

MINUTES

Regular meetings of the City Council and the Redlands Financing Authority of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on May 20, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mario Saucedo, Mayor
Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Tempore
Paul Barich, Council Member
Eddie Tejeda, 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; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Reggie Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Stephen Crane, Deputy Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Existing Litigation - Steve Rogers addressed Item C.3, regarding the existing litigation related to Chiakowsky, et, al. v. City of Redlands, stating he had raised concerns about the engineering designs of the intersection in question at the time of its construction. He thought it unsafe and pointed to the fact that the director overseeing the project was not a licensed engineer. He said the City should settle this litigation sooner rather than later.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3): A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency, based on the receipt of a government claim from claimant Crystal Adrianna Martinez threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in City Clerk's Office).

Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)(e)(2) (Assistant City Manager McConnell)

One Case:

a. Facts and circumstances: Consideration of Workers Compensation claim filed by Roy Williamson.

Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
(City Attorney Garcia)
One Case:

1. Chiakowsky, et, al. v. City of Redlands, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2402748

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. The invocation was provided by Council Member Barich, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was conducted by Kimberly Elementary School students.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Together for Redlands - Michael Paisner stated that the local group, Together for Redlands, should not be confused with a different organization called Stronger Together Now. He added that Together for Redlands has been the victim of hate speech and ongoing vilification. He urged the Council to condemn acts of hatred.

Unsafe Cyclists - Bruce Laycook described witnessing cyclists who are engaging in highly unsafe activities while riding in the streets, scaring drivers, weaving in and out of traffic and popping wheelies. He also said he has seen numerous cyclists riding without helmets, and he requested the Police Department investigate these matters.

Eco-Arts Proposal Community Garden - Nine people, including Brian Ball, Brenda Spoelstra, Danielle Wallis, Daniel Gohman, Young Min Kim, Abbie Bosworth, Erin Benson, Doris Dialon, Alejandro Gutierrez Chavez of the Arts Council of San Bernardino highlighted a proposed project to create and establish an eco-arts community garden/home at Sylvan Park. The intent is to utilize the historic structure near the Skate Park and develop a vibrant space where people could enjoy the arts, culture, music, and a community garden. Grant money has already been secured, and they pushed for the Council to consider their plan.

Gender Identity - Gregory Brittain stated he believes there are two genders and only two genders. He thought there was an assault on truth and that young people were confused by the dialogue regarding gender identity.

Appreciation of Diversity - Jennifer, via zoom, thanked Council Member Davis for advocating for all people within the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

League of California Community Services Policy Report

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to receive and file the conference report by Mayor Saucedo for the League of California Community Services Policy Committee meeting held on March 28, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Software Integration Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Sole Source Agreement with NewEdge Services, LLC for Software Integration between Cityworks Server and Tyler Munis ERP and other professional services for a total contract not to exceed \$59,300, with the option to extend the agreement for future related services.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Sales, Use & Transactions Tax Audit Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Professional Services Agreement for Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Audit and Consulting Services with Hinderliter De Llamas & Associates for a period of three (3) years with two (2) one-year Extended Term options in a total amount not-to-exceed \$113,300.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Emergency Medical Services Field Internship Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Emergency Medical Services Field Internship Agreement between the City of Redlands and the San Bernardino Community College District (Crafton Hills College), designating the Redlands Fire Department as a Paramedic Clinical Field Internship Training Site for a five-year period, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8691 Staff Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8691 establishing the policy for reporting on Staff Vacancies and the City's Recruitment and Retention Efforts to comply with Government Code Section 3502.3 and Assembly Bill 2561.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

U of R Event Services Agreement for RESA

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the agreement 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 Event Services Agreement with the University of Redlands to conduct the Redlands Emergency Services Academy at the University's facility.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Intergovernmental Purchase Getac Mobile Data Computers

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an Intergovernmental Purchase of Getac Mobile Data Computers from Code 3 Technologies in the amount of \$53,648.25.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

2025 City County SBCTA Conference Report

Mayor Saucedo reported on his experiences at the 2025 City County Conference of the San Bernardino County Transit Authority (SBCTA) held May 8-9, 2025 in Lake Arrowhead. The City County Conference brings together elected officials and agency staff to discuss cooperative regional transportation planning and work towards furthering an efficient multi-modal system in the County. Sessions he attended included: Proposition 36 Implementation and Impacts; Disaster Response: Lessons Learned through Fire and Ice; and The Evolving Industrial Landscape: New Challenges and New Opportunities.

SCAQMD Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw explained that his request for Council to consider taking action regarding South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Proposed Amended Rule 1111 (PAR 1111) and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 (PAR 1121) was introduced during the March 18, 2025 meeting and again discussed on April 1, 2025. The Council agreed to table the matter on both occasions, to allow additional time to review the revised SCAQMD proposals and to hear SCAQMD's presentation to the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) at their April 2 meeting, related to the impacts of the PARs implementation. The PARs seek to transition to zero-emission space and appliances, based on future effective dates when existing appliances need to be replaced.

