

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, at 3:00 P.M. on November 18, 1997.

PRESENT

Swen Larson, Mayor
Pat Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem
William E. Cunningham, Councilmember
Geni A. S. Banda, Councilmember

Gary M. Luebbbers, City Manager
Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer
Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director
Tina Kundig, Interim Finance Director
Mel Enslow, Fire Chief
Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director
Lewis W. Nelson, Police Chief
Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director

Valeria Godines, Press Enterprise
Monica Whitaker, The Sun
Steve Tuckey, Redlands Daily Facts

ABSENT

Gilberto Gil, Councilmember

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Councilmembers-elect - Mayor Larson offered congratulations and recognized Councilmembers-elect John L. Freedman and Gary George, having been elected to the City Council as a result of the November 4, 1997, election and Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath as having been re-elected at the same election. Election results will be certified at the December 2, 1997, City Council meeting at which time the new Councilmembers will be sworn in office. The reorganization of the City Council will take place at 7:00 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 1997, were approved as submitted by AYE votes of all present.

Bills and Salaries - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, bills and salaries were ordered paid by AYE votes of all present.

Planning Commission Actions - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the report of the Planning Commission meeting held on November 12, 1997, was acknowledged as received.

Ordinance No. 2355 - Holiday Sales - Ordinance No. 2355, an ordinance of the City of Redlands adding Chapter 18.194 to the Redlands Municipal Code relating to temporary holiday sales facilities, was adopted on motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gilbreath, Cunningham, Banda; Mayor Larson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gil

Agreement - Pipeline Easement - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council authorized, by AYE votes of all present, an entry and permanent pipeline easement agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for entry into City-owned property located in the Mill Creek Wash near the Henry Tate Water Treatment Plant and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Solid Waste Division Re-Organization - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council approved, by AYE votes of all present, a minor re-organization of the authorized positions in the Municipal Utilities Department to delete a Senior Solid Waste Truck Driver position and to create a Solid Waste Customer Service Representative position.

Viewing Pens - Redlands Animal Shelter - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council authorized the installation of chain link viewing pens at the front of the Redlands Animal Shelter by AYE votes of all present. It was noted the Redlands District Humane Society has voted to support and fund this project. In addition, Ms. Janet Weder, Vice President of Seven W Enterprises, Inc., has also expressed an interest in providing financial support.

Financing Agreement - Michael and Victoria Hargrave - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council authorized, by AYE votes of all present, a financing agreement (note) between the City of Redlands and Michael and Victoria Hargrave for fees, up to \$18,000.00 and amortized over a 36 month period at 9.50 percent interest, associated with the development of a skateboard park.

Multi-Hazard Functional Plan - Fire Battalion Chief Mitchall McKee responded to questions from Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath concerning the proposed emergency response plan prepared in compliance with the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code Sections 8607 and 8680.2). Battalion Chief McKee was commended for his outstanding preparation of this plan. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to approve the revised City of Redlands Multi-Hazard Functional Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Propagating Nursery - Prospect Park - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council approved, by AYE votes of all present, use of a portion of Prospect Park by the Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Society for a propagating nursery as recommended by the Parks Commission on October 9, 1997, and directed staff to prepare an appropriate lease agreement for this use.

Appointment - DRBA Advisory Board - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council reappointed, by AYE votes of all present, Shelli Stockton and Dolores Mercer to serve on the Downtown Redlands Business Association (DRBA) Advisory Board as recommended by the DRBA Advisory Board on November 12, 1997.

Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council authorized, by AYE votes of all present, execution of a letter certifying to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that Cooperative Agreement No. 95-46, approved by the City Council on March 21, 1995, between the City of Redlands and the County Economic and Community Development Department is still in effect which will allow for the implementation of the 1998 Single Family Bond Program.

Proclamation - Family Week - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Banda, the City Council authorized, by AYE votes of all present, issuance of a proclamation declaring the week of November 23-30, 1997, as Family Week to encourage our community to focus attention on the value and importance of the family.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 5407 - Historic Resource No. 95 - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider designating the Cunningham House, located at 171 Bellevue Avenue, as Historic Resource No. 95. Mayor Larson declared the meeting open as a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was continued to December 2, 1997, by AYE votes of all present, on motion of Councilmember Larson, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. (Note: Councilmember Cunningham is not associated with this property known as the Cunningham House.)

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments - Public Works Commission - Mayor Larson moved to nominate Dwight B. Cavender for reappointment to a four-year term on the Public Works Commission, and to appoint Kurt Deile and Michael S. Lee to four year terms on the Public Works Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried by AYE votes of all present.

Storm Drain Fee Waiver - Broncs Towing - Noting this was Mayor Larson's last City Council meeting, Public Works Director Mutter expressed his appreciation to him for his support over the years. He then reviewed a request for waiver of the storm drain fee for a proposed new tow yard facility to be located on a vacant 1.3 acre parcel located at 1083 West Park Avenue and recommended denial of the request. Noting the appellant has asked that this request be discussed at the December 2, 1997, meeting, Councilmember Larson moved to continue this matter to said meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried by AYE votes of all present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Expression of Appreciation - Joyce Jordan, 1108 West Palm Avenue, expressed her appreciation for the code enforcement efforts in her neighborhood. She also invited members of the City Council to an Eagle Scout ceremony honoring three new Eagle Scouts to be held at Clock Auditorium on December 13, 1997, at noon. Mayor Larson extended his gratitude to the department heads for their diligence.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 3:12 P.M. to a closed session to hold a conference with its legal counsel as follows:

1. Existing litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 - (a) Brickley, et al. v. City of Redlands

ADJOURNMENT

There was no report following the closed session and the City Council meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on December 2, 1997, at 7:00 P.M.

City Clerk