

MINUTES

Regular meetings of the City Council and the Redlands Financing Authority of the City of Redlands held on January 18, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Barich, Mayor
Eddie Tejada, 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, Interim Fire Chief

This was conducted as a teleconference meeting held in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California 92373 and held in the Grand View Room, Redlands Community Senior Center, 111 West Lugonia, Redlands, CA 92374.

Mayor Barich, Mayor Pro Tempore Tejada and Council Member Davis were present in the Council Chamber, while Council Member Guzman-Lowery attended via teleconferencing at the Redlands Community Senior Center. Most City staff participated remotely. All votes during the meetings were conducted by roll call.

Mayor Barich called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with real property negotiators - Government Code §54956.8
(Municipal and Utilities and Engineering Director Harris)

Property:	APNs 0300-451-13-0000, 0300-451-14-0000, 0300-451-24-0000, 0300-451-25-0000; (Property located on Helen Court)
Agency Negotiators:	Charles M. Duggan and John R. Harris
Negotiating Party:	Cathy A. Macknet, Kenneth D. Macknet II, Mark R. Macknet
Under negotiation:	Terms of payment and price of possible property purchase by City

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(Municipal and Utilities and Engineering Director Harris)

Property:	APNs 0318-061-07-0000, 0318-111-02-0000, 0303-071-14-0000, 0299-321-04-0000
Agency Negotiators:	Charles M. Duggan and John R. Harris
Negotiating Party:	South Mountain Water Company

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M.

2022 By-District Council Member Election Boundaries

Mayor Barich opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik who introduced Todd Tatum, of National Demographics Corporation (NDC). Mr. Tatum provided a brief overview of the redistricting process to examine the current district boundaries and how that lines up with the 2020 Census data. He highlighted the following City specific information: Current Total Population is 73,385; Each District population should be roughly 14,680; Current Deviation is 3.60%; The current District Map is considered 'Balanced' based on the criteria of the California Voting Rights Act and the City would not need to make changes to the districts. The districts must be substantially equal in population and the draft map, which is based on existing district boundaries has been reviewed for compliance with Federal and State law including the Voting Rights Act and the Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act. He reviewed the federal laws, state criteria and listed other traditional redistricting principles, including: Minimizing voters shifted to different election years; Respecting voters' choices / continuity in office; Future population growth; Preserving the core of existing districts.

Mayor Pro Tem Tejeda requested the Council consider developing a new map which might reflect more balance among all the districts and offer a deviation of less than 3.60%, as seen in the consultant's map. He mentioned that in 2017 when the City was first determining district boundaries, a map was drawn by students and professors from the University of Redlands, and he recommended this map could be utilized as a guide for establishing tighter balances among the districts. Mr. Tatum agreed this was certainly doable and NDC could immediately begin to draw a new map. With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Materials for members of the public to utilize for drawing draft district maps and submitting proposed maps to the City are available on the City's redistricting website, which can be found at drawredlands.org where the current election district boundary map, demographics and paper mapping tools can be found. The public is invited to submit information regarding their Communities of Interest and proposed district boundaries for the 2021 redistricting process by January 31, 2022, and all draft maps will be published to the website on February 7, 2022. The future hearing date to consider draft maps will be held on February 15, 2022, and for final map adoption by April 17, 2022.

Invocation

Council Member Guzman-Lowery presented an invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Council Member Appointment District 5

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the appointment of Mick Gallagher to serve

on the City Council representing Council District 5 until a newly elected Council Member takes office in December 2022.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Oath of Office - City Clerk Donaldson administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council Member Gallagher

Mayor Barich recessed the meeting briefly and reconvened at 6:27 P.M.

Appointee Comments - Council Member Gallagher recognized the tremendous service of former Council Member Paul W. Foster and thanked the Council Members for placing their confidence in him with this appointment. He expressed his appreciation of the City, his wife, Sandie, and was honored to serve again on the Council.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Mayor Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2021.

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

ABSTAIN: Council Member Gallagher

Emergency Resolution No. 8065 Report

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Report regarding Emergency Resolution No. 8065 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

2020-21 Year-End Encumbrance and Carryover Balances

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, additional appropriations of 2020-21 Year-End Encumbrance and Carryover Balances.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Cellular Tower Lease Revision

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the revised request to co-locate facilities on an existing cellular tower lease site at the Dearborn Reservoir site is exempt from environmental review under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the revised Crown Castle Consent Request to co-locate facilities on an existing cellular tower lease site at the Dearborn Reservoir site.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8290 Yucaipa Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8290, to adopt the Yucaipa Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Basin No. 8-002.07).

