

# MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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; Danielle Garcia, Interim Assistant City Manager; James Garland, Interim Management Services/Finance Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Rachel Tolber, Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Monica Heredia, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Brian Foote, City Planner/Planning Manager

## A. Call City Council Meeting to Order

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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.

## B. Public Comment

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Teamster Negotiations - Teamster's Business Agent Andrew Coleman voiced his disappointment with the counter offer from the City's labor negotiator, saying the focus was placed solely on wages while offering nothing toward health care benefits. He emphasized that prioritizing both wages and health care was essential, and he urged the City to use the Class and Comp study as a guide to better support and retain employees.

## C. Recess City Council Meeting to a Closed Session

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

Two Cases:

1. Maldonado v. City of Redlands, et al, U.S. District Court, Central District, Case No. 5:25-cv-02169-SSS (MAAx)
2. Maldonado v. Redlands Police Department, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2403830

### 2. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6

Agency Negotiators:

John Bakhit, Jay Trinnaman, Jorge Castillo

Employee Organizations:

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

#### **D. Reconvene City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

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Mayor Saucedo reconvened the meeting at 6:14 P.M.

#### **E. Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw- Pledge of Allegiance by Smiley Elementary**

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#### **F. Closed Session Report**

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

#### **G. Presentations**

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##### **1. Presentation of the Redlands Bike Classic Sponsorship gift to the City of Redlands by Scott Welsh, Eric Reiser, Brian Zander, and Sean Wilson**

Representing Redlands Bicycle Classic, Scott Welsh, Eric Reiser, Brian Zander, Sean Wilson, and Dan Randler presented the Bike Classic Sponsorship gift to Mayor Saucedo and the Council Members.

#### **H. Public Comment - City Council**

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Boys and Girls Club & Clay Street - Robin Lehfeltdt complained that the Boys and Girls Club is continuing to disrupt the Clay Street neighborhood with excessive noise and bright lights. She pleaded with Council to take action against the club, which she claims is misusing the property.

Teamster Negotiations - Teamster's Business Agent Andrew Coleman, alongside thirteen Teamster employees passionately argued that during collective bargaining, workers deserve respect, fair wages and affordable healthcare. They urged the Council to invest in their employees, as they have invested in the City's infrastructure. Speakers included, James Estrada, Eli Salazar, Ricky Gonzales, Josie Lopez, Jocelynn Butters, Erick Brazile, Jason Lienen, Michael Gonzalez, Clemente Lozano, Aurelio Munoz, Ed Sherman, Jordan Juranko, and David Giannini. Each one shared their story, which was met with enthusiastic applause from an audience of about one-hundred Teamsters.

Coyote Aviation - Bruce Laycook insisted the City drop their pursuit of Coyote Aviation. He stated the cause was unjustified and a burden on City resources.

Open Government - Stephen Rogers was concerned with political attacks made against the San Bernardino County's Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector. He feared there is corruption within the County bureaucracy.

#### **I. Consent Calendar**

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##### **1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2026**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2026.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

##### **2. Adopt Resolution No. 8781 Annexation No. 32 declaring intent to annex territory into Community Facilities District 2004-1 and determine that the proposed project is exempt from environmental**

**review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that the proposed project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8781, Annexation No. 32, declaring its intent to annex territory into Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 and setting the public hearing for the City Council meeting on July 7, 2026.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

**3. Adopt Resolution No. 8782 establishing the rate for the voter-approved special tax for emergency paramedic services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8782, establishing the rate for the voter-approved special tax for emergency paramedic services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

**4. Approve a Sole Source purchase with Azteca Systems for Cityworks License Renewal for a period of three years at a total cost of \$171,500.52**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the software license purchase from Azteca Systems, LLC, for a period of three years at a cost not-to-exceed \$171,500.52.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

**5. Adopt Resolution No. 8783 to implement STOP control at Ford Street and Garden Hill Drive intersection and determine that approval of the resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8783 to implement a STOP control at the intersection of Ford Street and Garden Hill Drive.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

