

MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, at 9:00 A.M. on May 11, 1999.

PRESENT

William E. Cunningham, Mayor
Geni A. S. Banda, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember
John L. Freedman, Councilmember
Gary George, Councilmember

Gary M. Luebbers, City Manager
Bonnie Johnson, Finance Director
Mary Ellen Lambert, Senior Account Clerk
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk

ABSENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

CRA No. 702 - Lowe's Company, Inc. - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider the socio-economic cost/benefit study and notice of preparation of draft mitigated negative declaration for the construction of a 135,197 square foot home improvement center on 12.69 acres in the EV/IVC (Commercial Industrial) District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan located at the southwest corner of Iowa Street and Redlands Boulevard. Community Development Director Shaw reported that staff and the applicant's consultants are still preparing material for the City Council's consideration. Staff recommended that this request be continued to June 1, 1999, to allow completion of the staff report. Councilmember Freedman moved that the City Council continue the public hearing for the mitigated negative declaration, socio-economic cost benefit study, and Planning Commission Review and Approval No. 702 to June 1, 1999. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 5645 - Underground Utility District No. 10 - Public Works Director Mutter explained the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5331 on December 3, 1996, which established Underground Utility District No. 10 along Eureka Street between Redlands Boulevard and Pearl Avenue. This resolution provided for the removal and undergrounding of all poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures in the District along with the course of the reconstruction and widening of Eureka Street. This project was intended to include both Southern California Edison distribution and transmission facilities.

However, Southern California Edison's Transmission Section does not believe that the resolution includes transmission facilities since these facilities were not specifically mentioned. Resolution No. 5645 amends Section 2 of Resolution No. 5331 to address that omission. Councilmember Freedman moved to adopt Resolution No. 5645, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands amending Underground Utility District No. 10 along Eureka Street between Redlands Boulevard and Pearl Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously.

Proclamation - Hire-A-Veteran Week - By consensus, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation declaring May 10-14, 1999, as Hire-A-Veteran Week and urged local employers, organized labor, veterans' organizations, and other government leaders to support this worthy campaign to increase employment opportunities for the men and women who have faithfully served our nation in the military.

Proclamation - National Association of Insurance Women Week - By consensus, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation declaring May 16-22, 1999, as NAIW Week and urged our citizens to do honor to the women who are performing such important and diverse roles throughout the risk and insurance industry.

WORKSHOP

1999-2000 Proposed Budget - This year, a narrative section is included in the budget document as a preamble to each department and division's budget which will allow the City Council, or any person reviewing the budget, to get a thumbnail sketch of a particular department's mission and goals and to review, in narrative form, just what the dollars are buying. Additionally, the pages in this year's budget are numbered for ease of reference. Also included are two comprehensive studies, one addressing Confire and the other prisoner services. An analysis of phone service will be provided as a later date. City Manager Luebbers presented a fund balance reconciliation based on the latest information available as of this morning, noting that \$955,000.00 will have been saved during this past fiscal year by not filling vacancies immediately, either intentionally or not intentionally. Mr. Luebbers said the staff has spent considerable time and effort in preparing a budget providing services within the context of a financially restrictive environment. He was pleased to present a document which staff feels is well thought out, comprehensive, economical, and service driven. Proposed budgets were reviewed by the City Council as follows: City Attorney, City Council, City Manager, Personnel, Workers' Compensation, Finance, Liability Insurance, and Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. to an adjourned regular meeting to be held on Thursday, May 13, 1999, at 9:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California.

City Clerk