MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on July 1, 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
Edward F. Taylor, City Attorney
Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
Erwin S. Hein, Redlands Daily Facts
Rosemary Hite, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT None

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, and the adjourned meetings of June 19 and 24, 1975, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1561
Zoning

This is the time and place advertised for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1561, Zone Change No. 164, which establishes a change of zone from R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to R-2 (Multiple Family Residential) District and from R-2 to R-1 for 11.25 and .8 acres of property generally located north of Lugonia Avenue, west of Church Street. Mayor Cummings declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any questions or comments concerning the zone change. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed and on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller, Ordinance No. 1561, an ordinance of the City of Redlands effecting Zone Change No. 164, 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

Resolution No. 3185
Precise Street Plan No. 16

Public hearing on Resolution No. 3185, a resolution of the City Council adopting Precise Street Plan No. 16, which would assure future access, circulation, drainage and orderly lot development for properties located on the west side of Church Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Lugonia Avenue was also advertised for this time and place. Mayor Cummings again declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any questions or comments concerning this plan. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed and Resolution No. 3185, adopting Precise Street Plan No. 16, was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

K-Mart

Mr. Vaden Covington of 100 Tennessee Street addressed Council with a petition requesting that Council not permit the location of K-Mart or any other like operation at Alabama and Redlands Boulevard but rather as close to the core area of Redlands as possible. Mr. Covington presented a folder which he stated contained 333 signatures of Redlands citizens making this petition. Mr. Covington itemized the reasons on the petition and added additional comments. Mr. Julian Blakeley, President of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed Council in support of this request and read a portion of a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors earlier this year. Also speaking were

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR (Continued)

Mr. Fred Ford and Mr. Leonard Jones.

Earlier efforts to locate K-Mart in the City were discussed at length with Mayor Cummings describing the most recent attempts of this firm to establish a place of business in Redlands, and also their past efforts over the last eight years. Alternate parcels were discussed briefly, cost per square foot, potential assessed valuation and sales tax advantages to the City were considered.

Councilman DeMirjyn then moved to table this matter for six months. Motion was seconded by Councilman Knudsen, and defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilwoman Grace stated that her vote on this matter was most difficult as she is a downtown merchant and property owner and stands to lose or gain as much as anyone in relation to this development; however, she stated that she felt a responsibility to the community as a whole. Dr. Miller added that he had spoken with many buyers who tell him that they will be happy to shop in Redlands rather than traveling to San Bernardino.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Commission recommendations as considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on July 1, 1975 at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace, Mayor Cummings; Attorney Ronald A. Miller

1. Street Vacation No. 65 - Inland Empire Council, Boy Scouts

That Street Vacation No. 65, a request for vacation of an alley 160 feet east of and parallel to Church Street, between Interstate 10 and the AT&SF RR tracks, R-2 Zone, be approved. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, unanimous approval was given to Street Vacation No. 65 subject to recommendations of the Planning Department, and Resolution No. 3189, a resolution of the City Council setting public hearing on this vacation for July 15, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. was unanimously adopted.

2. Tract No. 9048 - N.A.C.O.H. - Final Approval (Formerly Jerob)

All requirements as outlined in Council minutes dated May 20, 1975, and satisfactory compliance with street light requirements, having been completed, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that Tract No. 9048 be approved. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, unanimous approval was given to this recommendation of the Planning Department.

Traffic Commission - Councilman DeMirjyn reported that the Traffic Commission discussed the great danger of skate boards on the streets and sidewalks; also recommended that the islands in Redlands Boulevard in the county area not be cut. Dr. Miller brought a request that the intersection at Lugonia and Wabash Avenues be studies for a possible four-way stop. He added that this would require state-county-city approval.

Housing Commission - The Housing Commission met last Thursday, June 26th, and considered housing for the elderly, and recommended that Resolution No. 3179 be held in abeyance at this time.

APPOINTMENTS

Airport Advisory Board

Recreation Commission

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, unanimous approval was given to the reappointment of Mr. Roy Sheeley to the Airport Advisory Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 1975; and the reappointment of Dr. Miller to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Redlands Theater Festival in Prospect Park

City Manager Merritt presented a letter from Mr. Clifford Cabanilla, Professor of Theater Arts at Crafton Hills College, requesting the use of Prospect Park from June 23rd through August 23rd for the Third Annual Redlands Theater Festival, a joint project of the Friends of Prospect Park and Crafton Hills College. The request included permission to charge admission and permission to locate a sign at the corner of Highland and Cajon Streets. This was discussed briefly. Mr. MacKenzie reported that this use has been very satisfactory in the past. City Attorney Taylor remarked that a fine schedule of programs is being planned with beautiful settings and top level production. Unanimous approval as requested was given on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, subject to the approval of the Department of Building and Safety of the sign.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Miller displayed a very beautiful plaque which had been presented to him in behalf of the Council expressing appreciation to the Council from Reverend Orval Halley and the members of the Church of the Nazarene. The Church held a patriotic service with Mrs. Pettis present, also Supervisor Hansberger, Mr. DeMirjyn, and many other citizens attending. Mayor Cummings thanked Reverend Halley for this kind expression of appreciation.

Council was reminded of a 4th of July parade beginning at 5:00 P.M. this Friday and were asked to arrange with the Clerk if they wish transportation.

Mayor Cummings announced that San Bernardino will host the meeting of the League of California Cities on July 16th.

Mayor Cummings announced a transit meeting Tuesday, July 8, 1975 at 9:00 A.M. in San Bernardino and stated that Mr. Shefchik would attend.

