MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on July 15, 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
Pat Sheeran, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance followed by Councilman DeMirjyn's request for the Council and audience to join in singing one stanza of "America The Beautiful" in lieu of an invocation, in honor of the Bicentennial. Mr. DeMirjyn began the song and all joined in wholeheartedly. Mayor Cummings expressed pleasure and stated that this was the first time he had seen this done in the Council Chambers.

Discussion Resolution No. 3187

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 1975 were presented for approval. Councilman DeMirjyn asked for an explanation from Mr. Merritt of the statement concerning adoption of Resolution No. 3187 (page 6): "a frugal increase of 2-1/2 to 5 percent" whereas Resolution No. 3187 as adopted July 1, 1975 shows a raise of four ranges for the position of Assistant City Manager and three ranges for some other job descriptions. Mr. DeMirjyn added that each range is approximately five percent. Mr. Merritt stated that this matter had been discussed at budget session, and in this particular instance, the person had assumed additional responsibility with raise to the level of department head. Mr. DeMirjyn replied that this amount of money is not frugal in his opinion, and he believes excessive raises of certain individuals is underming to the general morale of competent employees. Mr. Knudsen added that in a comparison with similar salaires at the state level, the City's are considerably higher and commented that Governor Brown had set $34,000 as the highest level of state salary.

Mayor Cummings supported Mr. Merritt completely, then asked if anyone wished to change their vote on Resolution No. 3187; the vote remained the same and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 3194 Alley Vacation

As this is the time and place advertised for the public hearing on vacation of an alley parallel to Church Street between Interstate 10 and the A.T.& S.F. RR tracks, Mayor Cummings declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any questions or comments concerning this vacation. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed, and Resolution No. 3194, a resolution of the City Council ordering the work on this vacation, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Julian Blakeley of 510 East Mariposa, President of the Chamber of Commerce, read a resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Chamber Board. The resolution recommends the return of parking on the south side of Citrus Avenue and recommended that Lot No. 5 be retained as customer parking until such time as a large area for parking is available in connection with the redevelopment.

Downtown Parking

Councilman Miller moved to reestablish the parking on the south side of Citrus Avenue between Fourth and Sixth Streets, with Fourth Street remaining to allow access to Parking Lot No. 5; that Parking Lot No. 5 be for customer parking as long as possible during the construction of the mall, with no heavy equipment parked on this lot; he included a recommendation that a "Parking" or "No Parking" study relating to the south side of Citrus be included in the traffic study for the mall. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cummings, who stated that he was absent when the parking was removed from Citrus Avenue and that he believes it inappropriate to change any parking in the area of downtown Redlands, including that on Olive Avenue. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Knudsen repeated his statement of this afternoon urging early removal of the Security Building as this would relieve the traffic problem somewhat and add space foe heavy equipment parking.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Commission recommendations as considered by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on July 15, 1975 at 3:00 P.M.

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

1. R.P.C. No. 426 - Redlands Subdivision Ordinance

That R.P.C. No. 426, a resolution of the Planning Commission for the adoption of the Redlands Subdivision Ordinance, which is a revision of Ordinance No. 1548 and establishes subdivision requirements for the City of Redlands in accordance with the California Code, be adopted. Director of Community Development Schindler explained that no additions had been made to Ordinance No. 1548, merely deletions therefrom. On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, R.P.C. No. 426 was approved and Ordinance No. 1562, an ordinance establishing the Redlands subdivision requirements was given first reading of the title and laid over under the rules, with public hearing set for August 5, 1975 at 7:00 P.M.

