

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on February 17, 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/Development Services Interim Director; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Rachel Tolber, Police Chief; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management Director; Ray Casey, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Interim Director

Mayor Saucedo called the meeting to order and announced there were no closed session matters scheduled for the City Council to consider. The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Saucedo explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline.

New Businesses Supporting Youth - Ryan Rainbolt, Bill Tynan, Matisse Rainbolt and Isabella Rainbolt introduced their three separate, yet aligned, companies, all focused on a single goal: fostering community growth and supporting young people. They declared the shared mission was to help our youth discover what they're capable of through hands-on learning labs. The companies include, Enchanted Education, a STEAM Education and Career Exploration company, Step By Step Cultural Arts, and Rhino and Crow Arts Education. Additionally, they were grateful to the Redlands Police Department for their humane approach when interacting with the homeless population near the businesses on Orange Tree Lane, and they requested the police continue to monitor the encampment.

Various Concerns - Joshua Hall was concerned that the perpetrator in the recent shooting in Rhode Island was transgender, and he condemned the anti-ICE protests, viewing them as a display of contempt for the country.

BMX Pump Track - Nick Johnson was delighted to learn the City was working towards adding a BMX pump track near the Redlands Skatepark. He suggested it would provide significant community value and create a positive impact for people of all ages. He willingly offered his

services to help raise funds and promote the project.

RUSD Board Meetings - Peter Hall described the divisive nature of the recent RUSD board meetings, noting that he thought the conduct of members from Together for Redlands has increased polarization. He cited that his brother was removed from the last meeting because he raised issues surrounding the Epstein files.

Reduce Plastic Use - Roop Guyal combined poetry and music, stressing the urgent need to reduce and ultimately eliminate the use of plastic.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of February 3, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Human Relations Commission Appointments

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously appointed, by roll call vote, Germaine Miles to serve a four-year term on the Human Relations Commission ending February 17, 2030; and appointed Daniela Ramirez-Ponce to serve a one-year term, as a College Student Commissioner, on the Human Relations Commission ending December 31, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Adopt Ordinance No. 2999 Keeping of Hens

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2999 Amending Title 6 (Animals) and Title 18 (Zoning Regulations), updating the lists of permitted and accessory land uses, and updating development standards pertaining to the raising or keeping of hens within single-family residential zoning districts.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8750 State-Mandated Fire & Life Safety Inspections Compliance

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8750 accepting the report for Completed State-Mandated Fire and Life Safety Inspections by the City of Redlands Fire Department in compliance with SB 1205 and California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8751 Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance

Fire Chief Sessler explained that Resolution No. 8751 establishes a weed abatement procedure as outlined in Government Code Section 39501. This Code Section authorizes the City's legislative body to compel the owner, lessee, or occupant of buildings, grounds or lots within the city, to remove dirt, rubbish, weeds, and rank growths from buildings, or grounds and adjacent sidewalks. Resolution No. 8751 also requires the City Council to declare weeds to be a public nuisance on known properties, offers notice to property owners, and establishes an opportunity for property owners or occupants to be heard as to why said weeds should not be abated. The public hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2026. As public comment, John Malcolm was hopeful that goat-head weeds would be included in any abatement, and he voiced his support of the action.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8751 declaring weeds to be a public nuisance and setting March 17, 2026, as the Public Hearing for objections to the proposed weed abatement.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Collection Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the agreement for delinquent billing collection services with Cedar Business Services, LLC, related to miscellaneous accounts receivable and delinquent utility billing accounts at least 120 days old after the date of service.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Artlands Creative MOU for Property Enhancements

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Artlands Creative is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act guidelines pursuant to Section 15061; and approved the MOU with Artlands Creative for the implementation of enhancements within a portion of the parcel described as APN 0170-083-03-0000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Downtown Redlands Artwalk In-Kind Request

Assistant City Manager Boatman introduced the request for in-kind support in the amount of \$11,316.50 related to the Downtown Redlands Artwalk event on Sunday, March 29, 2026, hosted by the Kids Cures Foundation. He mentioned this has been an ongoing annual event held over the last several years. As public comment, Dennis Bell declared the in-kind request to be excessive, and it represented a huge increase over last year. He questioned the redaction of the applicant's

tax ID numbers and emails, and he requested the City provide a financial summary of in-kind requests, consistent with past practices.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized and approved the expenditure of city resources and in-kind support in the amount of \$11,316.50; and authorized and approved the temporary street closure detailed in the staff report for the Downtown Redlands Artwalk to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

First Amendment Arts and Culture Master Plan Agreement

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Cultural Planning Group, LLC to extend the term of the agreement until April 2, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Run Through Redlands In-Kind Request

