MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on February 18, 1975 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

R. P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
Bill Brunick, Deputy City Attorney
Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
Erwin S. Hein, Redlands Daily Facts
Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun
Pat Sheeran, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

In lieu of an invocation, Councilman DeMirjyn asked that all present in the Council Chambers pause in a moment of silent prayer in memory of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, who served the City and the County so well for nine years and who was killed in a plane crash on Friday.

Mayor Cummings read a Resolution of Tribute to Jerry Pettis. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, this resolution was unanimously approved, and ordered to be printed, signed by the Council, and presented to Mrs. Shirley Pettis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 1975 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 3162

Precise Street Plan No. 15

This being the time and place set by Resolution No. 3162 for the Public Hearing on Precise Street Plan No. 15, a plan to assure access, circulation, drainage, and orderly lot development for properties generally bounded by Judson Street, Brockton Avenue, Occidental Drive and Lugonia Avenue, Mayor Cummings declared the meeting open as a Public Hearing for any comments or questions concerning this plan. None being forthcoming, the Public Hearing was declared closed and Resolution No. 3162 was adopted, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

DeMirjyn, by the following roll call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 1545

Uses Permitted in Ordinance No. 1000

This was also the time and place advertised for Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1545, an ordinance amending the Uses Permitted Sections of Zoning Ordinance No. 1000. Mayor Cummings again announced the meeting open as a Public Hearing for any questions and comments. None being forthcoming, the Public Hearing was declared closed. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, Ordinance No. 1545 was adopted, with waiver of reading of the ordinance in full, by the following roll call vote:

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

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Cummings spoke in tribute to Chuck Palmer, stating that he was a most illustrious master of ceremonies who had been demoted to San Bernardino and that he hoped there would be an additional salary increase to compensate Mr. Palmer for having to leave Redlands. Then on a serious note, he thanked Mr. Palmer for the ethical manner in which he had covered the City's business for so many years, and wished him well on his new assignment in San Bernardino. Mayor Cummings also welcomed Mr. Pat Sheeran, who will be filling Mr. Palmer's position.

Mr. Chuck Juran of 108 West Highland Avenue, owner of property in the downtown parking district, complimented the Council on the appearance of downtown Redlands, which is so improved by the removal of the old buildings.

Parking Lot Transfers

He stated that he had reviewed the ordinances and resolutions establishing the Vehicle Parking District. He pointed out to Council that bonds are still being paid off by downtown property owners and that some property owners had paid for their entire assessments in cash. Mr. Juran stated that if there are surplus assets above those needed for parking following the transfer of the three parking lots to the Redevelopment Agency, he believes that the funds should be returned to the property owners. Mayor Cummings thanked Mr. Juran and explained that the parking lot transfers will be discussed further under Item 10 on the agenda.

Mrs. Laverne Fountain, of 340 Fountain Avenue, brought Council a proclamation declaring March 1, 1975 as American Field Service Day and read the proclamation. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, unanimous approval was given this proclamation.

Bond Procedure

Mr. Robert Wagner, former Councilman, requested that Council review the Public Works requirement of ten percent cash and remainder by security bond to guarantee completion of work. Mr. Wagner suggests that this requirement be covered by a letter of credit, and explained that on one project the ten percent cash will require $24,000. This was discussed briefly, with Mayor Cummings reminding Mr. Wagner that they were both on the Council at the time this procedure was adopted. Council concurred in sending the matter to the Public Works Commission for consideration.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Commission recommendations as considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on February 18, 1975 at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace, Mayor Cummings; City Attorney Edward Taylor

1. Lot Split No. 458 - Lars Hording

That the request of Lars Hording for permission to split property located on the south side of Elizabeth Street, approximately 900 feet south of Crescent Avenue, with modifications to property development standards, be approved. Following discussion, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous approval was given to this recommendation of the Planning Commission, subject to the recommendations of all departments as contained in Planning minutes dated February 11, 1975, and with modifications to the property development standards.

2. Commission Determination No. 24 - Robert Stern

That the request of Robert Stern for a Commission Determination that the operation of a Real Estate office in the shopping center located on the northwest corner of Citrus Avenue and Judson Street is compatible with and similar to one or more uses permitted in the C-1 zone, be approved. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, RPC No. 415, a resolution of the Planning Commission approving Commission Determination No. 24, was adopted by the City Council by unanimous vote.

3. Tract No. 8853 - (aka Herb Angel PRD) - Final Approval

All requirements as outlined in Council minutes dated January 7, 1975 having been complied with, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that final approval be given to Tract No. 8853 subject to completion of signatures for the final map. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, unanimous approval was given for Tract No. 8853.

Report - Tri-City Airport

Councilman Knudsen reported that at a recent meeting of the East Valley Planning Agency Airport Land Use Commission which he chaired, a developer appeared applying for a permit to build three commercial-industrial-recreation buildings several hundred feet west of Tri-City Airport on an extension of Hunt's Lane. This application also showed several higher buildings on the same property nearer to and on a line with the midline of Tri-City Airport. The location of this development was of concern to the Commission because of its proximity to the Airport. Ultimately, permission was given to build with the proviso that a 275 foot wide emergency zone be made through the entire property on a line with the midline of the airport.

