

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Grace Mullen Auditorium on the Redlands High School Campus, 840 East Citrus Avenue, on February 24, 1994, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Swen Larson, Mayor
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

Jim Foster, Mayor Pro Tem

Utility Users' Tax - Mayor Larson opened the meeting and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. This meeting was scheduled to hold a public forum to present information regarding a proposed five percent (5%) utility users' tax. With the use of an overhead projector, City Manager Luebbers, assisted by Finance Director Steven M. Chapman, reviewed materials including charts showing State Government "take aways" amounting to \$3,923,000, cost saving measures already implemented, potential impacts if the tax is not approved, the possible uses of funds generated from the tax, and examples of the annual costs to households. The tax would be levied on electricity, gas, telephone, and cable television; the ordinance would contain a five-year limit clause, an exemption clause for low-income families, and a \$50,000 cap for large utility users. He then answered questions from the following people in attendance: Steve Denton, Michele Brancroft, Sherman Fitzgerald on behalf of the Joslyn Senior Center Advisory Board, George Webber, Bob Carruthers, Jerry Wyzinski from Captive Plastics, Inc., Al Smith, Gene Kern, and Lyle Arnold. Councilmembers Larson, Gilbreath, and Gil indicated they would support an ordinance establishing a utility users' tax; Councilmember Cunningham voiced his opposition.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M. Next regular meeting, March 1, 1994.

City Clerk