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized and approved the expenditure of city resources and in-kind support in the amount of \$43,875.54; and authorized and approved the temporary street closures and the sale and consumption of alcohol detailed in the staff report for the Run Through Redlands event, to be held on March 1, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Temporary Staffing Agreements

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the first amendment to the agreement with AtWork Personnel Services to increase the total compensation by an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for the final year of the agreement ending June 30, 2026; and approved the first amendment to the agreement with waterTALENT to increase the total compensation by an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for the final year of the agreement ending June 30, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Human Relations Commission Annual Report Commission Chair Ken Ford offered the Annual Report of the Human Relations Commission, listing

activities and accomplishments for 2025. The commission and its subcommittees have been developing a program to celebrate various cultural holidays and enhance the Redlands community. It is expected to be finalized in 2026. They hosted a LGBTQ+ forum with community members as panelists. The event was a great opportunity for everyone to hear each other's opinions in a safe and open environment. The HRC is now represented at the joint Redlands Family Services/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints food drive. Together, over 20,000 pounds of food were collected. Despite the turnover on the commission and sometimes lack of quorums, the Commission has carried on. He commended the student commissioners who have served over the last few years, praising their attendance and strong leadership skills. Council Members thanked Chair Ford and all his fellow commissioners for their dedication and service.

Traffic and Parking Commission Annual Report

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Interim Director Casey announced that the Annual Report, summarizing the Traffic and Parking Commission's accomplishments for the previous year, was attached to the staff report.

FY 2025 ACFR and Audit Results

Management Services/Finance Director Garcia introduced Andrew Roth of The Pun Group, who provided a detailed analysis of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACAFR) and the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures related to the Article XIII-B Appropriations Limit Calculation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The ACAFR communicates the City's financial condition and includes an audited summary report of the financial position and transactions of the City for the fiscal year 2025. The Pun Group LLP, a certified public accounting firm, audited these documents and provided an unmodified opinion of the City's financial statements, stating they are fairly presented and that the information used in the report is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the best opinion that the City can receive from its auditors. Through a series of slides, he highlighted several data points, including the City's Net Position, the General Fund balance as of June 30, 2025, changes in the General Fund balance, the net pension liability, and the audit results, as summarized below:

- Financial Statements are fairly presented in all material respect
- Accounting policies have been consistently applied
- Estimates are reasonable
- Disclosures are properly reflected in the financial statements

As public comment, Dennis Bell voiced his appreciation of the Finance team's work, but he was unhappy that such a lengthy report (321 pages) had been released to the public only five days ago, giving very little opportunity to review it thoroughly. Mayor Saucedo and Council Member Barich were pleased with the numbers reflected in the 'rainy day' funds. Council Members thanked the Pun Group, and Director Garcia and her staff for their exceptional dedication and outstanding effort with the development of the ACAFR. Director Garcia offered special acknowledgments to Assistant Finance Director James Garland and Finance Manager Marie Datuin.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the City of Redlands Annual Comprehensive

Financial Report and the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to the Article XIII-B Appropriations Limit Calculation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Award 2025 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Interim Director Casey reviewed a Public Works Construction Contract with MCC Pipeline, Inc. for the 2025 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,003,595. The Project will replace approximately 2.75 miles of aging and deteriorated water pipelines. Each year, a portion of revenue from water utility rates is used to replace aging water pipelines throughout the City. These pipelines are selected based on maintenance history, inspection records, and coordination with future paving improvements.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Public Works Construction Contract and construction of the 2025 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project are categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15302 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the 2025 CIP Water Pipeline Replacement Project plans and specifications; and approved a Public Works Construction Contract with MCC Pipeline, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,003,595.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

On-Call Sewer Collection System Repair Service Agreement

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Interim Director Casey summarized the non-professional service agreement with Kirtley Construction, Inc. for On-Call Sewer Collection System Repair on an as-needed basis for an amount not-to-exceed \$550,000. The contract requires the contractor to be available twenty-four hours a day and must mobilize for emergency work within two hours of notification.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejada, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a non-professional service agreement with Kirtley Construction, Inc. is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301(b) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the non-professional service agreement with Kirtley Construction Inc. for On-Call Sewer Collection System Repair on an as-needed basis for an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 for the initial term from effective date to June 30, 2026 with the option to extend the agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year terms at \$250,000 each year.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Ordinance No. 3000 Electric Bicycles

Police Chief Tolber presented Ordinance No. 3000 amending Chapter 10.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to electric bicycles (e-bikes). The proposed amendment establishes regulations governing the operation of e-bikes within the City. The ordinance is intended to address public safety concerns associated with increased e-bike usage, align local regulations with California state law, and provide clear operational standards for e-bike users. With the increased usage of e-bikes, the Police Department has reported a significant rise in calls related to e-bike incidents, highlighting the necessity for these regulations. This ordinance not only serves to enhance public safety but also provides a platform for community engagement. The ordinance provides for clear and consistent regulations for e-bike users and aligns with state law, supports infrastructure investments, and addresses the growing use of e-bikes within the community.

