

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the City Hall, 30 Cajon Street, on March 5, 1991, at 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
Carole Beswick, Mayor Pro Tem
William E. Cunningham, Councilmember
Sven Larson, Councilmember
Dee Ann Milson, Councilmember
James D. Wheaton, City Manager
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk

ABSENT

None

Mills Act

Preservation Officer Darrell Cozen along with Historic and Scenic Preservation Commissioners Helen Ludwig, Ruth Morpeth, Don McCue, and Leonard Goymerac presented information regarding the Mills Act (a preservation incentive) and a draft ordinance relating to contracts for the preservation of historical properties. Mr. Cozen explained the Commission has been seeking additional incentives to encourage property owners to seek a historical designation for qualifying properties. The Mills Act is a State law that enables owners of designated historic properties to enter into a preservation contract with the City and to receive a substantial reduction in property taxes, often as high as 80 percent. In return the City receives the benefits of preservation guarantees and rehabilitation, if desired. Councilmember Cunningham complimented Mr. Cozen and the Commissioners but noted that in light of current financial restraints, this did not seem to be the appropriate time to adopt an ordinance such as this. He moved to not proceed at this time with the matter. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Beswick asked Mr. Cozen to keep Council posted as further information became available.

Council briefly recessed at 9:25 A.M. and reconvened at 9:30 A.M. and reviewed the draft business plan for the Planning and Community Development Department.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 A.M. Next regular meeting March 5, 1991, at 3:00 P.M.

City Clerk