

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 December 16, 1999, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Gary George, Mayor Pro Tem
John L. Freedman, Councilmember
Susan Peppler, Councilmember
Karl N. "Kasey" Haws, Councilmember

Gary M. Luebbbers, City Manager
Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney
Leslie E. Murad, II, Assistant City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk
Jim Bueermann, Police Chief
Mel Enslow, Fire Chief
Rod Hill, Assistant Finance Director
Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director
Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director
Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director

ABSENT

None

The meeting was opened by Mayor Gilbreath.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Funds - Police Department Notification System - Councilmember Haws moved to add the following item to the Consent Calendar on this agenda which arose subsequent to the agenda being posted: "Request for authorization to use drug asset seizure funds for the purchase of a high speed notification system." Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously. On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously authorized the use of \$33,200.00 in drug asset seizure funds for the purchase of a high speed notification system which will greatly enhance the capabilities of the Police Department.

Development Impact Fees - On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously accepted the Annual Report of Development fees for the year ended June 30, 1999, as presented by Assistant Finance Director Hill.

Funds - Fire Station No. 1 - On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$700,000.00 and execution of the grant agreement for Project No. B-99-SP-CA-4444 between the Department of

Housing and Urban Development and the City of Redlands in consideration of the HUD grant for the rehabilitation of Fire Station No. 1.

Salary - City Clerk - On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously approved a salary increase of six percent beginning in the first pay period in January 2000 for the City Clerk.

Salary - City Treasurer - On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously approved a salary increase of six percent beginning in the first pay period in January 2000 for the City Treasurer.

RASME - Side Letter of Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously approved a side letter of agreement between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees (RASME). This will eliminate a disparity of benefits among Fire Battalion Chiefs assigned to a 40-hour work week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Liaison Assignments - Councilmember George suggested the addition of a Transportation Committee which would meet with the "Allies." Public Works Director Mutter suggested incorporating that function into the Public Works Commission. Councilmember George offered to serve on this committee. By consensus, the Councilmembers accepted the assignments of their duties with the understanding they would rotate the in-house assignments every six months and then serve as alternate with the exception of the DRBA and I-10 Beautification Committee.

San Timoteo Creek Flood Control Project - The City's EIR comment letter regarding the San Timoteo Creek Flood Control Project was submitted by the December 15, 1999, deadline; therefore, no further discussion was necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Powers - A letter dated December 6, 1999, was received from Planning Commissioners Jon Harrison, Paul Thompson, and George Webber urging the City Council to re-store the powers to the Planning Commission which were amended by the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 259 on March 17, 1999. Commissioners Harrison and Webber addressed the City Council. Councilmember Haws moved to direct staff, with the assistance of Commissioners Harrison and Webber, to review the current ordinance and come back with a report as to how their role and responsibilities

can be increased in accordance with Measure U. Thanking the Planning Commissioners for their dedication to their roles, Councilmember George seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Planning Commissioner Rufus A. (Tex) Moore - Further addressing the role of the Planning Commission, Councilmember Haws announced that the City Council will be discussing the appointment of Rufus A. (Tex) Moore to the Planning Commission on January 4, 2000. He called on Mr. Moore, who was present at this meeting, to submit his resignation in consideration of his participation in the Cities Pavillion investigation by the District Attorney.

STUDY SESSION

City Organization and Internal Operation - City Attorney McHugh briefed Councilmembers on the City's organization and internal operation explaining that Redlands was a general law City with the council/manager form of government. He also covered Councilmembers' status and qualification; actions taken by the City Council, quorum and voting requirements, rules of procedure and decorum, the Redevelopment Agency and its function in Redlands, liability insurance, municipal liability, and sale of City property. Assistant City Attorney Murad reviewed The Ralph M. Brown Act (the California open meeting law) and provided copies of the legislation. City Attorney McHugh reviewed conflicts of interests as covered by the State Fair Political Practices Commission. Mayor Gilbreath asked the City Manager to obtain copies of other cities' "Ethics Code" for review by Councilmembers.

Council Action Plan - Mayor Gilbreath asked for Councilmembers' input as to what they desired to accomplish in the next ninety days. Councilmember Haws wanted to further pursue Federal and State financial assistance; to prioritize projects; and perhaps retain a professional to assist us to find and identify our projects. Councilmember Peppler wanted to explore funding sources for a library on the north side of Redlands. Councilmembers Gilbreath and George shared information from a recent meeting with the Mentone Community Association regarding annexation of Mentone properties and desired to proceed with this study. Councilmember Haws mentioned a master plan for downtown and Councilmember George said the "Redlands Allies," an information group meeting via DRBA, are doing just that and invited Councilmember Haws to attend.

Doug Spencer, Centennial Bank, asked the City Council to look at "the guard" and parking lot situation at Wells Fargo Bank and to improve the 6th Street offramp. He also informed them of his bank's efforts for assist northside residents and was directed to meet with Police Chief Bueermann for further mutual communication. Paul Mortensen urged the City Council to expand their master plan thoughts to all of Redlands. Councilmember Gilbreath wanted the Redlands 2000 reported to be reviewed and updated. Councilmember Haws

suggested establishing a Northside Community ad hoc committee. Bob Van Roekel, a semi-retired architect, offered his assistance as he would like to be part of the downtown planning again.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Building Code - Speaking on behalf of his parents, Bob Lymperopoulos asked the City Council for assistance with a carport and a screened-in porch at his parents' residence that were built, without permits, 25 or more years ago. Code Enforcement is now requiring them to bring the structures up to Code or demolish them. Mayor Gilbreath referred him to staff for assistance.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 10:52 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

- a. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(c) - One case
- b. Conference with legal counsel: Existing litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - Claim of Mrs. and Mrs. Landrum

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

The City Council extended birthday greetings to City Clerk Lorrie Poyzer who gave up celebrating her birthday this morning in order to attend this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M. The next regular meeting scheduled for December 21, 1999, will not be held. The next City Council meeting will be held on January 4, 2000.

City Clerk