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MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on July 24, 1973 at 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT

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

R. 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

Ellsworth E. Miller, Councilman

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 3023 - Downtown Mall Project - Continuation

Public hearing on the Downtown Mall Project was continued to this meeting from the meeting of July 17, 1973. Mayor Cummings declared the meeting open as a continuation of the public hearing for any comments or questions concerning this project. No comments were forthcoming. City Attorney Taylor reported that the case remains under consideration in Superior Court in San Bernardino. Judge Katz states that he considers this an important case and wishes to review all the evidence received over a three-month period. He gave no indication of the date at which he will make a determination. The public hearing was continued to the Council meeting of September 4, 1973.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSStreet
Closure
Fifth
Street

The request for closure of Fifth Street for the purpose of a Camp Fire Girls Fair was tabled to this time. Mr. Merritt recommended that approval be given for the closure of Fifth Street on September 10, 1973 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. as all departments have approved the application. The property owners in the downtown division do request that the alley be kept open east and west across Fifth Street. Following brief discussion on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Sewall, approval for the closure of Fifth Street as described by the City Manager, subject to the requirements of all departments, with the alley being kept open east and west, was approved by AYE votes of all present.

CITY MANAGERElm Tree
Control
Program

City Manager Merritt briefly described the present infestation of elm trees in Redlands by the Elm Leaf Beetle, stated that the infestation was discovered only within the last week, and presented the recommendation of Mr. Gene M. Harper, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner for the County of San Bernardino. The recommendation is for two spraying programs, one to be completed not later than August 30, 1973, and the other to be started on June 1, 1974. The estimated cost for this service is \$20,000, with the lowest quotation of five received being Phelps Spray Service. City Manager Merritt urged authorization of this program immediately, with the funds to be taken from Park Surplus. Council discussed this problem at length. Park Director MacKenzie explained that the desert communities have been fighting this beetle for twelve years, but it is also existing now in Hemet and Riverside. It was further explained that all trees within the City will be treated and that this is necessary in order to stop the infestation. Noting that this was being done for the health, safety and welfare, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the recommendation was approved as made by Mr. Merritt, by AYE votes of all present.

Bid Call
Disposal
Trucks

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids on two 20 cubic yard disposal trucks, by AYE votes of all present. This is a budgeted item.

Mayor Cummings brought notice that the Citrus Belt Firemen's Association were planning to hold a high-wire act at Chaffey College on August 21, 1973, and requested waiver of business license in order to sell tickets for the event. This request was received at 11:00 A.M. this date. Council discussed the matter at length and requested further information. However, no one was in attendance at the meeting to give additional explanation.

Following lengthy discussion of this matter and other requests for waiver of business license, it was determined, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, to approve this one request at this time, by AYE votes of all present.

The staff was requested to put this matter of waiver of business licenses on the agenda for a future meeting with possible recommendations for guidelines for waiving business licenses.

Dividend
State
Compensation
Insurance
Fund

Mr. Merritt reported receipt of a check in the amount of \$45,288.30 from State Compensation Insurance Fund which is a dividend of 46% covering the period from July 1, 1971 to July 1, 1972.

CITY MANAGER (Continued)

This substantial refund is attributed to an awareness of the importance of safety which the City administration, supervisors and Safety Committee and employees have succeeded in stressing.

The Council requested that letters of congratulation be posted on bulletin boards and a copy in the employees' newsletter.

Vice Mayor DeMirjyn remarked upon the work being done by members of the Downtown Redlands Division of the Chamber of Commerce in cleaning up the lot at the corner of State and Fifth, commenting on Mr. Lehman and President Doss' pictures in the newspaper. Council expressed appreciation of this civic contribution.

Councilman Sewall requested that Council adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence honoring Judge Russell Goodwin.

There being no further business to be attended at this time, the Council adjourned, on motion, standing for a period of time to honor the memory of Judge Goodwin.

Next regular meeting, August 7, 1973.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Moseley
City Clerk

Frederick B. Cummings
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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