**6. Receive and file the 2025 Annual Report of the Municipal Utilities and Public Works Commission**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council agreed, by roll call vote, to receive and file the 2025 Annual Report of the Municipal Utilities and Public Works Commission.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

**7. Approve an Event Services Agreement with the University of Redlands to conduct the Redlands Emergency Services Academy at the University's facility, and determine 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**

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council 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 for services relating to the Redlands Emergency Services Academy to be held from July 8, 2026 to July 15, 2026.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

### **8. Approve the Second Amendment to the agreement with the Counseling Team International and a purchase order modification in the amount of \$20,000 for Redlands Police Department**

Police Chief Tolber reviewed the Second Amendment and authorize staff to execute the modification of an existing purchase order in the amount of \$20,000 with The Counseling Team International to its agreement with The Counseling Team International (TCTI) to include additional services for the Redlands Police Department ("RPD") related to mental health wellness checks. RPD utilized an existing contract through the Human Resources Department (HR) with TCTI to implement these services. RPD is now requesting an increase of \$20,000 to the current purchase order bringing the total to \$53,400 to continue providing services for its police officers and professional staff during the third year of the contract. The additional cost will be funded through the RPD's current budget. As public comment, Stephen Rogers voiced concerns regarding TCTI, noting the owner's political connections and financial contributions to a specific candidate running in a County race creates a perceived conflict of interest.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the Second Amendment to the agreement and a purchase order modification in the amount of \$20,000 with The Counseling Team International.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

## **J. New Business**

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### **1. Discussion and possible action relating to the Redlands Downtown Morning Market hours of operation and future location options**

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw opened the discussion to consider the Downtown Morning Market hours of operation, potential relocation options, and possible coordination with the existing Farmers Market at Grove School. The Downtown Morning Market has served as a long-standing community program supporting local agriculture, small businesses, and downtown activity. The market currently operates on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the municipal parking lot near Ed Hales Park and continues to attract vendors and visitors to the downtown area.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw asked whether the market hours should be adjusted to begin and end earlier in the day in an effort to reduce the impact on downtown parking availability and peak business activity. Potential changes to market hours should also consider vendor participation, customer attendance, operational needs and expenses, and overall market success. Council Members considered future location options, such as relocating the market to another downtown-adjacent area like the parking lot behind Hatfield Buick or evaluating possible coordination or consolidation with the existing Farmers Market at Grove School. Council Member Tejada suggested another option worth considering would be relocating the market to Industrial Park Avenue. Mayor Saucedo and Council Member Davis preferred the market to remain close to the downtown area.

As public comment, Redlands Chamber of Commerce President Patrick Roskam proposed the Chambers was very interested in administrating the weekly farmers market. He highlighted a few Chamber events, the Dog Jog and the NYE Orange Drop, as evidence they have a proven track record of organizing events to a consistently high standard.

It was noted that several parties have shown an interest in managing the market and Council Members agreed that soliciting proposals would be the fairest approach. City Manager Duggan added that the easiest method would be to solicit proposals using the same parking lot, at hours the Council would approve. However, staff can look at alternative sites and seek proposals for each specific location and determine which one might be the best solution for everyone involved.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council directed staff, by roll call vote, to adjust the current downtown morning market hours of operation to begin at 7:00 am and end by 11 am, with the corresponding parking lot closure to extend no more than one hour before or one hour after event hours; and directed staff to explore alternative sites near downtown and solicit proposals for a third party administration of a weekly farmer's market near downtown to begin in the fall of 2026.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed

## **2. Approve a new Enterprise License Agreement with Esri for a three-year term, not to exceed \$271,185.15**

Staff requested this item be pulled from tonight's agenda. The matter will be presented to the Council on June 2, 2026.

