

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on August 4, 1981, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
James W. Gorman, Vice Mayor
Barbara Cram Riordan, Councilmember
Ken Roth, Councilmember

Chris C. Christiansen, City Manager
Dallas Holmes, City Attorney
Mike Riddell, Attorney
Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
Ted Randolph, Redlands Daily Facts
Pat Brown, The Sun

ABSENT

Oddie J. Martinez, Jr., Councilmember

Point
of
Clarification

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance followed by the invocation by Reverend Lowell Linden of the First Congregational Church.

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 1981, were approved after Vice Mayor Gorman clarified that the three special areas he had called Council attention to in the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 1981, Page 7, were recommendations of the Sign Committee, and that the first and third were open items to be determined by Council.

ORAL PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Conditional
Use
Permit
No. 329

Mr. Norman Langley representing Redlands Tenn-Orange requested that Council give final approval to Conditional Use Permit No. 329 subject to receipt of San Bernardino County Flood Control approval and completion of all departmental requirements. This request was approved by AYE votes of all present on motion of Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Riordan.

Final
Approval

COMMISSION REPORTS

Planning Commission

1.

Tract No. 10083 - Vanguard Companies

After reviewing the materials regarding Vanguard Companies' request for a stay of time allotted to Tentative Tract No. 10083 pursuant to Section 66452.6, paragraph C of the State Map Act, and Attorney Taylor's statement that the pending litigation does not affect Vanguard's rights, Councilman Gorman moved to deny this request. Motion seconded by Councilman Roth.

Colleen Dyck, project manager for Vanguard Companies clarified she was requesting a stay rather than a time extension as their time extension expires February 17, 1982, and that recording now would create a hardship in view of the pending lawsuit.

City Attorney Holmes pointed out the City cannot grant any further time extensions under the Government Code regulations and that Section 66452.6 applies only for the part litigating. By virtue of state law, this request was denied by AYE votes of all present.

2.

Minor Subdivision No. 94 - Wayne Hutchison - Time Extension

On motion of Councilman Gorman, seconded by Councilman Riordan, a time extension of one year to August 19, 1982, was given by AYE votes of all present for Minor Subdivision No. 94.

3.

Tract No. 8124 - Falcon West-Yucaipa Investment - Final Approval

All requirements as outlined in Council minutes dated May 1, 1973, having been complied with, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that final approval be given Tract No. 8124. On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, this recommendation of the Planning Department was approved by AYE votes of all present.

Traffic Commission - will meet at 2:15 P.M. on August 20, 1981. Council was reminded there will be vacancies on the commission. Interested members of the public were invited to apply.

COMMISSION REPORTS (Continued)Historic
Register

Airport Advisory Board - will meet Monday, August 17, 1981, at 3:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room and consider borrowing \$8,000 from the City to purchase fire suppression equipment and the use of a parcel of City-owned land.

Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission - On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Roth, Council approved by AYE votes of all present an application to include the exterior of a residence located at 102 West Lugonia Avenue on the Historic and Scenic Property Register. The home is owned by Daniel and Gloria Jimenez and is the first registered property from the historically designated Lugonia district of Redlands. Chairman Meryl McDowell described the home for Council and discussed the requirements for acceptance.

The Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission will not meet in August.

Mayor DeMirjyn requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the property owners at Alvarado and Highland Avenue across from the orange grove for their extensive cut-stone curbing rehabilitation.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONSLibrary
Annual
Book
Sale

City Attorney Holmes explained that under Section 2123 of the Redlands Ordinance Code, the Friends of the A. K. Smiley Library's annual book sale qualifies as a civic activity for which no business license is required. On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, approval was given for the holding of this book sale by Friends of the Library by AYE votes of all present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Gorman recommended that the request for crosswalks at Pine and Tennessee Streets made by the superintendent of the Regional Occupational Program be referred to the attention of the Traffic Commission.

NEW BUSINESSResolution
No. 37691981
Allocation
Dates

City Attorney Holmes corrected the first "Whereas" of Resolution No. 3769 to read: "WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1680, Section V, provides for implementation of the procedures required under the ordinance to be adopted by resolution."

