

MINUTES of a special emergency 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 February 24, 1998.

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
Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
Mel Enslow, Fire Chief
Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director

ABSENT None

Declaration of Local Emergency - In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.6, Mayor Cunningham called this special emergency meeting for the following purpose: Declaration of existence of a local emergency and adoption of legislation as necessary to safeguard life, health and property.

Public Works Director Mutter reported the City suffered a significant heavy rain last night causing the collapse of portion of the Mill Creek Zanja along West State Street at Kendall Street and systematic failures of public infrastructure at various locations throughout the City. He briefly described the efforts of City staff during the night hours. Fire Chief Enslow was also available to review the calls for services during this storm.

Resolution No. 5496 - Declaring Existence of Local Emergency - Councilmember Gilbreath moved to adopt Resolution No. 5496, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands declaring the existence of a local emergency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously.

CEQA Exemption - Based upon the verbal and written testimony of the Public Works Director, Councilmember George moved that substantial evidence exists that the proposed project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the project constitutes emergency repair work to public serviced facilities necessary to maintain service and further directed staff to file and post a Notice of Exemption in accordance with

the City's CEQA guidelines. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously.

Solicitation of Bids - 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 Public Works Director, Councilmember Banda moved that this City Council find that substantial evidence exists that the emergency caused by the collapse of a portion of the Mill Creek Zanja along West State Street at Kendall Street, and other systematic failures of public infrastructure at various locations which affect the delivery of vital public services will not permit a delay in undertaking repair work from the competitive solicitation of bids; that this City Council further finds that the expenditures of public funds to repair said damages is necessary to respond to the emergency; and that this funding of this project shall be recorded in the official minutes of the City Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5497 - Immediate Expenditure of Public Money - Councilmember Freedman moved to adopt Resolution No. 5497, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands declaring the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health and property. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously.

Funds - Contract - Local Emergency - Councilmember Cunningham moved to appropriate up to \$500,000.00 from the General Fund and award the contract for emergency repairs to a portion of the Mill Creek Zanja along West State Street at Kendall Street and other systematic failures of public infrastructure at various location which affect the delivery of vital public services. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M. The next regular meeting will be held on March 3, 1998.

City Clerk