

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the City Hall Conference Room, 30 Cajon Street, Redlands, on May 23, 1989, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Carole Beswick, Mayor
Barbara C. Wormser, Mayor Pro Tem
William E. Cunningham, Councilmember
Swen Larson, Councilmember

John E. Holmes, City Manager
Beatrice Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk
Carl Baker, Redlands Daily Facts

ABSENT

Charles G. DeMirjyn, Councilmember

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Senior Center

Public hearing was continued to this time and place to consider selecting a site for a multi-purpose senior center. Since October, 1988, several entities have been involved in seeking a site and have accomplished the following: approvals given to Senior Bond Act Funds extension to June 30, 1989; review of parcels; RFP's mailed to, rated and interviews of local architectural firms; additional funding from CDBG funds submitted; review of senior nutrition program needs and Meals on Wheels Program needs; review of senior information and referral program; and preparation of draft budget for all participants. The level of funding for this project is \$636,000. Staff prepared reports on three proposed sites plus three newly-considered sites as follows: vacant land located at the southwest corner of Lugonia and Church Streets; American Legion Post 650, 1532 North Church Street; YMCA, 500 East Citrus Avenue; Fred Ford property, 420 Oriental Avenue; Fred Thompson property, 612 Lawton Street (Boys and Girls Club); and Larry Emershy property, 304 North 7th Street. Also discussed as a possibility was the Trolley Car Barn, Citrus Street east of Church Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Wormser declared the meeting open for any comments concerning this matter. Speaking in support of the Tolley Car Barn site, Mr. John Moore described to Council how the facility could be converted into a senior center with kitchen for approximately \$540,000 to \$680,000 - depending on how the second level is utilized. Councilmembers expressed concern with traffic at that location because of the adjacent high school. Messrs. Ray Espinosa and Norman Martinez, representing American Legion Post 650, expressed to Council that the site is currently being used as a senior nutrition center and has been received favorably by the seniors plus is located conveniently on an Omnitrans Bus Route - with a bus stop less than a block away. Mayor Beswick entered the meeting at 9:15 A.M. In answer to Councilmember Larson, Mr. Martinez acknowledged that the previous scheduling agreement would remain in effect for joint usage between the seniors and the American Legion Post 650 and emphasized that they are eager to work cooperatively with the City in all areas. Mr. Russ Rothsberger concurred that the seniors already utilizing the American Legion site are very satisfied with the facility. Mrs. Myra Martin, in reference to the Tolley Car Barn site, stated that traffic and parking would be major problems because of the high school students so near by. There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Wormser closed the public hearing. Following further discussion, Councilmembers dismissed several sites as not being appropriate or feasible for a senior center. Councilmember Larson stated that in his opinion the American Legion Post 650 is the best site for the community and can be a be a handsome building with minor remodeling. Councilmember Larson then moved that the designated site for the multi-purpose senior center be the American Legion property located at 1532 North Church Street. Councilmember Cunningham expressed his reason for not supporting this site is because: he is in receipt of a letter from A.B.L.E. (representing seniors) that desire a downtown site; Meals on Wheels is not desirous of the site; even though it may be locked, there is an alcohol bar on the site; the price is higher than the appraised value; and he thinks there is adequate time to still look at other sites. Mayor Beswick stated that she feels we can work in harmony with the American Legion Post 650 and that this is a site that will permit making this a viable permanent program without interruptions of service. Councilmember Wormser concurred and added that this does not mean there cannot be another senior center in another location in the future. Motion carried by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Wormser, Larson; Mayor Beswick
NOES: Councilmember Cunningham
ABSENT: Councilmember DeMirjyn

On motion of Councilmember Larson, seconded by Councilmember Wormser, Council authorized interviewing the firms of Roger L. Grulke Architects and Associates and Clare Day and Associates for the development of working drawings and specifications for bidding purposes to construct a multi-purpose senior center at the American Legion Post 650 located at 1532 Church Street. Motion carried by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Wormser, Larson; Mayor Beswick
NOES: Councilmember Cunningham
ABSENT: Councilmember DeMirjyn

Council briefly recessed at 9:35 and reconvened at 9:37 A.M.

Ordinance
No. 2080

Water and
Wastewater
Fees

Public hearing was continued to this time and place to consider Ordinance No. 2080, water and wastewater service fees and charges. Utilities Director Corneille once again reviewed for Council the detailed rate studies and computer models prepared for water and wastewater programs. The result of Council actions over the last 2-1/2 years has substantially improved the fiscal position of the water and wastewater funds. However, these fiscal improvements require an ongoing commitment to ensure our rates continue to cover all our costs of service. Water and wastewater services are closely regulated by Federal and State agencies which mandate that we meet stringent regulations. Mayor Pro Tem Wormser then declared the meeting open for any comments on this item. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared closed. Councilmember Cunningham stated his reasons for not supporting a rate change at this time. He then commended staff for a superb job in presenting the facts to Council. City Manager Holmes recommended continuing this item to the next regular meeting, June 6, 1989, because he was aware Councilmember DeMirjyn supported the rate study and wished to be present. Mayor Beswick concurred that she had been informed by Councilmember DeMirjyn of his support. On Motion of Councilmember Larson, seconded by Councilmember Beswick, Ordinance No. 2080, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redlands relating to water and sewer service fund fees and charges, was unanimously continued to June 6, 1989, by AYE votes of all present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance
No. 2079

Water and
Sewer Capital
Improvement
Charges

Ordinance No. 2079, an ordinance of the City Council amending Chapters 3.44, 3.48, 13.12, 13.40, and 13.44 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to sewer and water capital improvement charges, sewer and water frontage charges, and water source acquisition charges, was given its second reading of the title by Deputy City Clerk Sanchez, and on motion of Councilmember Beswick, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham, further reading of the ordinance text was unanimously waived. Ordinance No. 2079 was adopted on motion of Councilmember Beswick, seconded by Councilmember Larson, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Wormser, Cunningham, Larson;
Mayor Beswick

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember DeMirjyn

Mayor Beswick left the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

Refuse Survey

Gerald Davis, Solid Waste Systems Manager, reported to Council on the Solid Waste Refuse Collection Services Survey which was distributed in the "Redlands Living" magazine. Of 25,990 surveys distributed, 802 surveys or 3.09% were returned. Of those 802 surveys, 181 also included written comments. In response to Councilmember Cunningham's inquiry, Mr. Davis stated that the comments are available in Community Services Director Rodriguez' office.

At this point, Finance Director George Kaenel introduced Mr. Steve Chapman, the City's new Accounting Manager. Student Intern Jan Mihld presently assigned to assisting with the budgets.

Budget Review

The following proposed budgets for 1989-90 were reviewed: Building and Safety, Police, Fire and the A. K. Smiley Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M. to an adjourned regular meeting May 30, 1989, in the City Hall Conference Room, 30 Cajon Street, Redlands.

Next regular meeting June 6, 1989.

ATTEST:


Mayor of the City of Redlands


Deputy City Clerk