MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on April 6, 1976, at 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Items 3:30 P.M. Regular Agenda 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
Chresten M. Knudsen, Vice Mayor
Ellsworth E. Miller, Councilman
Bertha Rose Grace, Councilwoman
Warren R. Elliott, Councilman

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
Charles Roberts, KCAL

ABSENT None

The meeting was opened with the singing of one stanza of God Bless America, the pledge of allegiance, and the invocation by Councilman Miller. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 1976, were approved as submitted as were the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of March 23, 1976.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Park Land Use

Park Commission - City Manager Merritt brought the Park Commission recommendation from the meeting of March 18, 1976, that the Council purchase equivalent land to replace all park land used for any other purpose than parks. Also the Commission inquired what plans were being made for replacing the 1.87 acres of park land and open space areas in Lugonia Park being given to the Northside Community Center. The matter was discussed briefly. Councilman Elliott observed that the people to be served by the Northside Community Center were the people who recommended the use of the land. Mr. Elliott also pointed out the proximity of Texonia Park and Lugonia Park and questioned the amount these are used.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Councilwoman Grace announced the April 15, 1976, Park Commission meeting at which time the Commission will consider a new park ordinance. She invited any input citizens would like to give.

Water Rate Increase

Public Works Commission - Director of Public Works Shefchik presented the recommendation of the Public Works Department staff for restructuring the City's existing water rates as shown on Table 9, Appendix B, Page B-24, of the Redlands Water Master Plan prepared by J. M. Montgomery, Engineers. He explained the rate briefly and stated that the Public Works Commission approved this recommendation at their meeting of March 29, 1976. Mr. David Turner read a statement questioning the Montgomery Report and requesting a delay in this matter. Mr. David Garcia, Director of Municipal Services, explained the years of deterioration which the water system has suffered, particularly the 60-65 miles of four-inch pipline which are no longer capable of adquate water delivery; stressed the fire hazard; and explained that a six percent (6%) increase in new connections has been added while the water staff has been reduced 8.6 percent.

Fred Ford, Chairman of the Public Works Commission, addressed Council requesting the implementation of the Montgomery recommendation and the acceptance of the Montgomery report.

Mr. Eldon Vincent, present in the audience, gave a comprehensive comparison of the water system with that of Azuza and projected future costs of the water uses in Redlands. Mr Louis Fletcher explained that gravity water, while reasonable, was not without cost. Mr. Turner suggested that the City develope alternates and and recommended a twenty-one percent (21%) increase. Mr. Garcia further explained that the requested increase is to maintain the present level at which the City is receiving water service and not for capital improvement nor for projected population increase. He added that surplus funds are now depleted.

Fire Chief Budd cited one instance of a costly home on Knoll Road which was lost to fire due to the inadequency of the water pressure in the early 1950's. Councilman Miller moved to accept the Commission recommendation and approve the rate increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Elliott with each Councilmember expressing concern for the citizens' situation brought about by this increase. Unanimous approval was given the rate increase as shown on Table 9, Appendix B, Page B-24, and depicted in Resolution No. 3247.

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Montgomery Report was approved as requested by Mr. Ford.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Outside City Water Connections

Mr. James L. Thomas of Fairview Lane, Mentone, addressed Council concerning an unauthorized water connection at 127 Sliger Road, Mentone. Two residences are presently being serviced by one water meter and this is in conflict with Ordinance No. 1441. Council discussed the matter at length with the Thomas' and Mr. Garcia explained the intent of the ordinance and the possible complications if the ordinance is not enforced consistently and impartially. Following discussion, on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Continued)

Councilman Miller, the Council moved to direct the Water Department to study the matter further to see if there is an alternative which might be available to the Thomas'. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Merritt presented a notice from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of an off-sale beer and wine license at Woody's Market, 1221 Orange Street. This is for information purposes only.

Scout-O-Rama

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, unanimous approval was given to the use of the parking lot east of Fifth Street and south of Redlands Boulevard by the Boy Scouts Grayback Council for a Scout-O-Rama on May 8, 1976, between 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Denial Candy Sale

A request of Reverence Issac Allen of Tabernacle of Faith in San Bernardino for permission to sell candy at businesses and door-to-door twice a month in Redlands was unanimously denied on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

COMMUNICATIONS

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller, the report of the Environmental Improvement Agency Health Services Department was noted as received.

Red Cross Flea Mart

The request of the Red Cross for permission to hold a Flea Mart in Sylvan Park to sell merchandize on May 1, 1976, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with a waiver of the business license was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Mayor DeMirjyn announced the League of California Cities Human Resources Institute May 19-21, 1976.

Bees

Councilman Miller brought several complaints expressing concern with hives of bees that are located too near residences within the City requested staff attention to the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1574

Library Bond Sale

Ordinance No. 1574, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redlands, giving notice of a special election for a bond sale for the A. K. Smiley Public Library was given second reading of the title and adopted with waiver of the reading of the ordinance in full, on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 3240

Public Employees Retirement System

Resolution No. 3240, a resolution of intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Redlands which was tabled at the meeting of March 23, 1976, for further Council study was adopted unanimously on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Elliott.

Church Agreement

Councilwoman Grace stated that Council should make note of the fact that in widening Vine Street, the Council had agreed to use Gas Tax Funds, but that the agreement between the First Presbyterian Church and the City was not the standard agreement that is made at this time

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

for off-site improvements. She stressed that no person or entity should expect to sign the improvement agreement and then have the City, at a later date, pay for the installation. She added that she felt that when the church had met its obligations, the funds should be returned to the Gas Tax Fund. This recommendation was unanimously approved on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Elliott.

