month

Council Member Davis presented a proclamation declaring April 2022, as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month to Margo Mullen, who represents the Arts Council of San Bernardino County, and presides as Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. This is the 4th Annual Statewide awareness and advocacy event that recognizes the crucial role of arts, culture and creativity in the lives of everyone and celebrates the power of the arts in the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline.

SBCTA Rail Project Concerns - Marcos Vingochea, owner of Excel Automotive, listed the difficulties his business has experienced as a direct result of the SBCTA Rail Project. He stated his complaints have been mostly ignored by SBCTA, and he added that because they chose to do nothing, he was forced to move his business, incurring many costly expenses.

Proposed Clinic - Danielle Buirge raised questions concerning a mental health clinic proposed to go in a residential neighborhood, located at 1030 E Brockton Avenue. She suggested the City investigate the clinic for potential code enforcement violations, including her concerns that the owner was planning to use powerful drugs on patients, which may not be a permitted use for this area.

Council Member Ethics - Randall Morris urged the City to establish ethical standards to hold Council Members accountable for their actions, and he complained that the cost of running for local office was much too high. He thought this discouraged many citizens from seeking office.

Water Conservation - Speaking remotely, Nancy Blastos described ongoing water shortages throughout the state as an existential threat to everyone's quality of life. She requested the Council take the matter seriously, promote conservation programs and apply the programs to everyone, including the City itself.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2022.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Arbor Day

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized the issuance of a proclamation for calendar year 2022 recognizing the celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Redlands.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation DMV/Donate Life California

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized the issuance of a proclamation declaring the month of April 2022 as DMV/Donate Life California.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation US Coast Guard Auxiliary 45th Anniversary

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved the proclamation declaring April 1, 2022, as The US Coast Guard Auxiliary 45th Anniversary.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Dolores Huerta Day

Mayor Pro Tem Tejeda was pleased to request a proclamation be issued declaring April 10, 2022, as Dolores Huerta Day, one of the most influential labor activists of the 20th century who became the first Latina inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. She was a positive force for change, as both an organizer and an activist and worked tirelessly alongside Cesar Chavez. Together they founded the National Farm Workers Association in order to raise awareness to the plight and difficulties encountered by agricultural workers who were frequently exploited and unfairly treated.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring April 10, 2022, as Dolores Huerta Day.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring the month of April 2022 as Arts,

Culture, and Creativity Month.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee Appointment

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously appointed Joseph Valdivia of the Redlands Police Officers Association to serve a one-year term as the public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee beginning April 21, 2022, and ending April 21, 2023; and appointed Mike Foster of the Redlands Association of Mid-Management Employees to serve a one-year term as the non-public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee beginning April 21, 2022, and ending April 21, 2023.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Cultural Arts Commission Appointment

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed Jina Edwards to serve the remainder of a four-year term on the Cultural Arts Commission ending January 6, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8316 Remote Teleconference Meetings

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8316, 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

Conflict of Interest Code Review

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously directed staff to review the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Redlands.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and Release between the City of Redlands and Chase Management, Inc. Under the terms of the

agreement, the City agrees to pay Chase \$50,000 to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies associated with a civil action in the California Superior Court for the County of San Bernardino Superior, Case No. CIVDS1907758.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

National Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the County of San Bernardino for the use of Redlands' local allocation of National Opioid Settlement Funds. Redlands' allocation from the settlement agreement must be used exclusively for future opioid remediation in one or more areas described in the list of opioid remediation uses, as presented in the staff report.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Support Letter of AB 1627 and AB 1628

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously authorized Mayor Barich to sign a letter on behalf of the City of Redlands in support of AB 1627 and AB 1628. The bills are sponsored by Assemblyman James Ramos.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

State Homeland Security Grant Program Award

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously approved the grant award from the FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program, and an additional appropriation of \$23,568 to the Police Department. The funds will be used to acquire six tactical ballistic vests to be worn by members of the Redlands Police Department SWAT team. The vests will be invaluable to the safety of these first-responders during tactical operations and other high-risk situations.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Mills Act Contract

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously determined that approval of the agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) ; and approved the Historic Property Contract by and between the City of Redlands and Debashish Ghosh and Atishma Kant for the preservation and benefit of the Historic Resource located 225 East Fern Avenue.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Development Agreements Annual Review

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved to receive and file the notice to conduct an annual review of approved Development Agreements in accordance with Chapter 18.220 of the Redlands Municipal Code, which include the following agreements: Mountainview Power Company, Robertson's Ready Mix, Ltd, Cemex Construction Materials, L.P., Cal-Red Facility, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Redlands Health Services and AV Associates, Redlands Community Hospital and ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Building Official Services First Amendment

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering to increase the original agreement from \$29,500 to a total aggregate amount of \$86,400 for Building Official Services while the Development Services Department recruits to fill the vacant Chief Building Official position.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Solid Waste Collection Truck In-Frame Repairs

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved a sole source purchase order with Cummins Sales and Service in the amount of \$57,011.01 for in-frame repairs to a solid waste collection truck.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Redlands Firefighter's Car Show In-Kind Request This item was removed from the agenda. The event has been canceled by the organizers.