At the April 2 SBCOG Board meeting, staff reminded the Board that at their January 8, 2025, Board meeting, they received a presentation from SCAQMD regarding PAR 1111 and 1121 and that on that same date, the Board adopted Resolution No. 25-059 opposing the PARs. Comments received from Board members at the April 2 meeting were overwhelmingly opposed to the PARs. As the SCAQMD presentation was a receive and file item, no action was taken to withdraw Resolution No. 25-59 and SBCOG's opposition to the PARs remains in place.

Furthermore, on April 2, the Redlands Chamber of Commerce's Government Review Committee meeting, the Committee voted to join the Cost of Living Council in opposition to PARs 1111 and 1121. In addition to SBCOG and the Redlands Chamber of Commerce, a number of neighboring agencies in Southern California have submitted letters of opposition to PARs 1111 and 1121, including the cities of Anaheim, Corona, Temecula, Upland, and Yorba Linda.

As public comment, Michael Paisner, Aura Vasquez, Jennifer representing the Sierra Club, Vanessa Villanueva, DeForest Barnette and Bruce Laycook supported the SCAQMD proposed rules and urged the Council to reject the letter of opposition put forward by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw. They spoke of the need for programs to reduce NOx emissions and the importance of seeking ways to transition away from fossil fuels. They suggested that by transitioning away from gas water heaters and furnaces, the rules work to save lives and eliminate "silent killers" found in homes. They pointed out that this region has the worst air pollution in the nation and to avoid serious medical outcomes, action must be taken to promote a safer and cleaner community.

Dale Broome and Gregory Brittain spoke in opposition to PARs 1111 and 1121, citing the rules placed economically harmful restrictions on homeowners and businesses, imposed compliance standards for NOx emissions that are technologically and economically unfeasible for natural gas appliance manufacturers to meet, and posed significant infrastructural challenges to an already overburdened electrical power grid. They questioned who would be funding the rebates and thought it ultimately would be the taxpayers.

Council Member Davis thanked everyone who spoke. She thought that voting against the SCAQMD programs would be in opposition to the City's Climate Action Plan, and she would not be voting to support the letter in opposition to PARs 1111 and 1121. Council Members raised concerns related to the overall costs of the program and the viability of relying on one energy source.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council authorized, by roll call vote, the Mayor to sign a letter to SCAQMD on behalf of the City Council in opposition to Proposed Amended Rule 1111 and Proposed Amended Rule 1121.

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 8683 Traffic Survey Report & Ordinance No. 2982 Prima Facie Speed Limits

Mayor Saucedo declared the meeting open as a public hearing and called on Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris to provide details of Resolution No. 8683 adopting the 2024 Engineering & Traffic Survey report and Ordinance No. 2982 amending Chapter 10.24 of the Redlands Municipal Code confirming prima facie speed limits for specified city streets.

On December 6, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2946, which amended RMC

Chapter 10.24.030 to update speed limits throughout the City. At that time, the Council directed staff to re-evaluate speed limits following the full implementation of Assembly Bill 43 (AB 43), which grants cities greater flexibility in setting speed limits to improve roadway safety, particularly in areas with high pedestrian activity or with a history of reported traffic accidents. Prior to AB 43, speed limits were strictly determined by the 85th percentile speed. The 2024 Engineering and Traffic Survey (2024 E&TS) incorporates AB 43 provisions to ensure that appropriate speed limits are established for specific roadway conditions and safety priorities while remaining compliant with State law.

The findings of the speed surveys conducted across various street segments, were presented to the Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) on January 23, 2025. Open house events were hosted on February 8 and February 13, 2025, to solicit public feedback on the 2024 E&TS. The TPC conducted a final review of the study on March 27, 2025, and voted 4:1 to recommend City Council approval of the 2024 E&TS. The 2024 E&TS report provides a comprehensive analysis of speed limits throughout the City and recommends speed limit reductions on fifty-five roadway segments in accordance with applicable State laws.

Council Member Tejeda was pleased with the recommended speed limit reductions on so many roads that were scattered throughout every district in the City. Council Member Barich asked whether the speed limits could be reduced by another 5 mph. Director Harris and City Manager Duggan explained that the City must remain in compliance with the law. Deviating too far below the 85th percentile could artificially create speed traps.