Resolution No. 3769 is a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands establishing October 1, 1981, as the completion date for the first-half allocation of building permits, and December 31, 1981, as the completion date for the second-half allocation of building permits for qualifying residential projects in accordance with Ordinance No. 1680, as amended. This resolution was adopted by AYE votes of all present on motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, following lengthy Council discussion and a prior motion.

Discussion
Ordinance
No. 1680

Councilman Gorman commended Planning and Community Development Director Schindler's recommendations on revision of Ordinance No. 1680 and further modifications of the point count; recommended Council study this document; set next meeting for further consideration and action, or discussion; and action, or discussion; and set for first reading.

Councilman Riordan suggested waiting until completion of the first 1981 allocation. She also expressed concern for possible effect upon the second 1981 allocation. Following further discussion, Council accepted Attorney Holmes' recommendation to let the people be judged by the points that were in place when they submitted their application. Dr. Roth agreed and added that he believed it should be made effective after the first of January.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Resolution No. 3770	On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, Resolution No. 3770, a resolution of the City of Redlands fixing the rate and levying the property tax for the Sewer Fund Debt Service for \$1.031 on each \$100
Tax Rate	of the assessed value on all taxable property for the fiscal year 1981-82, was adopted by AYE votes of all present.

Sign Advisory Committee	Councilman Riordan asked that Council return to New Business to consider a Sign Advisory Committee, spoke of the objective viewpoint of a committee composed of staff and a Council representative, of the varied problems which such a committee could review and of the justice rendered. She then moved that staff bring to Council at the same time as the public hearing on the Sign Code Ordinance (September 1, 1981) an amending ordinance to establish a sign advisory committee, with suggestions for procedures and scope.
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	Council discussed the sign review procedures at length, differentiating between requirements for new construction as compared to signs on old buildings, with Diane Clark of the Chamber of Commerce and Ray Heemstra, sign painter; received input from Mr. Schindler and Mr. Dale. Mr. Schindler was requested to review the wording of this portion of the ordinance. Staff was requested to: "take a harder look at current signs that are illegal and to make a list and be prepared to move."
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Meet and Confer	At this time, Mayor DeMirjyn announced, "This evening we had a closed session in City Hall at 6:00 P.M. and the purpose of this meeting was to hear from and consult with City representatives under the meet and confer process - this is for the record."
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1770	Dr. Roth requested that the Council to go back to Unfinished Business in order to move on the Sign Code Ordinance and to give it first reading tonight and set public hearing for September 1, 1981. Mr. Gorman seconded this motion and reviewed the tape of the last meeting on this matter. Councilman Riordan spoke of the additional need of a Sign Advisory Committee. This was discussed briefly, and it was recommended that it be adopted by a separate ordinance as was the Fence Advisory Committee. Mr. Schindler added that the location of freeway signs would also require an ordinance. In the discussion following the motion, recommendation was made to revise Section 84509 dealing with amortization of signs; however, after further input by Councilman Riordan and Director of Building and Safety Dale, this was withdrawn. Mayor DeMirjyn stated that he was not ready to give this ordinance first reading, and called for the vote which was:
Sign Code	

AYES: Councilmembers Gorman, Riordan, Roth
NOES: Mayor DeMirjyn
ABSENT: Councilmember Martinez

ILLUMINATED STREET SIGNS

Councilman Roth stated that they had been polled tentatively during the last week or two as to whether Council members were in favor of having lighted street signs at the corner of Colton and Tennessee; that he feels a policy statement may be in order and that the people do not really understand the costs. Both Dr. Roth and Mr. Gorman stressed the fact that their concerns are with the expense; \$1200.00 for the signs and \$161.00 per intersection per year for electricity to light the signs. Mr. Gorman described alternatives which he feels would be effective. He also spoke of the dwindling City reserve funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

Mrs. Riordan stated that it is essential to have some alternatives; that she feels the lighted-sign signals are proper at the intersection of Colton Avenue and the freeway off-ramp; and that she has received comments that people would like larger signs. Dr. Roth replied that fluorescent signs are not an alternative because these cost \$400 each, or \$1200 per intersection, so what he wants is to not buy any more signs - he stressed that is his point.

