

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Building, 212 Brookside Avenue, on March 22, 1966.

PRESENT

Waldo F. Burroughs, Mayor
 William T. Hartzell, Vice-Mayor
 Norman N. Martinez, Councilman
 Robert J. Wagner, Councilman
 Jack D. Cummings, Councilman
 Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
 Edward F. Taylor, City Attorney
 Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
 Ron Kibby, Redlands Daily Facts
 Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The regular Council meeting of March 15, 1966, was adjourned to this time to receive a report from the City Manager and staff concerning 17 acres of real property adjacent to Redlands Municipal Airport that has recently been placed in escrow.

At this time, Mayor Burroughs called on Mr. Merritt for his report. First was a brief history of the airport, dating from 1962, followed by a description of the "Field Use Agreement" between the owners of the property under consideration and the City. Paragraph 7c of the Agreement provides as follows:

"Operator shall have the right to sell or assign its property or any part thereof during the term hereof, but Operator shall, prior to any sale, offer the property or part thereof to the City for purchase at whatever fair purchase price the Operator has been offered by another bona fide purchaser whose identity shall be given to the City."

Charles Parker, a real estate broker in Redlands, reported that the property is presently in escrow at Redlands Escrow, Inc., for the sale price of \$165,796.00.

Manager Merritt apprised the Council of the terms and conditions of the escrow, as well as of the two three-year contracts for non-exclusive use of certain portions of the property which are a part of the escrow. He also informed them of the present income to the City derived from this property, both on a contractual and non-contractual basis. He described the manner in which service and maintenance should be improved in order to make the airport more desirable and successful. The City Manager recommended purchase of the property for the following reasons:

1. It is essential and in the public interest - it is one of three municipal airports in the Inland Empire, and ownership of this land would provide the City with control of facilities and level of service.
2. This land is the key service property on the airport - is ideally located and can be economically developed.
3. City-financed airport improvements increase value of adjacent property - as the airport is developed this would increase in value.
4. The purchase is economically sound - given efficient management, the property does and will be able to produce sufficient income to satisfy principal and interest payment required of the purchase price, together with funds of capital purposes.
5. Funds are available - \$100,000 from the Legal and Capital Fund and \$65,796 is available in the Capital Outlay Fund.

Following the Manager's presentation, General John Sessums, chairman of the Airport Advisory Board, read a letter from the Board, advocating the purchase, and additional letters supporting the purchase were received from: Robert L. Miller, Chamber of Commerce, Robert F. Hurt, Lockheed Propulsion Company; John J. Creatura, J. E. Sorenson,

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Sorenson Engineering; Kenneth E. Mayberry; George W. Collins, Hydro Conduit Corporation. Also addressing Council in favor of the purchase were: Jim Glaze, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Marvin Silver, Aerospace Corporation; W. M. Martens, President, Downtown Redlands Association; and James H. Brown, Lockheed Propulsion Company. During the City Council discussion, it was concluded that the public need for an adequate airport facility may be best accomplished through public ownership of the primary fixed base operation area; that ultimately land on both sides of the runways will be needed; that programming capital improvements in each annual city budget and revamping the long-term capital improvement program will be necessary; that the City is eligible for Federal monies for such improvements; and that an airport is an industry, hiring employees and bringing land to its fullest and best use.

Councilman Hartzell moved that the City purchase this property for the stated price of \$165,796, according to the terms submitted, and that the City Manager be instructed to enter into escrow for the property; that a separate accounting and report be made to the Council of the funds borrowed; and that a capital improvement schedule be initiated to finance future improvements. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Hartzell spoke of the great loss to Redlands in the recent passing of Mr. Ted Silverwood who served his community so selflessly for many, many years. In gratitude, Mr. Silverwood's family will be presented with a plaque of the City Seal with a suitably engraved inscription, describing his outstanding service to the City.

No further business demanding attention at this time, on motion, the Council adjourned to an adjourned meeting on March 29, 1966, to be held in honor of Civic Day.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Mowley
City Clerk

Waldo F. Burroughs
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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