

MINUTES of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on February 2, 1996, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

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

Gary M. Luebbers, City Manager
Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director
Lewis W. Nelson, Police Chief
Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director

John Andrews, Redlands Daily Facts

ABSENT

None

Resolution No. 5259 - Traffic - The Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. located at 380 New York Street is currently in the design and approval process to provide a traffic lighted crosswalk at their facility. In order to accommodate a conference scheduled for this coming weekend, Jack Dangermond, President of ESRI, requested approval to install the curb cut, removal and reinstallation of a portion of the City sidewalk, and installation of a new red walk/handicap ramp in the parkway. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to reconsider the City Council action taken on January 2, 1996, denying the request for the installation of a 10-foot wide pedestrian crosswalk on New York Street at the ESRI facility located at 380 New York Street. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried unanimously. Public Works Director Mutter reported on events that have transpired since that meeting. ESRI is willing to pay for the installation and maintenance of a traffic signal at that location, but Mr. Mutter expressed his concern about allowing the curb cuts until the signal is operational. Councilmember Cunningham moved to adopt Resolution No. 5259, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands establishing the following traffic regulations pursuant to Title 10 of the Redlands Municipal Code: install a pedestrian crosswalk on New York Street between Park Avenue and State Street at 380 and 371 New York Street, with the

following conditions: that ESRI proceed expeditiously with the installation of a traffic signal; that a permanent curb cut in accordance with Public Works standards be allowed; that during the interim when the crosswalk is utilized, a crossing guard be on duty as approved by the Redlands Police and Public Works Departments; that stanchions with chains and signage be installed which would prohibit the use of the crosswalk when a crossing guard is not present; and that a hold harmless agreement be signed by ESRI. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously.

LATE BREAKING ITEM

Resolution No. 5260 - Hinckley Water Treatment Plant - Municipal Utilities Director Phelps explained the Hinckley Water Treatment Plant's electrical and computer systems were damaged when lightning struck at or near the Plant on January 22, 1996. This has resulted in a break-down of the Plant's record keeping facilities and it has been necessary to operate the Plant in an emergency manual mode. Competitive solicitation of bids for these repairs will delay undertaking the necessary corrective work in a timely manner and staff requested authorization to immediately proceed with the repairs. Noting that the need to take action was immediate, Councilmember Larson moved to add the following item to the agenda which arose subsequent to the agenda being posted: "Resolution No. 5260 - Hinckley Water Treatment Plant Emergency Repairs." Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously. Based upon the verbal and written testimony of the Municipal Utilities Director, Councilmember Gilbreath moved that substantial evidence exists that the opposed project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the project constitutes emergency repair work to public services facilities necessary to maintain service, and further directed staff to file and post a Notice of Determination in accordance with the City's guidelines. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried unanimously. In accordance with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 22050, and based upon the testimony presented to the City Council by the City's Municipal Utilities Director, Councilmember Gilbreath moved that the City Council find that substantial evidence exists that the emergency caused by lightning striking the Hinckley

Water Treatment Plant's electrical and computer system will not permit a delay in undertaking repair work from the competitive solicitation for bids; that the City Council further finds that the expenditure of public funds to repair the Hinckley Water Treatment Plant is necessary to respond to the emergency; and that this find shall be recorded in the official minutes of the City Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to adopt Resolution No. 5260, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health and property. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:24 A.M. The next regular meeting will be held on February 6, 1996.

City Clerk