MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, 212 Brookside Avenue, on March 2, 1993, at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
Swen Larson, Mayor Pro Tem
William E. Cunningham, Councilmember
Jim Foster, Councilmember

James D. Wheaton, City Manager
Ronald C. Mutter, Assistant City Manager
Gary Luebbers, Assistant City Manager
Dallas Holmes, City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
(evening session only)
Beatrice Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk
Ted Thomaidis, Redlands Daily Facts

ABSENT

Dee Ann Milson, Councilmember

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Councilmember Cunningham followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of February 16, 1993, and the regular meeting of February 16, 1993, were approved as submitted.

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

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission Actions - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, the report of the Planning Commission meeting held on February 23, 1993, was acknowledged as received.

COMMUNICATIONS

Appointment - Mayor DeMirjyn moved to appoint Katherine Thomerson to the Cultural Arts Commission for a four-year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foster and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Appointment - Mayor DeMirjyn moved to appoint William Turnpaugh to the Planning Commission to complete a term created by the resignation of Judy Jorgensen. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foster and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Merging Housing and Historic and Scenic Preservation Commissions - Mayor DeMirjyn proposed merging the Housing and Historic and Scenic Preservation Commissions which would decrease the number of meetings held as well as staff time necessary to prepare for meetings and secretarial help for preparation of minutes. He suggested combining three members from each commission to form one commission. Councilmember Larson moved to continue this item to a time when a full Council was present. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cunningham but failed by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Larson, Cunningham
NOES: Councilmembers DeMirjyn, Foster

Councilmember Foster reminded Council that he still supported the concept of each Councilmember appointing one commissioner from his/her own district and two selected at-large by the entire Council. Councilmember Larson stated he had no problem merging the two commissions because their duties are so similar and asked that the new appointments be reviewed by the Council. Councilmember Cunningham voiced his opposition to the merger and felt this decision could be held over until a full Council was present. City Manager Wheaton asked for clarification of the status of the one staff member on the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission who is a full voting member. Council concurred that one staff liaison was sufficient and a staff member was not needed as a member of the Commission. Councilmember Foster moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that includes the following: merging the Housing and Historic and Scenic Preservation Commissions; each Councilmember to select an appointee from his/her own district; and the staff liaison's capacity to be advisory only, not a voting member. Motion seconded by Councilmember DeMirjyn and carried with Councilmember Cunningham voting NO.

Joint Meeting - Highland City Manager Sam Ricado sent a letter requesting a joint meeting to discuss traffic concerns in the Santa Ana River Wash Area. Councilmember Foster moved to direct the City Manager to convey to the City of Highland that perhaps staff members from each city could meet prior to a joint meeting to formulate the traffic figures and an agenda prepared in advance of items to be discussed with a reasonable time frame. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried with Councilmember Cunningham voting NO.

Recess - The City Council meeting recessed at 3:22 P.M. to a Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened at 3:23 P.M. to a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, property acquisition and/or disposition, and pending litigation. In accordance with State law, the City Attorney prepared a confidential memo to the City Council providing justification for the pending litigation portion of the closed session. The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Retirement - Mayor DeMirjyn presented a City Seal plaque to Elise Corrigan in honor of her retirement. Mrs. Corrigan began working for the City of Redlands in October 1967 and will retire on March 5, 1993..

Commendations - Mayor DeMirjyn presented Certificates of Commendations to Police Officer Richard Barnes, Sergeant Patrick Beaver, and Detectives Rogelio Garcia, Marc Tilson, and Claude Upshaw acknowledging their 12 month Special Investigation Detail involving an undercover narcotics buy project. Working undercover, Officer Barnes infiltrated the drug subculture sacrificing his personal life and often putting his life on the line. Expressing its deepest appreciation, the large audience present gave Officer Barnes a standing ovation.

Recognition - Mayor DeMirjyn welcomed Yucaipa Councilmember Brett Granlund and members of Yucaipa Boy Scout Troop 27 who were present at this meeting.