2. Conditional Use Permit No. 239 - Pacific Southwest Realty for Security Pacific Bank

That Conditional Use Permit No. 239 be approved subject to all requirements of the various departments as outlined in Planning Commission minutes dated July 8, 1975, and subject to negotiation with the departments and/or City Council on items brought up for discussion. Mr. Frank Gilbert addressed Council and requested that Item 7 be used to replace Item 5 under the Planning Department requirements, thereby becoming Item 5; this relates to the driveway and approach to the old drive-through facility. Mr. Gilbert also asked waiver of the dedication to provide a 30-foot half street on Seventh Street, explaining that such dedication would serve no public use. Street Superintendent John Donnelly stated that this would be satisfactory to the Street Department as there is no parking permitted on the north side of Seventh Street at this time. Following further discussion, on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, unanimous approval was given to Conditional Use Permit No. 239 with the two changes requested.

3. Commission Review and Approval No. 331 - Church of Christ

Mr. Forest Riddell addressed Council in behalf of the Church of Christ, stating that the Church believes the requirements of the Utility Division to be excessive; wishes the required four trees to be planted elsewhere, as the space on which they are proposed is used for volley-

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ball; requests waiver of the requirement for installation of a fire hydrant; and asks City assistance in closing and filling in the drainage ditch. Chief Budd spoke to the matter of the fire hydrant, explaining that hoses could not be run over fences and through private property, and that hoses were laid down by vehicles at the time of a fire; he stated that he could not recommend waiver of the hydrant. Utilities Superintendent David Garcia described the water requirements from the original lot split to the present time and explained the reasons the present requirements are made.

Council discussed the drainage ditch running across the property and referred this to staff for study relative to closing and filling. Following further lengthy discussion, Councilman Knudsen moved, seconded by Councilman Miller, to waive the water credit requirements but to require the installation of the fire hydrant and to delete the fifteen-gallon trees proposed under Section 4, but to retain the remainder of Section 4. This motion was adopted unanimously.

4. C.R.A. for Conditional Use Permit No. 225 - Hope Protestant Reformed School

The school requests waiver of the installation of a masonry wall along the side of the school building, which is being constructed at the rear of the lot on which the church stands. Community Director Schindler explained that there is a satisfactory chain link fence and that installation at this time serves no useful purpose, but that this is a requirement by ordinance. Following brief discussion, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, this waiver was granted unanimously by the Council.

5. Non-Conforming Use - Gearhart Grocery

Community Director Schindler reported that more than 60% of the residents in the immediate neighborhood of Gearhart Grocery, located at 1136 Texas Street, supported a request for extension of this non-conforming use. Mayor Cummings asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak to this matter. There was no reply. The City Council concurred in the continuation of this use, subject to the two specifications of Mr. Schindler; one regarding painting, the other regarding signs. A resolution so directing was authorized for presentation at the Council meeting of August 5.

Councilman Knudsen brought up the matter of Wabash Avenue, which is currently being discussed at the Planning Commission level. He moved that Council authorize Community Director Schindler to take as Council directive the recommendation the Planning Commission has made. This motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Miller, DeMirjyn, Knudsen, Grace
NOES: Mayor Cummings, who believes that this is not at the Council level at this time, and who also wishes that Wabash Avenue be developed in both directions at the same time.
ABSENT: None

There being no further business, the Council then adjourned to a Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Parking Olive Avenue

Traffic Commission - Councilman DeMirjyn introduced Resolution No. 3192, which was a recommendation from the Traffic Commission for removal of angle parking on Olive Avenue with change to parallel parking. Mr. Merritt reminded Council of the many changes in storage parking in the Redlands business district and urged that no more changes be made until the overall parking situation is settled in connection with redevelopment. Mr. Merritt stated that angle parking on Olive Avenue is not a safety hazard and it furnishes parking for many people employed in the downtown area, and that it is also heavily relied on by the churches for Sunday services. Mr. DeMirjyn moved to table Resolution No. 3192 indefinitely - Council concurred unanimously.