Bus Service

Mayor Cummings also asked that those interested attend the public hearing to be held in Riverside on Monday, July 7th, at 2:00 P.M. to speak against the formation of a bi-county board to control the bus service. Mayor Cummings spoke of the excellent progress that has been made by the efforts of small cities of San Bernardino County and fine bus service that is available throughout the county; he stressed that control would be taken from the cities and put in the hands of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayors of the large cities. Mayor Cummings recommended that anyone interested in attending call San Bernardino Associated Governments for details of the meeting.

Mayor Cummings acknowledged receipt of letters from Mr. Harold Walker and the Chamber of Commerce on the K-Mart proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 3188
Fees

Mr. Merritt presented Resolution No. 3188, a resolution of the City Council amending Resolution No. 2912, which established a schedule of fees to be charged within the City of Redlands. Resolution No. 3188 presents the fees recommended by the Departments of Planning and Public Works. This schedule would be comparable with fees charged in this area and would cover the actual cost to the City for various services. Resolution No. 3188 was adopted on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, with the following roll call vote:

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

CITY MANAGER

Park Dept. Rotary Mower

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, unanimous approval was given to the expenditure of $3,500.00 from Park Department Capital Outlay Fund to purchase a 60-inch rotary mower to replace two worn-out machines.

School Mini Parks

City Manager Merritt reported that the School District will assume maintenance of the area that will be turfed at Smiley School, with seed being furnished by a group of parents. He recommends that the City subsidize this endeavor by paying the cost of the water at the lowest rate; this would be about $700.00 per year. He further recommended that water be furnished to the Mentone Park at the lowest outside-rate, but that no further subsidy be made on that project. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous approval was given this proposal in order to assist in the establishment of parks at these two areas.

Budget

Copies of the 1975-76 budget were distributed to the Councilmembers and Mr. Merritt explained each fund in detail. He recommended tentative approval of the following funds: General, Library, Park and Street Tree, Recreation, Retirement, and Sewer Rental Fund, subject to receipt of the 1975-76 tax information in August. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller, this portion of the budget was unanimously given tentative approval.

The following funds: Parking Meter Fund, Traffic Safety Fund, Gas Tax Fund, Sewer Construction Fund, Water Construction Fund, Public Building Fund, Sewer Bond Redemption Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parking District Fund, Special Aviation Fund, Disposal Fund, Water Stock Fund, Legal and Capital Fund, Cemetery Endowment Fund, a total in excess of nine million dollars, received unanimous final approval on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mr. Fred Ford addressed Council with reference to the widening of Citrus Avenue and to the gradual reduction of construction work by the Water Department with a concomitant turn to private enterprise. Mr. Ford reiterated the conclusions of the Public Works Commission. Council thanked him for his report.

Revenue Sharing

City Manager Merritt next presented the following recommendations for Revenue Sharing Funds in Priority Order: Police - $20,000; Fire - $17,500; Library - $7,000; Fire - $1,200; Park - $2,800; Disposal - $35,000; Recreation - $14,000; Public Works - $48,000; Social Programs - $20,000; Recreation - $3,500; for a total of $168,000, with the balance of Revenue Sharing monies to go into the General Fund. The matter was discussed briefly and the recommendation approved on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Mayor Cummings, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Grace; Mayor Cummings
NOES: Councilmember Knudsen for the reason that he did not want to see Revenue Sharing funds to into the General Fund.
ABSENT: None

Other Councilmembers expressed regret for this also.

Mr. Merritt presented Resolution No. 3187, a resolution amending the salary schedule of the City employees to effect the 7-1/2 percent raise agreed between the Council and the Employees' Association last year. He added that Resolution No. 3187 included a frugal increase of 2-1/2 to 5 percent additional increase for 17 special job classifications. Councilman DeMirjyn moved that Resolution No. 3187 be approved deleting the

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the 17 special increases. Councilman Knudsen seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. DeMirjyn also included in the motion that Council take the initiative in cutting expenses by lowering their own salaries 10 percent.

Resolution No. 3187 Salaries

Resolution No. 3187 was adopted as presented by the City Manager, on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller, by the following roll call vote:

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

Disposal Truck Tabled

The five-year lease/purchase agreement for a container truck for the Disposal Department was tabled on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Mayor Cummings.

Grant Deed Water Co.

A grant deed from West Redlands Water Company to the City of Redlands in connection with an agreement between the City and the Water Company dated June 3rd was unanimously accepted on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, with the City Manager authorized to execute the certificate of acceptance in behalf of the City.

Emergency Water to Loma Linda

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn, unanimous approval was given to an agreement between the City of Redlands and the City of Loma Linda whereby Redlands would furnish emergency water to the City of Loma Linda on an emergency basis not to exceed 1,000 gallons per minute and not to exceed a total of more than 400 acre feet per year, with the City of Loma Linda paying for all water used at the lowest inside-city block rate in addition to a service charge of $90.00 per month.

PERS Contract

Resolution No. 3190, a resolution of the City of Redlands declaring the intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the City, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace. This is in connection with the benefit given the miscellaneous employees as the result of recent labor negotiations.

Smiley Library Fees

Councilman DeMirjyn stated that he had received complaints that children who live in Mentone are now being charged a $15.00 fee to use the City Library. Mr. DeMirjyn stated that he did not believe that children should be so treated.

This was discussed briefly and compared to other Redlands services within the City which seem to be enjoyed by people who do not pay municipal taxes and live outside the City. Miss Phyllis Irshay, Library Director, stated that the Library Board decided on this fee after reviewing the fact that the average home owner in the City of Redlands pays $18.00 a year to support Smiley Library.

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

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Next regular meeting, July 15, 1975.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Moseley
City Clerk

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Mayor of the City of Redlands

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