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MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on March 3, 1970 at 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Items 3:00 P.M. Regular Agenda 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

- Waldo F. Burroughs, Mayor
- Norman N. Martinez, Councilman
- Jack B. Cummings, Councilman
- Charles G. DeMirjyn, Councilman
- Chresten M. Knudsen, Councilman
- Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
- James A. Smith, Deputy City Attorney
- Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
- Erwin S. Hein, Redlands Daily Facts
- Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by the invocation by Reverend Gene Beezer of the Christian Missionary Alliance.

Mayor Burroughs welcomed a large number of interested citizens in attendance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 1970 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

This being the time and place advertised for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1406, an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance No. 1000

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

Ordinance
No. 1406
Residential
Parking

relating to residential parking space requirements, Mayor Burroughs at this time read the ordinance in full and declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any comments or questions concerning this ordinance. Addressing Council with comments were Mack Mitchell, 1333 Garden Street, Leonard Coogan, 22139 Tanager, Grand Terrace, Jose Danny Martinez, 600 Baldwin Avenue. Following lengthy Council discussion, in which it was explained to the questioners that the ordinance was not in any way planned to be a hardship on householders, the ordinance was adopted 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

Smiley
Birthday

Contemporary Club President Mrs. Ernest Richards, of 1333 Farview Lane, read a letter written to the Contemporary Club by Albert Smiley in 1910. He thanked them for their adoption of Pansy Day celebrating the birthday of the twin patron saints of Redlands on March 17. Mrs. Richards then requested that the Council join with members of the Club in celebrating the twins' birthday. She stated that pansies will be furnished throughout the city, and will be used on all the trays in the Redlands Community Hospital on March 17. Mayor Burroughs congratulated Mrs. Richards on this project and assured her that both the Smiley Library and City Hall abound in pansies on this day, through the courtesy of the Park Department.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

As considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held March 3, 1970 at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Martinez, Cummings, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Mayor Burroughs

1. C.U.P. No. 161 - Contemporary Club of Redlands

That the request of the Contemporary Club of Redlands for a Conditional Use Permit in an R-S zone to construct a clubhouse facility at the northwest corner of San Mateo Street and Clifton Avenue be denied, for the reason that it is not the intent of the Commission, Department or City Council to have several large lot developments concentrated in any one neighborhood in the residential area. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Conditional Use Permit No. 161 was denied by the City Council as recommended by the Planning Commission.

2. Tentative Map - Tract No. 7069 - Straco of Orange, Calif.

That the tentative map of Tract No. 7069, located at the northeast corner of Lincoln Street and Colton Avenue, R-1 zone, be approved subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning Commission minutes dated February 24, 1970. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, unanimous approval was given this recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Agricultural Preserve - Williamson Act

At this time the Council considered the California Land Conservation Act, or Williamson Act, which is a procedure whereby certain productive agricultural land may be placed in what is called an agricultural preserve to effect a different tax assessment. Addressing Council on the matter were Mr. Dick Rees, Mr. Ernest Larsen, Mr. Ed Brown and Mr. Roy Wick. Following lengthy discussion, Councilman Cummings moved that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to establish agricultural preserves within the City consistent with the laws of the State of California. Motion was unanimously adopted by the City Council, and staff was authorized to prepare maps and other material necessary for proceeding with this matter.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)Removal of Dead Orange Groves

Councilman DeMirjyn read a prepared statement relating to the removal of dead orange groves, and recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be revised to treat the maintaining of dead groves in residential areas as a zone violation. The staff was requested to prepare this amendment on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Location of Electrical Utilities

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the City Council unanimously adopted the Planning Commission's recommendation that any new overhead lines proposed, regardless of size (voltage), should be submitted to the City for approval.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

City Manager Merritt brought two notices from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, one of a person transfer for on-sale beer at 126 E. Redlands Boulevard, the other a person transfer for off-sale beer and wine at 1562 North Orange Street, for Council information only.

City Manager Merritt also brought notice of application to the Public Utilities Commission by the General Telephone Company for a rate increase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dead
Orange
Groves

Mr. Fred Ford spoke concerning the removal of dead orange trees; stated that fifty-five acres of trees have been removed within the city limits; and that the work of the Manager's office and the City Attorney was apparent as he contacted grove owners. He also observed that absentee owners seem unaware of the problem although they have been notified. Mr. Ford again expressed his desire to see these groves removed because of the esthetic problem, and recommended that they be handled in the same manner as the weed abatement program.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments

Board of
Appeals

Parking
Place
Commission

Mayor Burroughs recommended the reappointment of Mr. George Forsberg for a five-year term on the Board of Appeals (Building), to be effective February 15, 1970, and of Mr. Eugene Malone and Mr. William Junkin for three-year terms on the Board of Parking Place Commissioners. Approval of these reappointments was unanimously given on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Martinez, with letters of appreciation over the Mayor's signature requested.

