

MINUTES

of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on October 7, 2004, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Susan Pepler, Mayor
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember
Jon Harrison, Councilmember

ABSENT

Gilberto Gil, Mayor Pro Tem
Gary George, Councilmember

STAFF

John Davidson, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Beatrice Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk; Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Tom Steele, Assistant Finance Director; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Marjie Pettus, Administrative Services Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; Gary Van Dorst, Solid Waste Manager; John Jaquess, Assistant Community Development Director; Bob Dalquist, Principal Planner/Project Manager; Heather Smith, DRBA Senior Special Program Director; Ralph Magna, Redevelopment Agency Advisor

WORKSHOP

Master Plan for Downtown Redlands - Mayor Pepler called this special meeting of the City Council to order and announced that the Planning Commission, Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, Business and Economic Development Advisory Commission, Traffic and Parking Commission, and Downtown Redlands Business Association were also holding special meetings at this time. Also invited to this meeting were other stakeholders involved with the Master Plan for Downtown Redlands including representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Ralph Megna, Empire Development Solutions, and Joe Donati, Investwest Group, LLC. Representatives from Torti Gallas and Partners conducted the meeting in order to meet the stakeholders and seek input from all of the stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the visions and goals for downtown Redlands working towards the goal to link assets such as existing businesses and historical resources with new developments to create a pedestrian-friendly destination that will spur economic development and tourism. Major projects to be included in the Master Plan for Downtown Redlands are redevelopment of the Redlands Mall, a downtown hotel, parking structures, "Gateway Plaza," a multi-use complex to be located on the southeast corner of Eureka Street and Pearl Avenue, Krikorian Theatre expansion, and downtown restaurants. A "preliminary" development program for the downtown completed by Torti Gallas so far was also presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on October 19, 2004.

City Clerk

Deputy City Clerk