Deputy Chief Jeremy Floyd provided detail regarding the three distinct classes of e-bikes based on their operational characteristics, allowing for tailored regulations that enhance safety. In addition, the proposed fines for violations are comparable to those imposed by neighboring jurisdictions. This consistency supports fairness, reinforces compliance, and improves the effectiveness of enforcement efforts.

As public comment, Dennis Bell supported the ordinance but was skeptical about whether the police department had the resources to ensure enforcement. Kevin Stonestreet suggested delaying the vote to allow for a more thorough discussion. Deputy Chief Floyd clarified that e-bikes use pedals and can travel up to 28 mph, while e-motorcycles use pegs and can travel up to 60+ mph (requires a Class M1 or M2 license). E-bikes are allowed on public property such as the Orange Blossom Trail. Assistant City Manager Boatman reported on the recent sightings of e-bike riders constructing ramps and jumps on land owned by SBCTA and Union Pacific, which is not consistent with the law. Council Members highlighted the need for education and working with community partners, including the Redlands Unified School District. Council Member Tejada recommended utilizing strategically placed signage as a tool to inform the public.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 3000 of the City of Redlands Amending Chapter 10.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code Relating to Electric Bicycles.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Purchase and Sale Agreement Property at 611 W. Redlands Boulevard

Assistant City Manager Boatman provided background on a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with Miller & Associates, LLC., and Christopher Collinworth, including assignment of the City's purchase rights for the property located at 611 W. Redlands Boulevard (Assessor Parcel Numbers 0171-031-08 and -09-0000).

This property transaction stems from an inverse condemnation lawsuit filed by the owner, Miller & Associates, Inc. As part of the settlement of that lawsuit, the City was provided the opportunity to purchase the property. This was done in an attempt to offset some of the costs incurred as part of the settlement. The property is located at 611 W. Redlands Boulevard and is situated above a City-owned stormwater facility known as the Mill Creek Zanja. The lawsuit involved claims of damage to the property as a result of the Zanja. In 2025, the City and the property owner entered into a Settlement and Release Agreement to resolve claims related to alleged settlement impacts

associated with the stormwater channel. The settlement amount agreed to with the property owner was \$2,100,000. Additionally, as part of that settlement, the City obtained an option to purchase the property.

The PSA implements that option by allowing the City to assign its purchase rights to a third-party buyer. Under the agreement, the seller will convey the property to the buyer, and the City will participate in the transaction through an Assignment and Assumption Agreement that provides a portion of the purchase funds consistent with the previously approved settlement framework.

The total purchase price for the property was previously negotiated at \$3.4 million. Of that amount, the buyer will purchase the property for \$1.6 million, with the remaining portion of \$1,800,000 funded by the City pursuant to the assignment agreement. An additional \$20,000 is authorized from the City in the assignment agreement to cover the costs of escrow. The buyer will submit an initial deposit and proceed through a short feasibility period, after which escrow is scheduled to close within the timeframe established in the agreement. The agreement reflects the buyer acquiring the property in its existing condition.

Approval of this agreement allows the City to complete implementation of the prior settlement, facilitates the transfer of the property to private ownership and resolves outstanding issues related to the site, in a manner consistent with Council direction. As public comment, Andy Hoder provided a brief history of the Zanja and emphasized the correct pronunciation.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Mayor Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Miller & Associates, LLC., and Christopher Collinsworth, including assignment of the City's purchase rights, is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Miller & Associates, LLC., and Christopher Collinsworth, including assignment of the City's purchase rights, for the property located at 611 W. Redlands Boulevard; and authorized an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,820,000 from the General Fund's unassigned fund balance to finance the City's portion of this agreement.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Saucedo participated in Civics Day, enjoyed the Boys and Girls Club Chocolate & Champagne Fantasy Gala, the Lincoln Shrine Dinner, participated in the Lincoln Pilgrimage Walk, toured the newly opened Liberty Lane project, attended the ESRI Forum, spotlighting Chief Tolber, and the Redlands Area Interrfaith Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw participated in Civics Day, which offered students a hands-on experience of the inner workings of local government.

Council Member Barich attended the Annual Lincoln Shrine Dinner, the ESRI Forum, highlighting Chief Tolber, and he participated in Civics Day. He also enjoyed the Chocolate & Champagne Fantasy Gala, hosted by the Boys and Girls Club.

Council Member Tejada celebrated Valentine's Day.

Council Member Davis participated in the monthly Omnitrans meeting, recognizing Transit Equity Day and honoring the legacy of Rosa Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on March 3, 2026.

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