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Aerial Mapping & Land Surveying Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the agreement with Aero Tech Surveys is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Act; and approved an agreement with Aero Tech Surveys to provide aerial mapping and land surveying services for the California Street Landfill in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,000 for the initial term of one year, with the option to extend by two additional one-year terms for a total amount not-to-exceed \$117,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Traffic Signal Cabinet Battery Backup Systems Purchase

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the purchase order is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Act; and approved a sole source purchase order with NexTech Systems, Inc. for the provision of traffic signal cabinet battery backup systems in an amount not to exceed \$48,500.81.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Request to Consume Alcohol at Smiley Park Watchorn Lincoln Dinner

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the request for the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a City park during the Watchorn Lincoln Dinner 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 request for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Smiley Park during the Lincoln Dinner to be held on February 12, 2022.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

California Market Match Program Grant Acceptance

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the acceptance of the California Market Match Program Grant through the Ecology Center in the amount of \$4,260; and approved an additional appropriation of the same.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee Appointment

On motion of Council Member Mick Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Edward Ico to serve the remainder of an unexpired term representing Council District 2 on the Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee ending April 20, 2025, as recommended by Mayor Pro Tem Tejada.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Video Series Making Redlands a Better Place

Public Information Officer Baker presented a new video from the video series "Working for You: Making Redlands a Better Place." This month's video highlighted Aaron Canedo, Water Distribution Supervisor. Filming and production work was provided by Cheryl Williams, Multimedia Production Coordinator.

Hometown Heroes Recognition

Assistant City Manager Boatman commemorated military service members whose banners have been retired from the Redlands Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program. The program recognizes and honors Redlands residents and their immediate family members who are actively serving in, or have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. Council Member Gallagher offered his heartfelt thanks to this group of Hometown Heroes. With appreciation for their sacrifice associated with military service to our country, the following banners have been retired:

1. Andrew Felarca, Navy - Banner flown over the streets of Redlands from May 2013 to

March 2021

2. Anthony Garcia, Army - Banner flown over the streets of Redlands from May 2012 to March 2021

3. Skylar Nieman, Army - Banner flown over the streets of Redlands from May 2012 to March 2021

4. Jacob Rechsteiner, Army - Banner flown over the streets of Redlands from November 2012 to March 2021

5. Alexander Tovar, Marines - Banner flown over the streets of Redlands from November 2012 to March 2021

Council Ad Hoc COVID-19 Subcommittee

Mayor Pro Tem Tejada explained that in 2020, the City Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of then Mayor Foster and Mayor Pro Tem Davis, who provided guidance to staff on matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the recent retirement of Paul Foster, a vacancy exists on the Subcommittee, and Mayor Pro Tem Tejada expressed an interest in filling the empty seat. Council Member Davis thanked Mayor Pro Tem Tejada for his willingness to serve on the Subcommittee.

On motion of Mayor Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Mayor Pro Tem Tejada to the Council Ad Hoc COVID-19 Subcommittee, to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Council Member Foster.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Renaming Shoppers Lane

Council Member Davis recapped events leading to the consideration of the renaming of Shoppers Lane to Al Harris Avenue. Mr. Harris, a long-time employee of Krikorian Theater, was beloved by many in the community. Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery fully supported the renaming, not only as a way to honor the man, but also to honor the over 10,000 electronic signatures collected. Council Member Gallagher and Mayor Barich stressed the City should use the highest standards when naming streets and public places. They agreed Mr. Harris was a great guy, but they raised questions whether he was the most deserving of this honor. Mayor Barich put forth the name of Joseph A. Rivera, a Latino and the City's first constable.

As public comment, Robb McDermott stated that he created the petition and collected the signatures. He and Andy Hoder listed various reasons for their support to rename the street to Al Harris Avenue. Phil Courtney added he had spoken with the LOOK theater owner, and they were planning to build a memorial wall for Al Harris. Mario Saucedo, of Common Vision Coalition, and Toni Momberger provided some historical background of Joseph A. Rivera and urged the Council to consider honoring him by renaming the street in his memory. Council Members continued to discuss the matter at length with no clear consensus.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery, the City Council failed, by roll call vote, to rename Shoppers Lane to Al Harris Avenue.

Vote: 2 - 3 Failed

Another motion, made by Mayor Pro Tem Tejeda, to rename Shoppers Lane in honor of Joseph A. Rivera, failed due to lack of a second. Resolution No. 8291 Virtual City Council Meetings

Assistant City Manager McConnell provided background related to holding virtual City Council meetings in compliance with Assembly Bill 361. She listed the specific requirements for public agencies to hold virtual meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency to remain in compliance with the Brown Act, including the requirement to provide a way for real-time public comments to be made. She presented Resolution No. 8291, authorizing remote teleconference meetings by the City Council and all boards, commissions and committees of the City in accordance with AB 361. Council Member Davis encouraged her colleagues to support the resolution to allow the Council flexibility and give the option to attend meetings remotely, while also protecting the public health.

