

MINUTES

of a special meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Lyons Gallery, A. K. Smiley Public Library at 7:00 P.M. on November 17, 1980.

PRESENT

- Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
- James W. Gorman, Vice Mayor
- Oddie J. Martinez, Jr., Councilmember
- Barbara Cram Riordan, Councilmember
- Ken Roth, Councilmember

- Chris C. Christiansen, City Manager
- Edward F. Taylor, City Attorney
- Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk
- Jan Michiels, Redlands Daily Facts
- Sam Nicholas, The Sun

ABSENT

None

This special meeting of the City Council was called for the purpose of considering the following:

- (1) School Definition of Impaction
- (2) Classroom Utilization Report dated November 3, 1980
- (3) School Fees for City and For County
- (4) Exemptions

Mayor DeMirjyn called the meeting to order and made a brief statement of the guidelines to be followed, adding that the purpose was to permit the Councilmembers to exchange ideas and evaluate material received from the School Administration and discuss a draft ordinance.

The recent action by the County Board of Supervisors in accepting the School Board's statement of impaction for only Fallsvale and Cram Elementary Schools was discussed, as was a comparison of fees charged by the County and by the Redlands Unified School District Board, including a proposed new fee schedule based on type of dwelling.

The Council explored variations of the definition of impaction at length and re-considered the alternative solutions available. They discussed the specific use of rooms, the number of hours used, and the limitations on the number of teachers available. They were again informed of State mandates, State laws about maximum number of students permitted in classrooms in various grades, and State requirements for "special" classes,

Title I, and other programs. They discussed and agreed upon maximum and minimum student numbers for various grade levels.

Council concurred that it was essential to bring future fees into alignment with those being charged by the County; to have the fee schedule approved by the Council, and to attempt to make application of fees as "equitable as possible." Definitions in the draft ordinance were listed and discussed. There was concurrence on mitigation measures and on exemptions as contained in the draft under consideration. Council also concurred that the matter of fee collection would be re-opened at any time.

The Council considered the controls set by the County upon the use of the fee monies and discussed limiting the use to building or renting temporary structures in order to bring the fees more into line with the County.

- * Councilman Gorman then moved to include in the ordinance being prepared a restriction on the use of fees, that they be used for purchase or rental of temporary or transportable classrooms, and that the City Council must approve the fee schedule and/or use of fee monies. Motion seconded by Councilman Riordan and adopted; Councilman Martinez abstained.

(It was explained to those in attendance that ultimately the ordinance under preparation this evening will be presented at a Council meeting and will have a second reading and public hearing at another later meeting and will take effect thirty days later.)

The Council then took up the matter of exemptions. Councilman Gorman reminded the members that Section IV of Ordinance No. 1680 pertains to outside-the-city water and sewer service. The decisions of the County and the claims of the School District were considered at length. Councilmen Gorman and Roth then agreed with the other Councilmembers that this draft ordinance will apply only within the city limits.

Speaking from the audience, Lois Lauer recommended a moratorium on the fees, or letter of intent to pay the fee at such time as this ordinance goes into effect. Mr. Rufus Moore urged that standards be included in the new ordinance to assure proper number of students to occupy the school rooms with a specific minimum to the number of hours each room is utilized a standard of spaciousness, he called it. Marge Emrick, Redlands Teachers Association president spoke. Mr. Les Willey asked that Council include a "verification of validity of room use in the ordinance, i.e. how well the plant is being used." Joyce Frazer presented information regarding changes expected in requirements in early 1981 with a possible combining of special classes. Ingrid Mack questioned "the feasibility of funding new classrooms when the district cannot fund teachers." A Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway spoke; also Don Wallace and Stephanie Eisenberg.

- * Following the public input, Councilman Gorman moved, with Councilman Roth seconding, that the fee not be collected, and that the City Manager approach the school administration asking them to accept a promissory note to pay a fee based on the ordinance to be adopted. This motion was approved with Councilman Martinez abstaining.

When asked, City Attorney Taylor stated: "You may proceed in that way; you may find yourselves having to collect from people who feel they have no need to pay."

Following informal discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Peggy A. Mosley
City Clerk

Robert J. P. Mosley
Mayor of the City of Redlands

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