Recreation Commission - Mr. Knudsen reminded Council of the coming Recreation Commission meeting Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to discuss policing of recreation events and assure safety of young people and adults.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Merritt presented a request from the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Redlands requesting permission to have a table display on the corner of State and Fifth Street in honor of World Peace Day Observance on September 20, 1975. This will be from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 20th. On motion of Councilman Miller, APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Continued)

seconded by Councilman Knudsen, approval for this one day was given by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Noise Abatement

Councilman DeMirjyn read a letter from residents of the 600 block on Hibiscus Avenue listing complaints about noise at Lucky Market which abutts their property. Mr. Merritt stated that these complaints had been acted upon, that cooperation was being given by Lucky Market, and that the Planning Department is keeping a watchful eye on this problem.

ABLE Committee

Councilwoman Grace moved for Council expression of appreciation to Mr. Frank Maloney and the ABLE Committee for their diligent work of the past four months.

Council acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. Larry Hales urging reevaluation of the trellis project of East State Street, and receipt of a letter from Mrs. Jane Hillsen concerning parking.

Accounting

In answer to Councilwoman Grace's question, Director of Finance Archbold replied that the Marshall Stevens study will be available shortly and will put the City on Fixed-Asset accounting.

NEW BUSINESS

"1/2 Widow's Continuance"

Ordinance No. 1563, which is the next step in the amendment of the PERS Contract to add "one-half widow's continuance", was given first reading of the title and laid over under the rules, with the second reading set for August 5th.

Resolution No. 3191
Weed Abatement

Resolution No. 3191, a resolution of the City Council providing for placement of costs resulting from the abatement of weeds on the assessment rolls, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller.

CITY MANAGER

Resolution No. 3193
Affirmative Action Plan

City Manager Merritt presented Resolution No. 3193, a resolution of the City of Redlands adopting an equal employment opportunity affirmative action plan for the City of Redlands. He stated that this has been reviewed by many groups and sets goals and schedules for future hiring. He added that this policy has been in effect for many years. Resolution No. 3193 was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn. Councilman Knudsen commented that this resolution did not include the handicapped specifically.

Drain Design Contract

Authorization to assign the Garden Street Storm Drain contract from Omer Brodie and Associates to John G. Egan Associates was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Highway Maintenance Agreement

On motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, an agreement for maintenance of state highways in the City of Redlands was approved. This agreement defines the responsibilities of the City and sets up the reimbursement amount for maintenance of the state highways.

A $3,600.00 sum was authorized to cover inflationary increase and governmental mandated costs which resulted in overall increase in cost of that amount on two 30,000 GVW trucks for the Street Division; funds to come from the General Fund. This was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman DeMirjyn, seconded by Councilman Miller.

A grant deed from J. Overton Pratt and Patricia Davis Pratt for street

CITY MANAGER (Continued)

Grant Deed Pratt

right-of-way purposes was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilwoman Grace.

Bid Call Highland Avenue Reservoir

The authorization of bid call for the construction of the new Highland Avenue Reservoir with a storage capacity of ten million gallons was unanimously approved with bids being opened on August 14, 1975, and consideration of award at the following meeting, August 19, 1975, on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Bid Call Dump Truck

The City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for purchase of a 30,000 GVW dump truck for the Street Division of the Public Works Department, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

Citrus Avenue Right-of-way

Mr. John Donnelly has been negotiating with Mr. Overton Pratt for acquisition of right-of-way necessary to complete the widening of Citrus Avenue between Church Street and Redlands Boulevard. The agreed price is $60,000. On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous authorization was given to entering into escrow for purchase of the right-of-way.

Councilman Knudsen commended Mr. Donnelly for the handling of this matter and other related items.

Release Retention Fund

Following discussion and an explanation by Utilities Superintendent Garcia, Council approved release of the retention fund to E. L. Yeager Construction Company as the waste water treatment plan is 99% complete. A sum of one and one-half percent will be retained at this time. Approval was given unanimously on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman DeMirjyn.

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

There being no further business, Council adjourned, on motion, at 7:50 P.M.

Next regular meeting, August 5, 1975.

ATTEST:

Jack B. Cummings
Mayor of the City of Redlands

Peggy A. Moseley
City Clerk

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