On motion of Council Member Denise Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8291.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Parking Requirements Downtown Specific Plan

Mayor Barich opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik for details on the proposal to amend the Redlands Municipal Code pertaining to developments standards in the C-3, General Commercial District to allow residential density in accordance with the existing provisions of Measure “U,” and modify the parking requirements for mixed use development and multifamily-attached residential development projects located within one-half mile of a train station. The 2035 General Plan encourages new infill development in the interior core areas of the City and around the three new train stations in particular. This infill development is to emphasize transit-oriented development, of which compact mixed uses (residential combined with commercial uses) play a key role. The proposed amendments will reduce ambiguity concerning density allowed in the C-3, General Commercial zone for the downtown area and modify on-site parking standards for mixed-use projects and residential projects located within one-half mile of a train station. This will better match the actual parking demands of transit-oriented developments. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed code amendment and voted 4 to 1 recommending approval to the City Council.

Council Member Gallagher and Mayor Barich were not convinced the parking demands of downtown development would be reduced, and they expressed concerns that the public will continue to drive their vehicles and will still need to park. Mayor Pro Tem Tejeda wanted to make it clear to everyone that the Council was aware the public considered parking to be a big concern, and he said addressing those concerns was a priority of the City. Council Members Davis and Guzman-Lowery supported the amendments and the transit village concept, built on smart growth through the use of smarter planning and development principles.

As public comment, Andy Hoder did not support the proposals, questioned the math used to determine the projected parking needs and reminded everyone that former Council Member Foster publicly opposed these changes, stating the developers were the ones to benefit. Ruth Cook stressed the nature of finding the right balance between having just enough parking and

having too much parking. Brian Seghers stated that parking spaces downtown were already limited, and he was concerned the amendments would favor large developers and place an undue burden on small business owners. No written comments were received and Mayor Barich closed the public hearing.

Director Desatnik pointed out that walkability attracts the public to a downtown area, and he recommended the City better utilize the existing parking spaces and work towards informing and educating the public. City Manager Duggan added the proposals were not intended as a developer incentive but were meant to standardize the actual need with the demand. He said he was planning to direct staff to reexamine the downtown parking situation and provide a report to Council in the next fiscal year.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2930 (Ordinance Text Amendment No. 360), to amend Title 18 of the Redlands Municipal Code by modifying Chapter 18.92.080(B) pertaining to developments standards in the C-3, General Commercial District to allow residential density in accordance with the existing provisions of Measure “U,” and modify the parking requirements for mixed use development and multifamily-attached residential development projects located within one-half mile of a train station; and approved Resolution No. 8274 Specific Plan Amendment No. 22 to the Downtown Specific Plan (Specific Plan No. 45), to amend Section III, Part C (Property Development Standards), sub-sections 1.7 and 3.7 of Specific Plan No. 45, to modify the on-site parking requirements for mixed use development and multifamily attached residential development projects located within one-half mile of a train station.

Vote: 3 - 2 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 8263 Independent Contractor Agreements

Assistant City Manager Boatman reviewed Resolution No. 8263 authorizing the City Manager to approve standard form Independent Contractor Agreements for recreational services and programs, administered by the Facilities and Community Services Department Recreational Division. He explained the change to the procedures will enhance the number of programs offered through the Recreation Division and will provide for a more efficient and timely permitting process. The current process requires that each similar agreement be considered and approved by the City Council. The proposed resolution would streamline this process and allow the City Manager or designated City staff to administratively approve the Recreation Division standard form of independent contractor agreements.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Mick Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8263, authorizing the City Manager to approve standard form Independent Contractor Agreements for recreational services and programs, administered by the Facilities and Community Services Department Recreational Division; and determined that approval of the resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

CFD Landscape Services Amendment

Assistant City Manager Boatman presented the need for the First Amendment to the non-professional services agreement with RP Landscape and Irrigation to increase the second renewal annual compensation from \$66,036 to \$122,663.92 and the total compensation under the Agreement to an amount not-to-exceed \$254,735.92. Staff performed a cost projection for the existing contract and determined that an additional \$56,627.92 will be needed for the remainder of the agreement to address additional landscaping.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the first amendment to the non-professional services agreement with RP Landscape and Irrigation 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 non-professional services agreement with RP Landscape and Irrigation to increase the second renewal annual total compensation from \$66,036 to \$122,663.92; and the total compensation under the agreement to an amount not-to-exceed \$254,735.92.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

WWTP Recycled Water Reservoir Engineering Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Director Harris introduced a Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers for the WWTP Recycled Water Reservoir Engineering Project. The intent of the project is to engineer two 1.5 MG recycled water reservoirs at the WWTP to store this water for a more beneficial use. One reservoir is scheduled for construction in FY 22/23, and the second reservoir is scheduled for construction in FY 23/24.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Mick Gallagher, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved an additional expenditure appropriation of \$734,839 from the Non-Potable Capital Improvement Fund (532), which is a Development Impact Fee Fund; and approved the Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers for the WWTP Recycled Water Reservoir Engineering Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$734,839.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council Member Davis thanked City Attorney McHugh for his participation with the Youth Council held via zoom on January 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on February 1, 2022

REDLANDS FINANCING AUTHORITY

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 Redlands Financing Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None forthcoming

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Tejeda, seconded by Board Member Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2021, were approved, by roll call vote.

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

ABSTAIN: Board Member Gallagher

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redlands Financing Authority adjourned at 8:07 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on May 17, 2022.

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