Council concurred that although San Bernardino might benefit by having additional buildings on the tax roll, the loss of Tri-City Airport could bring about the joint use of Norton and result in heavy air traffic over Redlands.

Park Commission - Councilwoman Grace announced that the Park Commission will meet Thursday to consider further the Master Plan of Parks and to make arrangements for Arbor Day. She reported that Council would receive petitions from parents from the Smiley School area protesting the Park Department's list of priorities.

Recreation Commission - Councilman Knudsen stated that concerned parents had addressed the Recreation Commission with offers to assist in the establishment of a park area at Smiley School. He added that

School Park Areas

Dr. Wheeler stated the schools would be unable to maintain any parks which might be developed, as this would be a cost of $1,500 per acre per year. Councilman Knudsen then brought to Council a request from the Commission that the City's share of tax from off-road vehicle registration be turned over to the Recreation Commission for possible use toward off-road vehicle recreation. This was discussed at length. Mrs. Grace pointed out that $400 would probably not cover the premium for the necessary additional insurance. No action was taken.

Public Works Commission - Councilman Knudsen announced the next Public

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (Continued)

Works Commission meeting, to be held February 24, 1975 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, at which time the extension of Ford Street into Garden Hill will be considered.

Mr. Knudsen also brought approval of the Public Works Commission of the December 19, 1974 draft of the Santa Ana River - Mill Creek Cooperative Water Project Agreement. The staff will brief Council members on the contents of this document, and there will be a public hearing on the agenda for March 4, 1975.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Morey House Tours

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, the request for extension of the YWCA tours of the Morey House was approved for one year.

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, waiver of fees for the use of the Redlands Bowl by the YWCA for their dance recital in June was unanimously approved, because they handle all matters at no cost to the City.

Mr. Merritt presented two applications for alcoholic beverage license for Council information; one from Gay 90's Pizza Parlor for on sale beer and one from A & W Beverage for off sale general.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commission Appointments

Planning Commission

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, Mr. Warren Elliott, retired Police Captain, was unanimously appointed to replace Mr. Ben Rabe on the Planning Commission.

Airport Advisory Board

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, Mr. Jerry Arendt was unanimously appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Wayne Germain on the Airport Advisory Board.

Council concurred in approval of the Mayor's absence from the State for four days while he will be attending meetings in Washington, D. C.

Councilman Knudsen requested a bus stop sign at the corner of Orange Street and Redlands Boulevard and also that the bus schedule be posted on the bench.

Bus Service

Mayor Cummings reported that it is anticipated that the four buses for the Redlands bus service will be available by March 16th and that the service will start at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parking Lot Transfers

City Manager Merritt presented a memorandum from the Board of Parking Place Commissioners concerning the allocation of funds resulting from transfer of three parking lots to the Redevelopment Agency. The amount agreed upon was $170,505.00, with the stipulation that it be paid no later than July 1, 1980, and that the funds be used for new sidewalks, lighting, additional parking, and Fifth Street improvements in the portions of the Vehicle Parking District not occupied by the Redevelopment Agency. Council then again considered Mr. Juran's questions, and on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, referred the matter to the legal staff for a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Knudsen reported that at the time of formation of the Parking District many owners paid their assessments in a lump sum and were promised that if this district did not materialize the funds would be returned to them.

Council received a letter from Mr. Don Wilcott stating that his firm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

will no longer pursue the development on Highland Avenue for which Conditional Use Permit No. 200 had been given by Council. Mr. Wilcott's letter stated that inflation has made the development impractical.

NEW BUSINESS

Underground Utilities Advisory Committee

Resolution No. 2694 established an Underground Utilities Advisory Committee, with members to be appointed by the City Council. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the following utility company representatives were unanimously appointed to this committee: Mr. L. C. "Arth" Arthington, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mr. Gene C. Donaldson, General Telephone Company; Mr. Ted Ehret, Southern California Gas Company; and Mr. Don Lally, Southern California Edison Company. This committee is reactivated in order to create appropriate underground districts.

CITY MANAGER

Bid Call

Sewer Cleaning Machine

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous authorization was given for the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the high pressure sewer cleaning machine included in the 1974-75 Sewer Division budget.

The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute the following quitclaim deeds:

Deeds

Toyon Street

To Carlos F. and Linda D. Guzman and to Cecil A. and Irene A. Pattison in connection with closure of Toyon Street, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Alley, Normandie Court

To Steven D. and Elisabeth J. Wasson and to Derral D. and Catherine R. Smith in conjunction with the closure of a portion of alley east of Normandie Court, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

City Manager Merritt explained that under the provisions of SB312 employees being hired under current emergency hiring practices will be removed from the PERS program. On motion of Councilman DeMiryn, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous approval was given to support of SB312, as was requested by the City of Sonoma.

Councilman DeMirjyn asked if the present hiring of CETA employees was removing temporary employees from City rolls. Attorney Brunick stated that this would not be legal.

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

There being no further business, Council adjourned, on motion, at 8:25 P.M.

Next regular meeting, March 4, 1975.

ATTEST:

Jack B. Cummings
Mayor of the City of Redlands

Peggy A. Moseley
City Clerk