Public Works Director John Donnelly addressed Council. He explained that larger signs are available, they are aluminum reflectorized, however, the car headlights do not reach that height. "I suggest we install these at Tennessee and Colton and see if they meet your approval. We do not need hard, fast rules since not many signals are put in although there has been a rash of them recently."

Vice Mayor Gorman described signs in the Tippicanoe Industrial Center in San Bernardino which are larger corner signs, white on green, reflectorized and very visible. He suggested Council view these during the coming month. He added that these would be for "standard corners."

Dr. Roth added that he does not disagree with the installation of lighted street signs at the Colton Avenue/Tennessee Street corner because of the high traffic and people coming from the off-ramp who don't know where they are. "That is the place for these signs in a town like Redlands," said Dr. Roth.

Mr. Christiansen: "Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, our understanding is to proceed at the intersection of Tennessee and Colton with illuminated street signs such as we have at Alabama and Redlands Boulevard."

CITY MANAGER

Outside
Water
Service

By AYE votes of all present, Council approved three out-side the city water connections for Irvin N. Kuhn for a proposed land division on Opal Avenue and Seventh Street, Parcel Map No. 7067, on motion of Councilman Gorman, seconded by Councilman Riordan.

Funds
City Hall
Restoration

On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, Council approved an appropriation of \$2,200.00 for City Hall restoration specifications submitted by Mel Green.

Encumbrances

Council approved, by AYE votes of all present, appropriations of \$576,590.00 for encumbrances to cover outstanding obligations at the end of the fiscal year 1980-81 on motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman.

Option "B"
Water
Contract

On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, Council approved by AYE votes of all present an Option "B" Water Contract between the City and Robert W. Bell and Karen A. Bell as to an undivided one-half interest and Raymond J. Soudant and Joyce L. Soudant, as to an undivided one-half interest with Federal Land Bank of Sacramento as pledgee.

Claims

On motion of Councilman Riordan, seconded by Councilman Gorman, claims in the names of Beverly Lemke and Laurie Spain were denied in by AYE votes of all present in routine manner and referred to the City's insurance carrier.

CITY ATTORNEY

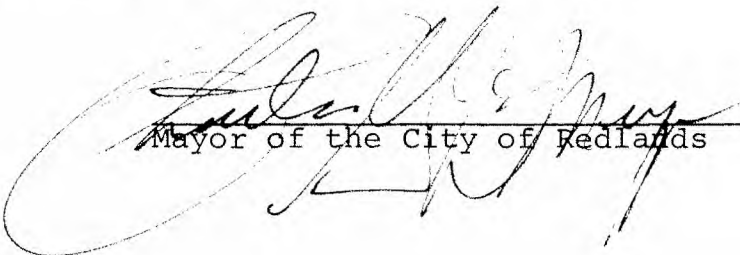
"Request a closed session on four brief items covered by the Attorney client privilege. I also have on your Mobile home drafting that we are undertaking in your behalf, a pending matter from the prior City Attorney, I have a table here that will tell more than you would perhaps like to know about other city's mobile home rent ordinances, a copy for each of you from the League of California Cities. I ask that you take one and at your leisure give me some of your ideas as to good or bad portions from other cities."

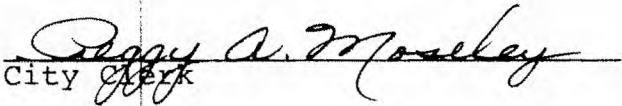
Bills and salaries were ordered paid as approved by the Finance Committee.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned on motion at 8:20 P.M. to a closed session as requested by the City Attorney.

Next regular meeting will be September 1, 1981. The City Council, traditionally does not meet on the second Tuesday in August.

ATTEST:


Mayor of the City of Redlands


City Clerk

Pole
Sign
Moratorium

At 9:50 P.M. the City Council adjourned their executive session concerning attorney/client relationships to the regular meeting where it was moved by Councilman Gorman, seconded by Councilman Roth, that the moratorium concerning pole signs be continued until such time as the revised sign ordinance becomes effective.

The motion was adopted by AYE votes of all present City Council Members.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:51 P.M. to September 1, 1981.