## **3. Consideration of approval of a Cooperative Agreement with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for management and delivery of the construction phase of the Highland/Redlands Regional Gap Connector Project (Project) in the amount not to exceed \$440,396; approval of a Cooperative Agreement with City of Highland for sharing final design cost of the Project in the amount not to exceed \$57,850; and determination that these actions are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act**

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Heredia reviewed a Cooperative Agreement with SBCTA for the management and delivery of the construction phase of the Highland/Redlands Regional Gap Connector Project in the amount not to exceed \$440,396, and presented a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Highland for sharing the final design cost of the Project in the amount not to exceed \$57,850.

The Highland/Redlands Regional Gap Connector Project constitutes a regionally significant active transportation capital improvement initiative proposing the design and construction of Class I and Class IV bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the municipal jurisdictions of the City of Redlands and City of Highland, generally running from Citrus Valley High School in Redlands to Arroyo Verde Elementary School in Highland. Upon completion, the Project will establish a continuous, dedicated right-of-way for bicycle and pedestrian travel between the two jurisdictions and will further provide an interconnection with the planned Santa Ana River Trail, a regional trail system extending to the Pacific Ocean.

As public comment, Stephen Rogers pointed out that because this project was granted federal funding, it is subject to a more comprehensive environmental review process, which requires full compliance with both NEPA and CEQA. In response to safety concerns raised by Bruce Laycook, Director Heredia clarified that the plans include a protected bike and pedestrian path, ensuring a safe route along Boulder Avenue.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, a Cooperative Agreement with SBCTA for the management and delivery of the construction phase of the Highland/Redlands Regional Gap Connector Project in the amount not to exceed \$440,396; approved a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Highland for sharing the final design cost of the Project in the amount not to exceed \$57,850; and determined that the proposed project 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

**4. Consideration for approval of an Agreement with Pro-Craft Construction, Inc. for citywide plumbing and repair services for a one-year term with two (2) optional one-year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00**

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker explained the need for an agreement with Pro-Craft Construction, Inc. for citywide on-call plumbing and repair services for a one-year term and two optional one-year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejada, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, approved an agreement with Pro-Craft Construction, Inc. for citywide on-call plumbing and repair services for a one-year term and two (2) optional one-year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**5. Consideration of a First Amendment to the Agreement with Quinmar Janitorial Inc. to increase the total compensation from \$1,612,706.58 to \$1,957,668.82 and extend the services for eight calendar months**

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reported on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for citywide janitorial services conducted in April 2023, with a contract term expiring in April 2026. The RFP included services for 16 locations, each with multiple buildings, at a monthly cost of \$43,120.28 for the final year 3 of the Agreement. Rather than issuing a new RFP for a full three-year term, staff recommended extending the existing agreement with Quinmar Janitorial Inc. for eight months (May 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026). This short-term extension will maintain continuity of service, allow time for facility transitions to the new City Hall and allow for operational stabilization as well as avoid issuing an RFP based on incomplete or shifting facility needs. Services will continue at the current monthly rate of \$43,120.28 during the extended period.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Quinmar Janitorial, Inc., increasing the total agreement compensation by \$344,962.44 from \$1,612,706.58 to \$1,957,668.82 with an extension of 8 months.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**K. Individual Council Member Announcements and/or Reports on Activities**

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Mayor Saucedo attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, participated alongside Mayor Pro Tem Shaw and City Manager Duggan, in the City/County Conference, enjoyed an Eagle Scout achievement recognition ceremony, and attended an essay contest for elementary schools, hosted by Tim Rochford at the Burrage Mansion. The theme was "What America Means To Me".

Council Member Barich attended the Library Board meeting and complimented Library staff for hosting many diverse events they organize throughout the year.

Council Member Davis participated in the SCAG Conference held in Palm Desert on May 7-8, spoke at a Science for Policy Conference at UC Riverside, was a panelist offering feedback to high school students at the Inland Civil Rights Institute as part of their civics lab, and she was honored to serve in the inaugural meeting of the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust.

**L. Adjournment**

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There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on June 2, 2026.