Councilman Cummings brought notice of the Citrus Belt dinner in Chino on March 25, 1970. They will have special displays and events celebrating their 60th anniversary.

CITY MANAGER

Dearborn
Reservoir

City Manager Merritt brought a request from the Department of Public Works for authorization of an agreement with James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc., to undertake a study of the cost comparison of various solutions to the problem of the Dearborn Reservoir. Alternates open are various methods of rehabilitation of the existing facility and many types of new construction for replacement. The amount of the study is not to exceed \$3,500. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Cummings, unanimous Council approval was given to the authorization of the requested agreement in the specified amount.

Agreement -
Division of
Highways re
Alabama St.

On motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman Martinez, an agreement between the City and the State Division of Highways covering Federal Aid Emergency Relief money on Alabama Street was approved, with the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the agreement, and Resolution No. 2804, a resolution of the City Council approving the related agreement, was unanimously adopted.

CITY MANAGER (Continued)

Councilman Knudsen reported that letters, maps, data and copies of the resolution concerning the Zanja have been forwarded to the railroads. However, there has not been sufficient time to have replies from the railroads.

Ford Park
Right-of-Way
Gas Company

The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a right-of-way from the City of Redlands to the Southern California Gas Company for placement of a 1½-inch gas line on the east side of Ford Park, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Cummings. Councilman Knudsen abstained.

CITY ATTORNEY

Anti-Smog
Campaign

Attorney Smith brought a progress report on the anti-smog campaign which Redlands and many California cities have launched against the auto industry's major manufacturers. He stated that the Attorney General of California will soon file action against the major automobile manufacturers, and that the action will be vigorously opposed and vigorously pursued.

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

There being no further business demanding attention at this time, on motion Council adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Next regular meeting, March 17, 1970.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Murphy
City Clerk

Waldo F. Burroughs
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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Mayor Burroughs welcomed the audience in attendance, and a group of Camp Fire Girls and their leader, Mrs. Fulmer. The girls presented the Mayor and the Council with a birthday cake, complete with candles, celebrating the Camp Fire Girls' birthday this coming week. Mayor Burroughs congratulated the girls on the beauty of the cake, which they had made themselves, thanked them and said that he and the Council would enjoy partaking.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 1970 were approved as submitted.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Commission Review and Approval No. 255 - Parkview Associates

The Council discussed Commission Review and Approval No. 255, as approved by the Planning Commission, and approved the motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, that an addition be made to drainage requirements that if the land is drained through Ford Park, the drain be completely enclosed. Councilman Knudsen abstained.

2. Lot Split No. 420 - Thomas J. Ditchfield

That the request of Mr. Thomas J. Ditchfield for permission to split property located at 106 Prospect Street, Lot Split No. 420, be approved subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning Commission minutes dated March 10, 1970. Mr. Ditchfield addressed Council with the request that the improvements be delayed until the surrounding area was developed. Following discussion, Council accepted the proposal of Councilman DeMirjyn that this request be taken to the Advisory Committee for consideration and a report brought to the next Council meeting.

Development
Plan

Councilman DeMirjyn presented a plan for the redevelopment of the downtown area as both commercial and residential. He recommends stores and shops on the ground floor, with apartments above, in three-story buildings, and suggests that restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses would thrive in such an area. He discussed retaining the uniqueness of the city and still obtaining maximum use of the land in a manner supported either by Federal funds or on a cooperative basis. Council suggested it be presented to the Planning Commission.

PARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Cummings reported that the Park Commission had held a budget session and concurred with the budget as presented by Park Department Superintendent Dawson.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Burroughs announced that the Communication Workers of America members in Redlands are going to stage a week-long "get out the vote" just prior to the City election. Council expressed appreciation of this generous contribution by this group.

Councilman DeMirjyn gave a brief report on the progress of the East Valley Planning Agency, and stated that they are studying joint powers agreements between cities and County relating to water and sewer services.

Manager Merritt briefly mentioned studies for financing projects in the core area. He stated that Stone and Youngberg had been contacted; methods of State and Federal financing investigated, and that studies would continue toward presentation of a resume of available material.

Manager Merritt stated that the Redlands City Employees Association and the Redlands Professional Firefighters, Local #1354, have requested permission to represent the employees as directed in Resolution No. 2786, and that approval had been given effective April 1, 1970.

Manager Merritt brought the following to Council attention:

Notice from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of a person