

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on December 17, 1974 at 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT

Jack B. Cummings, Mayor
Ellsworth E. Miller, Vice Mayor
Charles G. DeMirjyn, Councilman
Chresten M. Knudsen, Councilman
Bertha Rose Grace, Councilwoman

Jack Shefchik, Director of Public Works
Bill Brunick, 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 Vice Mayor Ellsworth E. Miller.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 1974 were approved as submitted.

BIDS

The following bids for construction of Fern Avenue from San Mateo Street to 140' northeast of Nanette Street were opened and publicly declared in the office of the City Clerk at 10:00 A.M. this date:

Bid Award Construction, Fern Avenue	Erwin Construction Company Bloomington, CA	Total Bid \$71,687.75
	Fontana Paving Fontana, CA	Total Bid \$62,729.55
	Hubbs & Sons Rialto, CA	Total Bid \$69,206.95
	Kruger-McGrew San Bernardino, CA	Total Bid \$57,888.70

BIDS (Continued)

Bid Award
Paving
Materials

Matich Corporation Colton, CA	Total Bid \$64,920.00
Riverside Construction Company Riverside, CA	Total Bid \$62,397.64
Sully-Miller Contracting Riverside, CA	Total Bid \$66,441.40
E. L. Yeager Construction Company Riverside, CA	Total Bid \$61,568.50

Following study by the Department of Public Works, it is recommended that award be made to Kruger-McGrew, the fully qualified low bidder, in the amount of \$57,888.70. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the Departmental recommendation was unanimously approved by Council.

Bids from Fontana Paving, Fontana, Industrial Asphalt, Claremont, and Matich Corporation, Colton, for the furnishing of asphaltic paving materials and equipment rental were also opened and publicly declared in the office of the City Clerk at 10:00 A.M. this date. Following study by the Department of Public Works it is recommended that the low qualified bid of Matich Corporation be approved for the furnishing of material, and that the equipment rental be approved but not be limited to Matich Corporation.

Councilman DeMirjyn pointed out that this method has been used very successfully in the past in negotiation for equipment rentals. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, the award was unanimously made to Matich Corporation for supplying of asphaltic paving materials.

Director of Public Works Shefchik reported that the low bid this year is 50% higher than it was two years ago.

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Pamela
Crest
Houses

Mrs. Gordon Bjorklund of 1518 Pamela Crest presented a petition signed by twenty neighbors requesting the Council to do everything in its power to cause the two houses at the end of Pamela Crest to be repaired or removed as promptly as possible. The petition stated that the present condition is a blight on the area and is causing a decrease in property values and a hardship on those needing to sell property.

Director of Building and Safety Mitchell described the problems with houses on that street, which were developed in 1966. He explained that the two houses in question have been sold twice and that California Federal Savings has very large loans on this property and is in litigation with the Title Company because of incomplete information on property conditions prior to the loan commitment.

The Council considered abatement of this problem by use of the Dead Grove Removal or the Weed Abatement Ordinances. Attorney Brunick explained that this is not feasible.

Former Councilman Robert Wagner urged Council to press California Federal Savings to correct this condition. Also speaking were Mrs. Florence Eldridge and Mr. Dave Waters. Councilman Knudsen moved that the Director of Building and Safety and the Attorney call California Federal Savings tomorrow stating the Council's concern and follow up with a letter indicating urgency in this situation, and requesting that the over-all appearance be improved as the property is causing economic hardship. Motion seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Commission recommendations as considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof on December 17, 1974 at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace, Mayor Cummings; Deputy City Attorney Brunick

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 229 - Bank of Redlands

That a Conditional Use Permit to construct a bank with drive-through teller service on the southeast corner of Citrus Avenue and 6th Street be approved subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning Commission minutes dated December 10, 1974, deleting therefrom Planning Department requirement No. 1 and adding 14 and 15: That the Commission approve the location of the drive-in windows and the temporary building; that the layout of the parking lot is to be returned to the Planning Department to assure that it complies with all parking lot requirements. Compliance with the Architectural Advisory Commission recommendations of November 21, 1974. Councilmembers considered the back-up traffic problem related to the drive-through window and were assured that it is possible to arrange for sixteen cars within the property. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous approval was given to this Conditional Use Permit.

