

# MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on January 20, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

**Present:** Mario Saucedo, Mayor  
Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Tem  
Paul Barich, Council Member  
Eddie Tejada, Council Member  
Denise Davis, Council Member

**Staff:** Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Phillip Doolittle, City Treasurer; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager/Interim Development Services Director; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Rachel Tolber, Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management Director; Ray Casey, Interim Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director

Mayor Saucedo 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. Council Member Davis recused herself from voting on Item C.2, due to property ownership within 500 feet of the Grove School.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

## CLOSED SESSION

Conference with real property negotiators - Government Code §54956.8  
(Assistant City Manager Christopher Boatman)

Property:	0292-401-01 (Vacant Land)
Agency Negotiators:	Charles M. Duggan, City Manager; Christopher Boatman, Assistant City Manager
Negotiating Party:	Terry W. Tompson, Director, Real Estate Services Department, County of San Bernardino
Under Negotiation:	Terms of payment and price for possible purchase of property by the City

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Property:	APN: 0292-166-08-0000 (Grove School)
Agency Negotiators:	Charles M. Duggan, City Manager; Christopher Boatman, Assistant City Manager
Negotiating Party:	Dr. Michelle Sweezey, Head of School, The Grove School
Under Negotiation:	Terms of possible property transfer to Grove School

## RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Council Member Davis followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced there was no reportable action taken during the closed session. She noted that Council Member Davis recused herself from voting on Item C.2, due to property ownership within 500 feet of the Grove School.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Stop Sign Request - Yesenia Amaya and Alejandra Pastran urged the Council to address their traffic and safety concerns regarding Brockton Avenue, and they requested the City install a stop sign or add speed bumps at Brockton and Berkeley Drive. They complained that people drive recklessly with no regard for residents.

City Manager Duggan stated the City is currently reviewing this request.

Cypress & Cajon Traffic Signal - Bob Scarpace raised concerns with the recent approval to install a traffic signal at Cypress Avenue and Cajon Street, which he said would not eliminate accidents. He was worried about students due to the proximity of Kingsbury Elementary, and he feared the signal would prompt drivers to speed and rush to make the light. He suggested instead, the City install a double stop sign.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Minutes

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2025.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

### Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee Appointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Matthew Swenson of the Redlands Professional Firefighter's Association to serve the remainder of a one-year term as the public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee ending July 18, 2026; and appointed Eli Salazar of the Teamsters to serve the remainder of a one-year term as the non-public safety bargaining unit member on the Measure T Oversight Committee ending July 18, 2026.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

### Utilities Advisory Committee Appointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously reappointed, by roll call vote, Aholibama Ojeda, Dan Jimenez, John James, and Richard Corneille to each serve another two-year term on the 2026 Utilities Advisory Committee beginning January 17, 2026, and ending January 16, 2028; and appointed Damian

Northcutt, Edwina Thomas, and Paul Toor to each serve a two-year term on the 2026 Utilities Advisory Committee beginning January 17, 2026, and ending January 16, 2028, in support of the water and wastewater rate study.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Library Board of Trustees Appointments

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously reappointed, by roll call vote, William Hatfield and Kate Pretorius to each serve a three-year term on the Library Board of Trustees ending January 1, 2029.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

Ordinance No. 2993 ADU Development Standards/Design Regulations Staff requested this item be pulled from the agenda. The matter will be brought back to the Council for consideration at a future meeting.

#### Side Letter Agreements RAFME and RPFA

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the side letter agreements between the City of Redlands and (i) the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees and (ii) the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association, which amend and modify the respective articles within each Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to longevity pay, for the purpose of ensuring compliance with California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) reporting requirements; and approved Salary Resolution No. 8749, including the updated salary schedule for the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees and the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Terminate Public Works Contract WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously terminated, by roll call vote, the Public Works Construction Contract with Demo Leaders, Inc. for the WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project; and rejected all bids received for the WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project and directed staff to solicit new bids for the project. After issuance of the Notice of Award, the contractor became nonresponsive and later notified the City that, due to unforeseen circumstances, they were unable to execute the Contract. The second-lowest bidder was deemed nonresponsive due to significant errors in their bid, and the remaining bids exceeded both the construction cost estimate and the available budget.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Ordinance No. 2988 Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dogs

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2988 amending in its entirety Chapter 6.05 of Title 6 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dogs.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

#### Ordinance No. 2989 Noisy Animals

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2989 amending in its entirety Section 6.24.120 of Chapter 6.24 of Redlands Municipal Code regulating Noisy Animals.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Annual Report Parks and Recreation Commission

Chairman Douglas Gonzales presented the Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRC). He shared notable achievements of the Commission, including, working with the consultant in preparation of the Parks Master Plan, pursuit of a native garden initiative, Israel Beal Park tree dedication, Leland Silvester Bain park bench dedication at the Redlands Lawn Bowling Club, the outreach efforts to engage the public and gather feedback to help shape the future of Texonia Park, and the annual review of sports field use allocations. He noted that Vice Chair Justin Weekley had recently announced he would be stepping down from the commission, and Mr. Gonzales thanked him for all his great work over the years. Director Crocker addressed a question about the timeline to implement the use of Coyazo Park for the Jr. All American Football program and suggested use could begin as early as this spring, but first the City will need to take ownership of the park. Mayor Saucedo and Council Member Barich congratulated the Commission on their commitment to the city.