Bid Rejection Sewer Collection System Repair Services

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously rejected all bids received for the On-Call Sewer Collection System Repair Services; and directed staff to solicit new bids for on-call sanitary sewer collection system repair services. All bids received were over the engineer's estimate and exceeded available funding in the wastewater service fund.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Contribution to SBVW Conservation District

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously authorized a contribution of \$70,099.25 to San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Habitat Conservation Trust for Wash Plan permitting fees; and approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$70,099.25.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Bid Rejection Orange Blossom Trail Phase 3

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously rejected all bids received for construction of the Orange Blossom Trail Phase 3 Project; and directed staff to solicit new bids for the project. The bids received exceeded the engineer's construction cost estimate for the Project and engineering staff will make minor modifications to the Project specifications to optimize the use of available funds before re-advertising.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously approved the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and Release between the City of Redlands and S.B.C.W. Consulting, Inc. Under the terms of the agreement, the City agrees to pay \$15,000 to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies associated with a civil action in the San Bernardino Superior Court and entitled, S.B.C.W. Consulting, Inc, a California corporation v. City of Redlands, Case No. CIVDS2015309.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action Presentation

Mayor Pro Tem Tejada introduced Linda Hamilton, Redlands Coordinator of Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action (ANCA) and explained he had previously attended an ANCA meeting and was pleased to announce the group had agreed to provide a series of informational presentations to the Council to be held over the next few meetings. Ms. Hamilton provided an overview of the organization and the work they are doing within the City in relation to the effects of climate change. She stated climate change was the most serious threat facing humanity. ANCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization created in Denver, CO in 2017 and now includes more than 20 neighborhoods in Denver and Boulder. Their mission is to build more climate resilient communities by bringing climate action to the neighborhood level. The group was established in Redlands 8 months ago by several people familiar with the Denver program, and they have been guided by a local steering committee. They have worked closely with the University of Redlands Environmental Studies Department, Esri, and other local climate-concerned organizations. She looked forward to upcoming meetings when she will continue to provide additional detail about ANCA.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Annual Report

Chairperson Ryan Johnson and Commissioner Adam Hebden provided the Annual Report for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, highlighting activities and accomplishments for the year. These included welcoming new Commissioners, passage of the new Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy promoting more equitable field usage, the development of a commissioner manual, utilized as a guide for incoming commissioners and possibly even for use across other commissions and boards, continued subcommittee efforts towards the Priority Projects List, partnerships with developers such as MLC Holdings and their future development which will bring additional recreational space and be a welcome addition to the City. Mr. Johnson shared the mural installation at Texonia Park was a huge success, and he listed other accomplishments to include the tennis court conversion to pickleball courts at Ford Park, the Community Center renovations with new flooring and the soon to come kitchen upgrades. They intend to hold in-person park tours again, are still considering a BMX pump track and are seeking ways to grow Commissioner outreach efforts. Commissioner Hebden suggested the public can now download a new app he developed (Redlands Parks App) where people can access current information about all the City's parks. Mayor Pro Tem Tejada and all the Council expressed their appreciation of the tremendous efforts of each and every Commissioner.

Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report

Chairperson Margo Mullen presented the Annual Report for the Cultural Arts Commission, reviewing the Commission's Mission and Initiatives, which included efforts toward increased work with the Council on individual initiatives for public art; meeting with the planning, parks and parking commissions; collaborating with the Arts Council of San Bernardino County. Art initiatives included Murals, Art on Loan, Special Projects, Development Projects, Support and Empowerment, Surveys and Commissioner status updates. Through a series of photos she highlighted Public Art sidewalks; the Packing House District; Orange Blossom Trail murals and collaboration with Sunrise Rotary working with artists Ekaterina Orlovie for a section of the Trail, the Art-on-Loan Program which is first of its kind in public art programs for Redlands, temporary sculpture installations, Special Projects, including an Environmental Art Garden at the dog park, Omnitrans Bus Benches, RUSD Crosswalk Art, Public/ Private Partnerships with Lennar Homes, Nevada Street Holdings and Luxview Apartments, the Art and Culture Master Plan and the recommendations towards the City's annual two-year budget plan. She was excited to share future possibilities, such as a facade improvement grant program and in particular, she pointed to the new City Hall building. Each Council Member thanked her for her contagious enthusiasm and lively presentation.

Resolution No. 8327 City Clerk Compensation

Council Member Gallagher reviewed Resolution No. 8327, relating to the City Clerk's compensation. He pointed out the Clerk was a full time City employee, overseeing a department's operations. The annual salary had not been reviewed or adjusted since its approval in 2009.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8327, adjusting the compensation of the City Clerk and increasing the compensation to \$85,454 per year, effective April 18, 2022,

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement for Body Worn Camera Equipment

Police Chief Catren explained that on February 1, 2022, the City Council approved a five-year lease agreement with Lenslock Inc. for body worn cameras, but after further examination, it was determined an outright purchase of the equipment better met the needs of the department. The agreement will provide for the same program services as was offered in the lease and funding was previously approved in the FY 21/22 budget.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Mick Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Lenslock, Inc. in the amount of \$478,065 for body worn camera equipment and online services; and approved an additional appropriation of \$370,250 from the General Fund's unassigned fund balance.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Tejada announced he intended to bring to a future agenda, consideration and review of the City Treasurer's compensation.

Council Member Davis and City Manager Duggan toured the City's affordable senior housing options with Bruce Laycook.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on April 19, 2022.

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

Chairman Barich 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 Tejada, seconded by Board Member Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Successor Agency Board of Directors' meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on May 3, 2022.

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