

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on September 3, 1968 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

- Waldo F. Burroughs, Mayor
- Norman N. Martinez, Vice Mayor
- Jack B. Cummings, Councilman
- Charles G. DeMirjyn, Councilman
- Chresten M. Knudsen, Councilman
- Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
- Michael R. Quinn, Deputy City Attorney
- Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
- Malcolm Schwartz, Redlands Daily Facts
- Gertrude Goodrich, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by the invocation by Reverend Eleanor M. Saffell of the Church of Religious Science.

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 20, 1968 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Annexations
No. 36
No. 37

As this was the time scheduled in Resolutions Nos. 2698 and 2699 for public hearing on Annexations No. 36 and No. 37, Mayor Burroughs opened the meeting as a public hearing for comments or questions concerning the annexation of these properties. City Manager Merritt reported a communication from the Chapman family giving approval of the annexations and requesting that the City proceed. There being no comment from the floor, the public hearing was declared closed and Resolutions Nos. 2698 and 2699 were unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman Knudsen. Ordinance No. 1376, an ordinance of the City Council approving the annexation to the City of Redlands of this uninhabited territory, was introduced, given first reading of the title, and laid over under the rules with public hearing set for the Council meeting of September 17, 1968.

Ordinance
No. 1376

Ordinance
No. 1375

Underground
Facilities

Public hearing was scheduled at this time on Ordinance No. 1376, an ordinance of the City of Redlands establishing regulations and procedures for the removal of overhead utility facilities and the installation of underground facilities in underground utility districts. At this time Mayor Burroughs declared the meeting open as a public hearing of any comments or questions relative to this ordinance. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed. Ordinance No. 1375 was unanimously adopted, with waiver of the reading of the ordinance in full, on motion of Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Martinez, Cummings, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Mayor Burroughs
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

ORAL PETITIONS

REDCO

Mr. Cale Whipple, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a resolution of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce relating to the Regional Economic Development Council, and requesting the City of Redlands to renew financial support of this organization. Councilman Cummings, who is the current president of REDCO, described the new organizational set-up, both for personnel and financing, and expressed the hope that the Council would

ORAL PETITIONS (Continued)

accept this invitation. He then stated that he would abstain from the voting. City Manager Merritt described some of the advantages that have come from REDCO's work in the recent past. Following Council discussion, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, approval was given for the City of Redlands to purchase membership in the organization of REDCO for one year - April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969 - at a cost of \$1,200 annually, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Martinez, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Mayor Burroughs

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Cummings

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS1. Lot Split No. 402 - Miriam C. Burley

That the request of Miriam C. Burley for permission to split property located at the northeast corner of Pacific Street and Carob Street extended - Lot Split No. 402 - be approved subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning Commission minutes dated August 27, 1968. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Cummings, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was adopted by the City Council.

2. Request - El Carmelo Retreat - Re Street Lighting Requirements

Manager Merritt read a letter from Father David Costello requesting relief from street lighting requirements on property fronting Highland Avenue, C.R.A. 234. Director of Public Works Shone explained that this would involve installation of three or four lighting standards in an area which will remain in orange groves, and on which the setback and grading elevation are presently unknown. On motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, approval was given for the signing of the Improvement Ordinance Agreement for installation of street lights, until such time as the City so requests.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Merritt presented a letter from Attorney Rex Cranmer requesting relief from two \$1,000 bonds posted by Mr. Fritz Zeiner as a requirement of the City in 1959 and 1965 for contemplated improvement at Judson Street and the Zanja. Following Council discussion, Councilman DeMirjyn moved that the requirement for bonds be removed and that an agreement, in the amount of \$2,000, be signed for this proposed construction, with a time limit of 25 years beginning in 1959. Motion seconded by Councilman Knudsen and carried.

Foothill
Freeway

City Manager Merritt read a letter from James L. Christensen, president of the Foothill Freeway Association, requesting support of the City of Redlands in the effort to hasten the completion of the Foothill Freeway from its present easterly terminus in San Dimas to its intersection with the Devore freeway, and submitting a suggested resolution for adoption by the Council. Following lengthy Council discussion of the Foothill Freeway as related to Redlands, it was decided to adopt this proposed resolution, with the addition thereto of a section stating that the City of Redlands is still vitally concerned with the early construction of the Tennessee Street Freeway.

Resolution
No. 2703
Freeway
Completion

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, Resolution No. 2703 as above stated was unanimously approved.

Manager Merritt brought notice of receipt of \$2,533.80 as reimbursement from the State Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training for the special training of seven officers during the first six months of 1968.

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

Councilman Cummings commended the new Redlands Daily Facts City Reporter, Malcolm Schwartz, on the excellent job of public relations for the City in his recent series of articles on city departments and department heads. The Council joined in thanking Mr. Schwartz for his fine work.

Councilman DeMirjyn reported on a county ordinance that is being developed by Agricultural Commissioner Ray Schneider relating to removal of dead orange groves as an economic detriment to the surrounding land, and requested that the City Council forward a resolution to the Board of Supervisors in support of this ordinance. Manager Merritt stated that he has written for information on this matter and will have a resolution prepared for the Council meeting of September 17.

Manager Merritt brought notice that a contract has been let for demolition of the Voss property on Redlands Boulevard, and stated that the barbershop and Palm TV buildings will be rehabilitated by the owner. He commended the Building and Safety Department for the success of their efforts in this project.

Celebration
Mexican
Independence
Day

Councilman DeMirjyn reported on the plans for the celebration of Mexican Independence Day, stating that Mayor Antonio Gil Vega of San Miguel de Allende will be in the city for the celebration. Councilman DeMirjyn invited Council to a banquet on Thursday evening, September 12, and stated that the mayor will be given a tour of the city on Friday and will lead the parade on Saturday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Manager Merritt reported further regarding the property at 206 West Olive Avenue which had been offered to the City. Following discussion, on motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, it was unanimously agreed not to purchase this property.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution
No. 2702
Water Stocks

Resolution No. 2702, a resolution of the City Council setting the prices the City will pay for certain water stocks, was adopted on motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

CITY MANAGER

A claim from Mrs. Linnie M. Hallman for a fall at State and Orange Street was denied and referred to the City's insurance carrier in the routine manner, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Martinez.

As the time for the City to proceed with Annexation No. 30 (Edison property) expires in October, 1968, it is recommended by the City Manager that an application for a six-month extension be requested from the LAFC. On motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, approval was given to make such application.

CITY ATTORNEY

Deputy City Attorney Michael Quinn reported on the progress of a suit arising around weed abatement charges filed by Col. William Campbell against the City of Redlands.

Bills and salaries were ordered paid as approved by the Finance Committee.

No further business demanding attention at this time, on motion, the Council adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Next regular meeting, September 17, 1968.

ATTEST:

Rogers A. M. Key
City Clerk

Walter F. Burroughs
Mayor of the City of Redlands