#### Annual Report Airport Advisory Board

Chairperson Jason Golembeski, of the Airport Advisory Board (AAB), presented the annual report of accomplishments and activities planned for 2026. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council with the main goal of making the facility a safer place. A review of projects in 2025 included, West ramp reseal project, the Compass Rose repaint with the Redlands Airport Association, continued coyote wildlife mitigation, taxiway light audit and fix, and fence vegetation clearance. Events held at the airport included Plane Or Treat and Stuff a Plane (Redlands Airport Association). He was pleased to report that Ted Richardson, the new airport supervisor, has stepped into his role, making an immediate and positive impact. He said the aviation business is thriving, and he highlighted the airport's operational numbers. He added there is still ongoing discussion related to proposed airspace changes. Looking ahead to 2026, the Board will begin a new quarterly meeting schedule, will welcome new members, monitor upcoming projects, and continue to involve the community to grow interest in the airport. Mayor Saucedo and Mayor Pro Tem Shaw thanked the board members for the dedication and service.

### NEW BUSINESS

### Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Develop License Agreement with RHMA

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced the recommendation to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to develop a License Agreement with the Redlands Historical Museum Association for the Museum of Redlands. On June 17, 2025, the City Council approved a Real Estate Transfer Agreement between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Historical Museum Association (RHMA), through which RHMA conveyed ownership of the Museum of Redlands property at 1 North Center Street, to the City, at no cost.

A License Agreement would address matters such as RHMA's use of office space, access to shared facilities, operation of the Museum store and event pavilion, financial reporting requirements, and coordination of volunteers and fundraising activities. Developing this agreement will provide clarity regarding roles and responsibilities, protect the City's interests as the property owner, and ensure RHMA has clearly defined parameters under which it may continue to support and enhance the Museum of Redlands. Any proposed agreement developed through this process would be brought back to the full City Council for consideration and approval at a future public meeting. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee would be limited in scope and duration, and would automatically dissolve upon completion of its task.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the formation of an Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee to work with City staff to develop a License Agreement for Redlands Historical Museum Association's ongoing role at the Museum of Redlands, which will automatically dissolve without further action by this City Council upon Council consideration of the proposed agreement; and appointed Council Member Barich and Council Member Davis to serve on the Ad Hoc Museum of Redlands Subcommittee.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

### LFG Blower Skid and Flare Purchase for CA Street Landfill & WWTP

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reviewed the request to purchase a landfill gas (LFG) blower skid and flare for the California Street Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$961,500. The landfill's current flare system, used to safely burn off landfill gas, is more than 25 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. Aging flares are less efficient, may release harmful pollutants such as methane and volatile organic compounds, and present safety risks including uncontrolled gas releases or fire hazards.

In addition, new federal and regional regulations, including the EPA's 2024 Clean Air Act updates and South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 1118.1, require stricter emissions controls and monitoring than the current system can provide. Replacing the existing flare with an ultra-low emissions flare system will maintain compliance and improve safety. This system is specifically designed to handle both landfill gas (LFG) and wastewater digester gas (DG), operating under hazardous conditions while meeting all federal, state, and SCAQMD requirements.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of this purchase 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 purchase of a landfill gas blower skid and flare for the California Street Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not-to-exceed \$961,500.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### Veterinary Services and Medical Supplies Agreement

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker summarized an agreement with VVC of California, LLC. dba Pet Hospital of Redlands + Urgent Care to provide veterinary services and medical supplies to the Redlands Animal Services Division for a three-year term for an amount not to exceed \$774,156. The proposal from Pet Hospital of Redlands demonstrated capacity to meet service needs, reporting and communication with the division and reflected an understanding of operational requirements based on their prior performance with other public entities.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the veterinary services agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, as the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment; and approved the agreement with VVC of California, LLC. dba Pet Hospital of Redlands + Urgent Care to provide veterinary services and medical supplies to the Redlands Animal Services Division for an amount not to exceed \$774,156.00.

**Vote: 5 - 0 Passed**

#### COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Saucedo enjoyed several Christmas and holiday events. He attended the SBCTA's first meeting in 2026, a broker's open house for the North Palisades project, an Interfaith Shabbat celebration at Congregation Emanu El, and the MLK Youth Kamp at The Village SBC.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw submitted his report of activities for the month of December 2025, as available online and attached to the staff report.

Council Member Barich attended the Library Board meeting.

Council Member Tejeda participated in an introductory meeting with new representatives from Amazon to get to know their public relations team.

Council Member Davis enjoyed a Girl Scout event held at Fire Station No. 1, thanked Chief Tolber for her presentation to Youth Council, attended the first meeting of the Food Security Task Force, the opening of an exhibit at the Civil Rights Institute in Riverside, and enjoyed an Interfaith Shabbat celebration at Congregation Emanu El.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on February 3, 2026.

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