

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on January 5, 1971 at 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Items 3:00 P.M. Regular Agenda 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
Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

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

Mayor Cummings welcomed a large group of students from Mr. Ronald Stutt's class in American Government at Redlands High School.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 1970 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance
No. 1427
Zone Change

This being the time and place advertised for public hearing on Ordinance No. 1427, an ordinance of the City of Redlands effecting a change of zone from A-1 (Agriculture) District to R-1 (Single Family Residential) District for approximately thirty acres of land located on the north side of Lugonia Avenue, 1320 feet west of Judson Street, Mayor Cummings at this time declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any comments or questions concerning this ordinance. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed and Ordinance No. 1427 was adopted on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, with waiver of the reading of the ordinance in full by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Miller, Sewall, Mayor Cummings
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

Resolution No. 2855
Ordering Work
Vacating
Fern Ave.

Resolution No. 2844, a resolution of intention to vacate a portion of Fern Avenue which was adopted December 1, 1970, set the public hearing on this street closure for this time and place. Mayor Cummings again declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any comments or questions concerning this vacation of a portion of Fern Avenue. None being forthcoming, Mayor Cummings declared the public hearing closed. Following discussion, on motion of Councilman Sewall, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, Resolution No. 2855, a resolution of the City Council ordering the vacation of Fern Avenue, was unanimously adopted by the City Council.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

As considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on January 5, 1971 at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Miller, Sewall, Mayor Cummings; City Attorney Taylor

1. R.P.C. No. 333 - Zone Change No. 123 - Landis and Benedict

That R.P.C. No. 333, a resolution of the Planning Commission for adoption of Zone Change No. 123 - creating a change of zone from A-1 (Agriculture) District to R-1 (Single Family Residential) District for approximately thirteen acres of property located on the southwest corner of Colton Avenue and Wabash Avenue, north of the A.T. & S.F.R.R. right-of-way, be approved. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was unanimously adopted by the City Council. Ordinance No. 1429, an ordinance to establish said Zone Change No. 123, was introduced and laid over under the rules with public hearing set for January 19, 1971 at 7:00 P.M.

PARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Sewall reported no recommendations from the Park Commission, but stated that seventeen people had been interviewed toward the filling of the vacancies existing on the Park Commission. He added that the Commission will meet next Thursday and send recommendations to the Council at the meeting of January 19.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

At the regular meeting of the Traffic Commission held on December 17, 1970 the Commission made the following recommendations for Council consideration:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to Article 676, Section 67603 of the Redlands Traffic Ordinance:

1. Establish stop sign on Colton Avenue to stop westbound traffic at intersection with Sixth Street.
2. Establish stop signs on Center Street to stop southbound and northbound traffic at intersection with Palm Avenue.
3. Establish stop sign on Brookside Avenue to stop westbound traffic at intersection with Terracina Boulevard.

SECTION TWO: Pursuant to Article 678, Section 67801 (b) of the Redlands Traffic Ordinance:

1. Remove green loading zone on Citrus Avenue in front of 137 West Citrus Avenue.

Following discussion, these recommendations were approved by the City Council and Resolution No. 2853, a resolution of the City Council amending the Traffic Code to include the above changes, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman Sewall, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Councilman Sewall explained Ordinance No. 1430, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending the Traffic section of the Ordinance Code. This pertains to prohibition of vehicles obstructing official traffic signs

Resolution No. 2853
Amending
Code

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Ordinance
No. 1430
Amending
Code

or devices, and prohibition of the parking of commercially licensed motor trucks of a capacity of one ton or more in residential districts. Following discussion and explanation by Captain Warren Elliott that these changes were recommended due to the number of complaints and requests to both the Traffic Commission and police, Ordinance No. 1430 was given first reading of the title and laid over under the rules with second reading and adoption set for the Council meeting of January 19, 1971.

COMMUNICATIONS

Police
Appreciation
Week

Mayor Cummings read a letter from the Junior Women of the Contemporary Club stating that the project "Respect for Law Enforcement" which is now statewide originated with the Redlands chapter. The Redlands chapter is planning to hold Police Appreciation Week, February 14 through 20. They plan to display posters containing pictures of each of the 75 Redlands police officers. They will also hold, on February 18, a dinner honoring the officers and their wives. The letter was referred to Mr. Merritt for coordination and handling of this program.