Disability Retirements - A late breaking item resulted from the closed personnel session relating to approval of disability retirements for three public safety employees. Councilmember Larson moved to add these matters to the agenda which arose subsequent to the agenda being posted. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foster and carried by AYE votes of all present. Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 4956, determining that Randy Key, a local safety member of the Public Employees' Retirement System, is incapacitated within the meaning of the Public Employees' Retirement Law for performance of his duties in the position of Police Sergeant. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 4957, determining that Alan Neas, a local safety member of the Public Employees' Retirement System, is incapacitated within the meaning of the Public Employees' Retirement Law for performance of his duties in the position of Police Sergeant. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried by AYE votes of all present. Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 4958, determining that Thomas Grimes, a local safety member of the Public Employees' Retirement System, is incapacitated within the meaning of the Public Employees' Retirement Law for performance of his duties in the position of Police Sergeant. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Public Hearings

Street Lighting District - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider Resolution No. 4938, ordering the work in connection with Annexation No. 6 to Street Lighting District No. 1. Mayor DeMirjyn declared the meeting open as a public hearing. No one wishing to speak, Councilmember Larson moved to continue this matter to May 4, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. as recommended by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember DeMirjyn and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Landscape Maintenance District - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider Resolution No. 4942, ordering the work in connection with Annexation No. 9 to Landscape Maintenance District No. l. Mayor DeMirjyn declared the meeting open as a public hearing. No one wishing to speak, Councilmember Larson moved to continue this matter to May 4, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. as recommended by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember DeMirjyn and carried by AYE votes of all present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmanic District Boundaries - With the assistance of Assistant City Manager Mutter, City Manager Wheaton presented four alternatives for the Councilmanic district boundaries. Claude Johnson urged the City Council to not take any action at this time which would disenfranchise voters and allow November's election to proceed with candidates from Districts 1, 3, and 5 elected by the citizens at large; he further suggested placing a change on November's ballot which would establish four districts and a two-year mayor at large position on the City Council. On behalf of the former members of the Committee for Fair Representation by District, Mike Atencio urged Council to maintain the heavy Hispanic census tracts intact. Tony Martinez expressed disappointment that the boundaries had to be adjusted. On behalf of the Redlands Association, Tex Moore read a statement from their Board of Directors urging formation of an impartial panel of citizens to develop one or more maps for presentation to the public and for City Council's approval. On a personal note, he urged Council to minimize disenfranchisement of voters. Nancy White was troubled by the lack of private citizen involvement in this matter. Following discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to continue this discussion on March 16, 1993, at 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. and directed staff to prepare larger maps with street names for their review. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried with Councilmember Cunningham voting NO.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacant Positions - Councilmember Foster moved to continue discussion regarding the vacant Senior Planner position on March 16, 1993, and to authorize filing the following positions: Cemetery Caretaker I, Public Safety Dispatcher, and Utilities Office Manager. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larson and carried by AYE votes.

Consent Calendar - The following items were acted upon during the afternoon session:

Contract Monitoring Reports - The monthly contract monitoring reports updated through February 22, 1993, for projects currently being administered by the Public Works Department were presented for Councilmembers' information.

Santa Ana River Wash Area - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands, City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County Flood Control District, and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District regarding coordinated planning activities pertaining to the Santa Ana River Wash Area. This MOU establishes an advisory committee with members from each entity to evaluate, coordinate and make recommendations on a variety of planning activities that occur within the Wash. The functions of the committee are advisory only; the committee will have no ultimate administrative, legislative, or adjudicative powers.

Resolution No. 4954 - Winter Storms - Federal Financial Assistance - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present Resolution No. 4954, a resolution designating James D. Wheaton, City Manager; Ronald C. Mutter, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director; and Peter A. Laaninen, Deputy Public Works Director as agents for the City of Redlands for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance as a result of the 1993 winter storms.

Margaret Clark Endowment Fund - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present, an expenditure of $100.00 from the Steele Foundation Grant Fund to the Margaret Clark Endowment Fund of the Redlands Art Association as recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission.

Cinderella Co-Sponsorship - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present City co-sponsorship of the Redlands Festival Ballet Company, Inc. production of Cinderella as recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission.

Resolution No. 4955 - State Legislative Program - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present Resolution No. 4955, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands endorsing a county-wide State Legislative Program.

Funds - Mader Settlement - On motion of Councilmember Foster, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Council approved by AYE votes of all present an appropriation of $1,082,000.00 from the particular funds which were impacted by the settlement agreement with Mader.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:l0 P.M. to an adjourned regular meeting to be held on March 10, 1993, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 212 Brookside Avenue, Redlands, California.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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