2. Commission Review and Approval No. 324 - Redlands Redevelopment Agency, Howard Connor, et al

That the Commission Review and Approval of the site plan and elevations for the Redlands Mall, property bounded by Orange Street, Citrus Avenue, Eureka Street and Redlands Boulevard, be approved subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning Commission minutes dated December 10, 1974 and all commissions, except Planning Department requirement No. 6 be deleted, and No. 8 be amended to read "Compliance with study plan items 1 and 3 as prepared by the department;" the addition of Planning Department requirement No. 10: "That the parking for the project be reduced to the minimum stipulated by the bond prospectus and that the space saved therefrom be given over to landscaping on Eureka Street and adding Planning Department requirement No. 11: "That plans for any median strip development in Citrus Avenue be reviewed by this commission."

Following discussion, Commission Review and Approval No. 324 was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

3. Conditional Use Permit No. 200 - Highland Acres - 90-day Time Extension

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, a 90-day time extension for Conditional Use Permit No. 200, due to difficulty with loan commitments, was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Lot Split No. 457 - Terry Riter

At the meeting of December 3, 1974 this item was tabled to the Council meeting of January 7, 1975. However, Mr. Riter has decided to proceed with construction of a new home on the 20-acre property and is now requesting a two-lot split, one five-acre parcel and one fifteen-acre.

The Advisory Committee has approved the signing of an agreement for engineering division requirements.

At this time, Mr. Riter requests Council permission to delay installation of the required dry sewer in San Bernardino Avenue to a later date. Following Council discussion, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, an agreement recommended by Mr. Shefchik for participation in sewer installation at such time as installation will provide a completed and usable system was unanimously approved.

Recreation - Mr. Knudsen announced a joint meeting on January 9, 1975 at 7:00 A.M. of Baseball for Boys with the Recreation Commission. He also announced cooperation between the Commission and the high school students on an ecology awareness program.

Public Works Commission - Chairman Fred Ford presented copies of a draft of an agreement for the Santa Ana River - Mill Creek Cooperative Water Project, briefly described the project and congratulated Mr. Charles Dibble and Mr. Steve Stockton for their work on this document. Mayor Cummings commented briefly on the continuing labors over many years to make water available in this area.

Mayor Cummings recognized Troop 10 of the Boy Scouts and their leader, Marty Tovar. This group is sponsored by the Mentone Women's Club.

APPOINTMENTSPublic Works
Commission

Mr. Bob Lacy was unanimously appointed to the Public Works Commission, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Library
Board

Reappointment of Mr. L. P. Scherer and Dr. James Fallows to the Smiley Library Board was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Grace. Letters of appointment and appreciation were authorized over the Mayor's signature.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Shefchik brought notice of an off-site beer and wine license transfer at the Brookside Market.

Councilman DeMirjyn brought requests from the residents of Normandie Court for closure of an alley through which motorcycles roar. He stated that this would not impede traffic circulation. Following discussion, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the staff was authorized to prepare a resolution of intention to close, describing the property and setting public hearing, this to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Knudsen commented on the beating of a local man in one of the Redlands parks, stating that the citizens of Redlands will not permit this. Mayor Cummings congratulated Chief Graefe on the quick action of his men in apprehending the guilty. Councilman Knudsen added that the Council must do everything possible to assure severe punishment as a deterrent to this type of crime.

Chief Graefe announced that the task force is having great success in reducing the drug-related burglaries in the city.

Mayor Cummings announced that a new blue and gold Mercedes diesel bus will soon be serving the north loop of the Redlands bus route, that which travels to Mentone. This will utilize a portion of the transportation funds available under Senate Bill 325.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSWater
Rates

The Council, following a lengthy discussion of water rates at their meeting of December 3rd, tabled decision and requested a report by staff.

At this time Director of Public Works Shefchik read a historical review of the City of Redlands water service program since World War II. He described the deplorable conditions of the system during the 1950's, with very poor water service, numerous outages, frequent low pressure, insufficient water for fire protection, and very questionable water quality. He also briefly reviewed the Orange County water suit which brought about, in 1958, establishment of Legal and Capital Improvement Reserve.

Mr. Shefchik stressed that it is incumbent upon the City of Redlands to maintain an adequate amount of pure water, in sufficient quantity and at proper pressures, to supply the needs of the citizens, including domestic use, industrial use, irrigation use, and fire protection.

This study enumerated the possible methods of financing, outlining advantages and disadvantages of each. It pointed out that at current interest rates revenue bonds would require repayment of approximately \$2.25 for each one dollar borrowed if repaid over a twenty-five year period. In summarizing the operation of the department and the needs of the future, Director of Public Works Shefchik made the following recommendations:

1. Continue funding capital improvements utilizing the Legal and

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

Capital Fund and consider long-term financing (borrowing) only when reserves are insufficient or when improvements are primarily for the benefit of future water users.