As public comment, Kevin Morningstar said he had thoroughly reviewed the 2025 E&TS report but expressed concerns about some of the report's conclusions. There was a lack of correlation between accident data and posted speed limits, possibly indicating that accidents were not speed-induced, but instead driver-related. He requested the Council send the matter back to the TPC for further review. Michael Paisner warned that establishing different speed limits on certain sections along one road could cause driver confusion and create a potential speed trap. Bruce Laycook suggested the Council focus on changing driver behavior and their speeding habits. Changing posted speed limits will not necessarily change driving behavior on its own, and he recommended educating the public and issuing warning tickets as a more effective way to change behavior. With no further comments, Mayor Saucedo closed the public hearing. Council Members offered their perspectives and held a brief discussion about delaying the vote, but ultimately, they agreed to support the proposed resolution and ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the approval of Resolution No. 8683, and introduction of Ordinance No. 2982 are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act; approved Resolution No. 8683 adopting the 2024 Engineering & Traffic Survey report and rescinding Resolution No. 8348; and introduced Ordinance No. 2982, amending Chapter 10.24 of the Redlands Municipal Code confirming prima facie speed limits for specified city streets.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Signal Systems Maintenance Agreement Amended

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker explained the need for the First Amendment to the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Yunex LLC, for Traffic Signal Systems Maintenance, to increase the Contractor's scope of services and compensation for additional services in the amount of \$340,000. With the introduction of new technology and the development of the Redlands Passenger Rail Project (RPRP), maintenance has become more specialized and complex, requiring specialized services to establish and maintain.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Yunex LLC, for Traffic Signal Systems Maintenance, to increase the Contractor's scope of services and compensation for additional services in the amount of \$340,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Recycled Water Supply Agreement with SCE

Staff requested this item be pulled from the agenda, and it will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting.

FY 25/26 MUED Annual Purchase Orders

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris reviewed the FY 25/26 MUED Annual Purchase Orders for a total amount not-to-exceed \$4,852,000. MUED operates and maintains critical water and wastewater utility infrastructure and facilities throughout the City's service area. The vendors will provide miscellaneous repair and maintenance supplies, chemical and laboratory products, specialized departmental materials, and on-call maintenance and contractual services on an as-needed basis.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Mayor Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the FY 25/26 MUED Annual Purchase Orders is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the FY 25/26 MUED Annual Purchase Orders for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,852,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Water Meter Replacement Project Agreement Amendment

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris introduced the First Amendment to the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the Water Meter Replacement Project to increase the total compensation amount by 2.5% to \$6,915,828.08. The Project is ninety-five percent complete and staff is able to read water meters remotely as soon as they are installed. Throughout this final Project phase, several bid item quantity discrepancies were discovered. The original bid schedule underestimated the actual number of water meter vault lids, 3/4", 1", and 2" water meters and registers to be replaced within water meter reading routes 22 and 23. A First Amendment is necessary to adjust the Agreement total compensation to reconcile actual Project costs before the Project is completed. The Amendment revises the total compensation to \$6,915,828.08, an increase of \$168,570.12 (2.5 %) to the original Agreement's total compensation.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the First Amendment to the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC 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 Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the Water Meter Replacement Project to increase the total compensation amount by 2.5% to \$6,915,828.08.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Saucedo attended a Town Hall meeting hosted by Congressman Pete Aguilar, the Public Market grand opening, enjoyed reading to young children at Mountain Grove Plaza, the Boards and Badges event at the skatepark, Taco Bell's grand re-opening, participated in the Blessing Center's Hike for Hope, and he and City Manager Duggan met with Assemblymember Robert Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw enjoyed the Library Days event and invited everyone to come downtown on Sunday, May 25 for the annual Redlands Firefighters Car Show.

Council Member Barich enjoyed the Library Days event and attended the Library Board meeting, adding that the Museum of Redlands is moving closer to being completed.

Council Member Tejeda participated in a neighborhood meeting to discuss residents' concerns about new development along Stuart Street downtown, and he attended the local Teamster meeting.

Council Member Davis enjoyed the Library Days event, the Boards and Badges event at the skatepark, and the Blue Zone program kickoff in Riverside. She reminded everyone that the Blue Zone program in Redlands had been extended, and she encouraged the community to participate in a healthy walk on Saturday mornings at Brookside Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Saucedo adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:51 P.M. in memory of Dan McHugh, who passed away last week. Dan retired in 2022, after serving 28 years as the City Attorney and the principal legal advisor to the City Council, City Manager and all operations. He was appointed in 1994 and worked alongside eighteen separate city councils. He witnessed the tremendous change in the city over nearly three decades and was intricately involved in the most important developments within the community. He held a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge, and it is hard to overstate his role in the City. He will be remembered as a highly intelligent man, with a dry wit and an incredible work ethic, and he will be greatly missed. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on June 3, 2025.

REDLANDS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Chairperson Saucedo 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 COMMENT

None forthcoming

Minutes

On motion of Board Member Barich, seconded by Board Member Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2025 were unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redlands Financing Authority adjourned at 7:52 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on September 16, 2025.