

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on September 1, 1970, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Jack B. Cummings, Mayor
 Charles G. DeMirjyn, Vice Mayor
 Chresten M. Knudsen, Councilman
 Ellsworth E. Miller, Councilman
 Sam S. Sewall, Councilman

 Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
 Edward F. Taylor, City Attorney
 Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
 Erwin S. Hein, Redlands Daily Facts
 Charles Cosgrove, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Jack B. Cummings.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of August 25 were approved with the following change: Page 2, Paragraph 3, the word "light" to be changed to "traffic signal."

PARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Councilman Sewall brought a request from the Park Commission that the subdivision ordinance be amended to require details of trees, planting, and esthetic items be included in the application. This matter was referred to Planning Director Schindler.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Resolution
 No. 2832
 Traffic

At the regular meeting of the Traffic Commission on August 20, 1970, the following recommendation was submitted for Council consideration:

- A. Establish stop signs to stop northbound traffic on Elizabeth Street and southbound traffic on Center Street at intersection with Crescent Avenue.

Following discussion, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, the above recommendation was approved, and Resolution No. 2832, establishing this change was adopted by the City Council.

At this same meeting the Traffic Commission also recommended the following for Council consideration:

- A. Establish two-way traffic on West State Street between Orange Street and Third Street.
- B. Prohibit parking on both sides of Orange Street between State Street and Citrus Avenue and on the south side of Citrus Avenue between Orange Street and Sixth Street.

Captain Warren Elliott explained that the Traffic Commission had a split vote on these items and that he had cast the vote which broke the tie, having based his decision on the recommendation of the engineering study.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION (Continued)

Mayor Cummings read two petitions submitted in opposition to the removal of parking, one referring to West State Street and the other to parking on Orange Street.

Director of Public Works Shone presented a large diagram showing the pattern of traffic accidents in the downtown area during the past year, and stated that there have been*1800 accidents and that they have been primarily striking parked vehicles or people alighting from parked vehicles. He added that traffic surveys show that 9,000 cars travel North Orange per day - 5,000 using it for through travel and 4,000 turning. The diagram also showed a large number of accidents at 5th and Citrus Streets near the entry to the parking lot.

Director of Public Works Shone stated that if two-way traffic is in effect on East State Street the ideal arrangement would be the removal of parking on both sides of Orange Street, removal of the scramble pedestrian system, and the synchronization of the three signals, at Redlands Boulevard, Citrus Street, and State Street.

Two-way
Traffic

East
State
Street

Planning Director Schindler recalled the Victor Gruen Study which did not anticipate circulation traffic on State Street, and which study predicted that Orange Street would reach its capacity in traffic carrying in 1970. He stated that Orange Street has an obligation to more than the core area as it is a through north-south street for the entire city.

Mayor Cummings read a letter from the Downtown Redlands Association and D.R.A. president, Bertha Rose Grace explained some of the reasons for the request. Also addressing Council on this matter were: Mr. Arthur Gregory, Mr. Vaden Covington, and Mr. Jack Dangermond.

Following further discussion of the possible effects of the installation of traffic signals at Eureka and Redlands Boulevard, and at Brookside and Eureka, and the opening of the new parking lot, Council unanimously voted to table this matter until the second meeting in January, 1971, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Sewall.

At this time, Council discussed the request brought to their attention at the August 25 meeting for either stop signs or crossing guards at San Bernardino and Orange Streets, until such time as the traffic signal is installed. It was pointed out that as this is a state highway, a stop sign at San Bernardino halting traffic flow on Orange would not be permitted. Captain Elliott added that this was heavy and sometimes fast traffic, and that a stop at this point might give a child a false sense of security. He also stated that at a meeting with the school authorities last evening, a group of parents had requested a crossing guard.

COMMUNICATIONS

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, transfer of water with Option "B" was approved from Van Der Veen to Van Der Veen, and from Hinckley Orange Groves to Hinckley Ranch and Groves Company.

Christmas
Job
Project

Mayor Cummings described a Christmas job project to arrange jobs for junior and senior high school students during the Christmas holidays, which is being sponsored by the Thursday Evening Seminar Group. He also reported a dinner for Harley B. Porter, Thursday evening, September 24, 1970. Also, an invitation by Mayor Al Ballard to be present at the Groundbreaking of the new city hall at 3rd and E Streets.

*1800 vehicles involved in accidents

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

Councilman Knudsen reported an on-going hearing of the Forest Service which believes that by 1987 there will be no public overnight facilities in the Santa Ana River Area.