2. Continue to set funds aside in the Legal and Capital Fund at the present rate to insure availability of capital funds.
3. Establish a water rate increase of 20 per cent for all water users effective January 1, 1975.
4. Authorize construction of the 10 million gallon reservoir at Ford Park utilizing remaining bond funds and Legal and Capital Funds for financing.

Mr. Fred Ford presented a report on the cost of water at various elevations, a study of existing rates, and urged development of a Water Master Plan.

Both Mr. Shefchik's report and Mr. Ford's statement will be available in the office of the City Clerk.

Also speaking were Mr. Lawrence Ridge and Mr. Dave Turner.

Utilities Superintendent Dave Garcia explained reasons for requesting a rate increase, and added that it is essential that the Highland Avenue Reservoir be replaced. Mr. Garcia stated that eighteen months will be required to complete the Highland Avenue Reservoir and that the cover on the present reservoir already has holes which require patching to continue use. Mr. Garcia emphasized that the need for water waits for no one and that the system must be maintained.

Councilman Knudsen moved as follows:

Water
Rate
Change

"That Council proceed with construction of the Highland Avenue Reservoir as proposed by James Montgomery Engineers and as approved by the Council, with provisions for recreation facilities on the top.

"That at this time we do not abolish the Legal and Capital Fund.

"That Council activate an 11% rate increase commencing January 1, 1975, to meet the added operating costs we have been told about.
(See amendment below)

"That Council authorize contract with an engineering firm to prepare and complete a Master Plan for the water system.

"That as soon as the Master Plan is completed, Council analyze the future cost to bring the system to meet the City's needs and at that time create an additional rate increase to pay for those added costs."

In relation to the motion, Director of Public Works Shefchik stated that on January 7, 1975 Council will receive a recommendation for engineering consultants for the Master Plan.

Mr. Steve Stockton requested that the motion read "All billings after January 1st," rather than "water rates commencing January 1st."

Following further discussion, the motion, as amended, was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace

NOES: Councilman Miller, Mayor Cummings

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. 3154 implements the above water rate change, authorized by this motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

Toyon
Street
Closure

Mr. Shefchik read a memo from Community Development Director Schindler stating that the property owners who requested closure of Toyon Street did not wish to participate in the cost of the closing. Mr. Shefchik explained that the School System had agreed to participate in the cul-de-sac improvements affecting school frontage, and that the City would be well served to install the remaining improvements to close Toyon Street and terminate Ash Street in a cul-de-sac. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, this closure was authorized, with the City funding that portion not fronting on school property. A resolution of intention to close will be prepared for the meeting of January 7, 1975.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution
No. 3153
Traffic

At the Traffic Commission meeting of November 21, 1974 the following recommendations were made:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to Article 678, Section 67805 (a) (3) of the Redlands Traffic Ordinance:

Establish 45' long passenger loading zone in front of 612 Lawton Street (House of Neighborly Service).

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

Install stop sign on Cypress Avenue eastbound at intersection with Terracina Boulevard.

SECTION THREE: Remove portion of divider on Redlands Boulevard at Kendall Street across from eastern driveway exit of James Glaze, Inc. (420 West Redlands Boulevard).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 3153; Councilman Knudsen seconded the motion.

Councilman DeMirjyn questioned the fairness of cutting the divider strip at City expense. Following discussion, the motion was amended to approve the resolution, with the proviso that Section Three be done at the expense of the person requesting the cut. Resolution No. 3153 as amended was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace

NOES: Mayor Cummings

ABSENT: None

CITY MANAGER

Pitch-In
Days

The Council concurred in supporting the efforts of the Redlands High School students for Pitch-In Days, February 1st - February 28th, 1975, during which time students and citizens will join in an urban beautification program. Unanimous approval of a proclamation so stating was given on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

Easement
Southern
California
Edison

Grant of easement from the City of Redlands to the Southern California Edison Company in order to provide electrical power for the F.F.A. property at the Redlands Municipal Airport was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, with the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign in behalf of the City.

Bid Call
Weed
Abatement

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for a two-year contract for tractor work and waste removal in connection with the City's Weed Abatement Program.

The request of E. L. Yeager for release of 50% of the retention currently held by the City in connection with completion of the waste water

CITY MANAGER (Continued)

treatment plant was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Mayor Cummings. This release of funds was recommended by the Department of Public Works.

Director of Public Works Shefchik reported that the percolation ponds at the water treatment plant will be used as soon as a safety device is installed.

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

There being no further business, Council adjourned, on motion, at 9:20 P.M.

Next regular meeting, January 7, 1975.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Mosley
City Clerk

Jack B. Cummings
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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