

MINUTES

of a Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue on October 11, 1968 at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Waldo F. Burroughs, Mayor
 Norman N. Martinez, Councilman
 Jack B. Cummings, Councilman
 Charles G. DeMirjyn, Councilman
 Chresten M. Knudsen, Councilman

 Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager
 Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
 Malcolm Schwartz, Redlands Daily Facts
 Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun

This special meeting of the Council was called for the purpose of considering extending an invitation to the National Little League to establish their Western Regional Headquarters in Redlands.

City Manager Merritt explained that a decision on the proposed lease of ten acres of City property adjacent to the Community Baseball Field by the National Little League for location of their Western Regional Headquarters is necessary at this time. Any proposal must reach the National Headquarters prior to October 21, 1968, the date on which announcement of their final decision will be made.

Mr. Melvyn R. Poer, executive director of the Regional Economic Development Council, reviewed the proposal and pointed out possible benefits accruing to the City from joint use of the Little League facilities.

Mr. Chris Barnes, chairman of Baseball for Boys, summarized that program, its future plans and expectations, requirements and accomplishments, including an explanation of a T-Ball activity planned to interest eight-year-olds, and assured Council that every boy who desired to play baseball would continue to have the opportunity to do so. He stated unequivocally that there is no conflict in the two projects, either in activity, participation, or in timing, as Baseball for Boys has always finished using the facilities by July 31 of each year. He urged Council to extend the invitation.

Councilman Martinez pointed out that as Baseball for Boys would continue to grow, it could profit by joint use of facilities.

Also speaking in favor of the proposal were: Jim Glaze, president, and Cale Whipple, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and James Eselin of the YMCA, who stated that he could see no conflict.

Following lengthy consideration, on motion of Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman Martinez, the Council unanimously voted to extend a hearty invitation, and offer of the use of the ten acres of land under consideration at \$1.00 per year for 25 years, to the National Little League as a site for their Western Regional Headquarters.

No further business being scheduled for this time, on motion, the Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Next regular meeting, October 15, 1968.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Moseley
 City Clerk

Waldo F. Burroughs
 Mayor of the City of Redlands