Resolution No. 3232
Inland Empire Postmark

At the Council meeting of March 23, 1976, the City Council tabled for the second time, Resolution No. 3232, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands, recommending the term "Inland Empire" for mail postmarked through San Bernardino. At this time, Resolution No. 3232, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Elliott.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1578
Alarms

Ordinance No. 1578, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redlands, amending the Ordinance Code relating to alarms and alarm systems, was given first reading of the title and laid over under the rules with second reading set for April 20, 1976.

Ordinance No. 1579
Wild and Undomesticated Animals

Ordinance No. 1579, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redlands, amending the Ordinance Code under the section "Welfare," relating to wild and undomesticated animals, was given first reading of the title and laid over under the rules with second reading set for April 20, 1976.

Resolution
R. A. Covington Retirement

A Resolution of Commendation honoring Robert A. Covington on his retirement was read in its entirety by City Attorney Taylor and was adopted unanimously on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller. Mayor DeMirjyn announced the date of Mr. Covington's retirement party as April 22, 1976.

Appointments

At the request of SCAG and SANBAG, the following appointments were confirmed: SCAG, Mrs. Grace with Dr. Miller as alternate; SANBAG, Mr. Knudsen with Mr. Elliott as alternate; San Bernardino Transit Association, Omnitrans, Mr. Elliott.

CITY MANAGER

Resolution No. 3246
Amendment Prospect Park Plan

Resolution No. 3246, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands, authorizing amendment to Prospect Park Project No. 36-0010, State Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974, to delete irrigation of an eleven acre citrus preserve and add a restroom, was unanimously approved on motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Televents Letter of Credit
Pay T.V.

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, the request of Televents, Inc. for a reduction of their Letter of Credit from $100,000.00 to $25,000.00 was unanimously approved for the reason that the cable television system is 92.5 percent completed within the City as of March 8, 1976. Televents also announced that pay television will be available on the Televents circuit at an additional $4.95 per month.

Slurry Seal Bids Cemetry

The City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for the Slurry Seal of all asphalt concrete roadways within Hillside Memorial Park. Approval was given on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Miller.

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Easement Edison Co.

Unanimous approval was given to a Grant of Easement to the Southern California Edison Company from the City of Redlands for a strip of land presently under lease to Tri-City Concrete. The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to sign in behalf of the City. It is understood that when the need for this property no longer exists, the property will be quitclaimed to the owner. This motion was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Knudsen.

Declaration of Dedication Kling

On motion of Councilwoman Grace, seconded by Councilman Miller, a Declaration of Dedication from Robert P. Kling and Dwanna M. Kling as required for alley right-of-way in connection with Commission Review and Approval No. 319 was unanimously approved.

Declaration of Deed Smith

Two Declarations of Dedication from Bryant Smith and Mavis M. Smith to the City of Redlands in connection with street and alley rights-of-way for House Moving Permit No. 67 were unanimously approved on the motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Elliott.

Quitclaim Curtis

The remainder of Lot A, Tract 6640, was unanimously authorized quitclaimed from the City to Ned R. Curtis and Anne L. Curtis, whose property abutts this parcel, on motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilwoman Grace, with the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign in behalf of the City.

Museum Lease Funds

The City's first payment, $13,000.00, to San Bernardino County for lease of the County Museum facilities was unanimously approved on motion of Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Knudsen, with the funds to be taken from General Fund Unappropriated Surplus. This payment is in accord with the joint powers agreement signed by the City Council on July 1, 1975.

Director of Finance Archbold was requested to write a letter to Mr. Donald Wilcott of Orange Tree to request information on the $50,000.00 remaining due in his offer to the city.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Contract

City Attorney Taylor reported on an Executive Session in the Council Chambers this afternoon during which he was directed to draft a contract with Mr. Merritt dated April 6, 1976. He then read the following terms and conditions to be included in the contract:

1. Effective Thursday, April 15, 1976, City Manager R. P. Merrit, Jr., is placed on leave, with severance pay as required by ordinance, together with accumulated leave, until the date of his retirement, effective February 1, 1977.

2. The City Council agrees to pay Mr. Merritt his full salary and fringe benefits, including retirement, on a monthly basis, from April 15, 1976, through January 31, 1977. Said salary and benefits to be those currently in effect as of April 1, 1976. Automobile rental allowance will terminate effective April 15, 1976.

3. The City Council agrees to provide Mr. Merritt with any changes in fringe benefits that may be provided to "miscellaneous" employees of this City as the result of employer/employee negotiations between the present date and January 31, 1977. Specifically, these changes will not include additional holidays, additional vacation, or salary increases.

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Elliott, this document was unanimously approved.

CITY ATTORNEY (Continued)

Appointment

On motion of Councilman Knudsen, seconded by Councilman Elliott, Mr. Robert Mitchell was unanimously appointed Acting City Manager, commencing after the date of retirement of City Manager Merritt on April 15, 1976. The Council announced their intention to find a permanent City Manager within the next twelve months.

City Manager Merritt gave a very brief summary of the situation facing the City at this time as compared with the conditions when he took office in 1964. He stressed that the City organization is in a far stronger financial position at this time.

Mr. Merritt expressed deep admiration, appreciation, and affection for all employees of the City and stated it had been a privilege to serve with them. To the Council and Bob Mitchell, he expressed his best wishes for the days and months ahead.

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

Councilmembers were reminded of the April 9, 1976, due date for filing of the Statements of Economic Interest.

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

Next regular meeting, April 20, 1976.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Moseley
City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Redlands