Mayor Cummings explained that he will be absent on business in San Francisco on February 16 and will miss the Council meeting of that date. This is the day the Redlands Coalition will be removed from the table; the Mayor requests that the date be set forward to the first meeting in February. Councilman Miller, who made the original motion to table this material, moved that the Redlands Coalition be included on the February 2 agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance
No. 1428
Traffic
Commission

Ordinance No. 1428, an ordinance amending the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Redlands, to establish a Traffic Commission consisting of seven voting members to be appointed by the City Council from the city population, was given second reading of the title and adopted, with waiver of the reading of the ordinance in full, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmen DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Miller, Sewall, Mayor Cummings
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Redlands
Coalition

Councilman Sewall read a prepared statement in which he enumerated Council actions which he believed to be noteworthy achievements that have taken place since the last election of April 14, 1970. He congratulated his fellow councilmen on these deeds, but added that a serious blemish on this good record was made at the Council meeting of December 15, 1970 when the Council failed to approve the request of conscientious citizens for Council concurrence with the principle of a Redlands Coalition. Councilman Sewall stated that these citizens requested no commitment of time or money, but only approval in concept, and that he would move to remove the material from the table and endorse it as a humanitarian dream.

Councilmen Miller and Knudsen stated that they believed the document submitted December 15 lacked many necessary items and was, in effect, a draft. Councilman Miller added that there had been the additional problem that the material did not reach the Council prior to the meeting in order to allow time for study.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

Vice Mayor DeMirjyn added that he would not be a party to any program which coerce police authority in any way.

Mayor Cummings expressed appreciation to Mr. Sewall for his efforts, stated that he had not heard a second to the motion and added that he believed the Ad Hoc Committee would prefer to have the matter brought from the table on February 2, as this would allow time to inform people who have misconceptions concerning the program.

The Mayor stated that he was disturbed by having two groups of people come with presentations to the last meeting and have the matters so hastily tabled by Council.

Councilman Miller added that neither item tabled at the last meeting had been presented properly nor had time been allowed for study.

NEW BUSINESS

Redevelopment
Agency

Mayor Cummings read a letter and passed out packets of material gathered by the city staff over the past several months, relating to a Redevelopment Agency for the City of Redlands. He briefly outlined the purposes and concepts contained in the material and requested Council consideration. He listed the departments and people already contacted in this matter, and also those who he hoped would become involved in the project.

Councilman Knudsen expressed pleasure at this proposal, stated that he also had been studying the ways to go in establishing a Redevelopment Agency. Councilman Knudsen illustrated the need for some type of redevelopment in Redlands by comparing the cost of commercial property in the City of Redlands with that available in San Bernardino. The other councilmen concurred in this proposal. Mr. Cale Whipple, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, added that Secretary Romney had been invited to speak to the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce but was unable to be present.

Appointments
Planning
Commission

Mayor Cummings announced that the terms on the Planning Commission of Mr. Jim Butler and Mr. Max Kreston were expiring this month. He stated that both men have contributed in an outstanding manner to the commission, and recommended that they be reappointed for another four-year term. Following discussion, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, both gentlemen were reappointed to the Planning Commission and a letter of appreciation and pleasure to each was directed to be sent over the Mayor's signature.

Resolution
No. 2854
Lease

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution No. 2854, a resolution of the City Council approving the lease of office space in the Safety Hall building to the State of California for Civil Defense purposes, was unanimously adopted by the City Council.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Merritt presented a recommendation from the Underground Utility Advisory Committee that Council establish an underground utility district in the vicinity of Marshall Street and Parkford. Following Council discussion and an explanation by Public Works Director Shone of the reason for the request and the personnel making the request, this matter was tabled by Council for two weeks' study.

CITY MANAGER (Continued)

Representa-
tive

Redlands
Water
Company

Grant Deed
Jester

Manager Merritt presented a request from the Department of Public Works that Emmett Lowry, Water Superintendent, be designated as City representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the Redlands Water Company. On motion of Councilman Sewall, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, this requested appointment was made by the Council unanimously, and the City Attorney was requested to work out the details concerning number of shares of stock in the company necessary for this appointment.

A grant deed from Joe Jester and Goldie Jester for street and alley right-of-way at the corner of Lawton Street and Stuart Avenue was accepted on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Sewall, with the City Manager authorized to execute the certificate of acceptance in behalf of the City, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen DeMirjyn, Miller, Sewall, Mayor Cummings
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Knudsen

City Manager Merritt read a detailed report of the success the City is having in the removal of dead orange groves.

Attorney Taylor reported that he will be meeting with the owners of sign companies concerning the requirements of the City sign ordinance that billboards be removed.

Mayor Cummings announced that the next department to be considered by the Efficiency and Effectiveness Review will be the Building and Safety Department at 2:00 P.M. on January 19, 1971.

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 8:45 P.M.

Next regular meeting, January 19, 1971.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. McJannet
City Clerk

Jack B. Cummings
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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