Mayor Cummings reported a change in date for the ribbon cutting for the Western Audio Visual Systems, Inc., store; the change to be made to October 13, at 9:00 A.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution
No. 2834
Efficiency
Study

At this time City Manager Merritt read a brief memo praising the capabilities and qualifications of the city staff, and welcoming the proposed review of effectiveness and efficiency of the policies and performances of each department of the city, and pledging cooperation with the Council toward this end. Councilman Sewall briefly summarized the contents of Resolution 2834, proposed by him, and moved for adoption of this resolution. Councilman Knudsen seconded the motion. During the discussion that followed, it was decided that the word "personnel sessions" be used in describing "special sessions" as used in the sections of the resolution, reading "Now therefore be it resolved," and that the date be changed from the 8th to the 15th day of September. These additions were satisfactory with Councilman Sewall and Councilman Knudsen. Following further Council discussion, Resolution No. 2834 was unanimously adopted.

Under discussion of Communications it was suggested that staff meeting minutes be made available to the Council in order that they may be more aware of staff activities.

Mayor Cummings requested Director of Building and Safety Mitchell, and Planning Director Schindler to set up a Housing Commission meeting, the first probably to be an orientation meeting, with the hope that it can be in September.

Zanja
Channel
Study

Tabled from August 25, 1970, to this time was further consideration of the proposals of the engineering firms of Hicks & Hartwick, and of Omer H. Brody & Associates, to furnish analyses of routes and cost comparisons for location of the permanent Zanja Channel. Councilman Knudsen read the contents of the grant deeds granting easement to the City of Redlands for the use of thirty feet along the Zanja. This form has been approved by City Attorney Taylor and Director of Public Works Shone. City Attorney Taylor explained that the property owners are protected by the contingency clause.

Councilman Knudsen read a letter from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company stating that a revised estimate to relocate the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe trackage between Church and Lincoln would be \$220,000, and require a minimum of a 60 foot wide right-of-way.

Mr. Larry Hendon, Vice President for Financial Affairs of the University of Redlands, read a statement (filed with the City Clerk) which agreed to the dedication essentially as proposed in the grant deed form under discussion, and agreed to cooperate with the city in the ultimate alignment. Others addressing Council were Mrs. C. M. Gruber, Mr. Jack Dangermond, Mrs. Alice Van Boven, and Miss Gertrude Hagum.

Following lengthy deliberation, Councilman Knudsen moved that Council approve the proposal of O. H. Brody, motion seconded by Councilman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

Sewall. After more discussion the motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Knudsen and Sewall
 NOES: Councilmen Miller and Mayor Cummings
 ABSTAIN: Councilman DeMirjyn

Those not favoring the motion reemphasized their concern for immediate protection for the four houses which are frequently flooded.

City Manager Merritt pointed out that in the event the proposed deeds are not satisfactory with the Zone Three Flood Control District in order that the county will assume the work, the City then has a great funding obligation. The Council reiterated that it is essential to know who does the work in maintaining the Zanja and who pays for it.

Following more discussion the Council concluded:

- (1) that the study is not now in order,
- (2) that Director of Public Works Shone will contact the Flood Control District as to acceptability of the property being under City control by the proposed deeds,
- (3) that the committee will proceed to obtain the right-of-way grants of easement as originally planned,
- (4) that Director of Public Works Shone will prepare an estimate of cost of maintenance of the Zanja.

Mayor Cummings then thanked the committee members for their work, and stressed that each Councilman must go in the direction that he feels best in this matter, and that all agreed that immediate protection is needed.

University
Street
Extension

At the meeting of August 25, 1970, Director of Public Works Shone was requested to make a cost estimate for the extension of University Street through to Lugonia. The estimate submitted at this time is two acres of right-of-way at \$20,000. Cost of installation would be \$34,275. Totalling in all, \$54,275. As this money is not available at this time, further consideration was deferred to a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting
Delegate

A voting delegate and alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held in San Diego on October 25 to 28 were appointed as follows: Mayor Cummings as voting delegate, unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Sewall; and Councilman Knudsen was unanimously approved as voting alternate, on motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

CITY MANAGER

Police
Vehicle

Following explanation by City Manager Merritt, on motion of Councilman Sewall, seconded by Councilman Miller, authorization was given for the purchase by the police department of a van type truck for use in transporting bulky items. Funds for this purchase are available as the result of the sale of two Police Department motorcycles, which are no longer required.

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, authorization was unanimously given for reappropriation from 1969-1970 funds to 1970-1971 for the amount of \$172,000.

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 10:40 P.M.

Next regular meeting, September 15, 1970.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

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Mayor of the City of Redlands

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