

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Redlands Plaza Conference Room, 2 East Citrus Avenue, Suite 15C, on January 25, 1994, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Jim Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
William E. Cunningham, Councilmember
Gilberto Gil, Councilmember
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember

Gary Luebbers, City Manager
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
Ted Thomaidis, Redlands Daily Facts
Steven Church, The Sun

ABSENT

Swen Larson, Mayor

Mid-Year Budget Review - Finance Director Steve Chapman presented the status of the General Fund as of January 25, 1994, and a three-year projection of financial sources and requirements. At this time the 1994-95 budget projected a \$1.9 million deficit. City Manager Luebbers reported the deficit can be addressed in two ways: increase revenue or decrease operating expenses with additional cuts in service levels and programs. One solution for increased revenues would be to impose a utility users' tax. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated he was adamantly opposed to a utility users' tax; Councilmember Gilbreath indicated she was in favor; Councilmember Gil wanted to let the people decide at a community forum; and Councilmember Cunningham indicated he would not vote for a utility users' tax but was willing to put the question on a ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Foster directed staff to put this item on the next agenda for further discussion when a full Council was present. Councilmember Gilbreath requested a cost analysis be prepared to implement a low-income exemption and a cap for large businesses.

The meeting briefly recessed at 10:15 A.M. and reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

City Facilities Review - City Manager Luebbers reported a study of each office space facility (City Hall, Safety Hall, and Redlands Plaza) revealed that space in the City Hall and Redlands Plaza was under-utilized, but that Safety Hall was overcrowded. Therefore, a plan to optimize space use within each facility which would allow for nominal departmental growth, improve services to citizens, and provide a mechanism to produce lease revenue has been developed. Several factors were taken into consideration in order to match available space to the needs of each City department or function. In addition, thought was given to the placement of departments to optimize service, and an effort was made to

facilitate convenience for employees and citizens. He then summarized his recommendation for the relocation of the departments. Following discussion, Councilmembers agreed to continue this discussion to the February 1, 1994, meeting in order to allow them time to study this report and visit the physical sites.

Ballot Initiative - Councilmanic Elections - Mayor Pro Tem Foster announced he desired to place an initiative on the June 1994 ballot to provide for Councilmanic elections by districts. Councilmember Gil concurred, but Councilmembers Gilbreath and Cunningham were opposed. No further action was taken.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M. Next regular meeting, February 1, 1994.

City Clerk