

MINUTES

of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on January 2, 2007, at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Jon Harrison, Mayor
Pat Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem
Gilberto Gil, Councilmember
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT

None

STAFF

Sam J. Racadio, Interim City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer; Larry Burgess, Library Director; Cletus Hyman, Deputy Police Chief; Jim Drabinski, Fire Chief; Steven H. Dukett, Interim Redevelopment Agency Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Marjie Pettus, Administrative Services Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; and Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Councilmember Gil. Carmelo P. "Charlie" Berlingeri, Redlands' Man of the Year in 1991, died on December 22, 2006. Mr. Berlingeri was an active member of the American Legion Post 106, serving in every office including commander and had served in district and state offices. In addition to working over 28 years with his wife, Ethel, with the Redlands 4th of July parade, he was co-chairman of the Redlands' centennial Christmas parade and was a judge for the Christmas parade for many years. Charlie and Ethel Berlingeri were people who expected to give more than they received, and Redlands was the fortunate recipient of their generosity. Councilmembers and the audience observed a moment of silence in Mr. Berlingeri's honor. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Councilmember Gil.

PRESENTATIONS

Omnitrans - Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath thanked Councilmembers for allowing her to serve on the Omnitrans Board of Directors. She announced Omnitrans provided buses and manpower for President Gerald Ford's funeral procession in the desert this past weekend. Celebrating Omnitrans' 30th anniversary, Durand L. Rall, Omnitrans CEO, introduced a PowerPoint which reviewed present operations and a preview of future Omnitrans' projects. Wendy Williams, Omnitrans, provided facts about the service in Redlands.

Proclamation - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday - Human Relations Commissioner Amos Isaac asked the City Council to consider issuing a proclamation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. He reviewed a number of events being planned by the Human Relations Commission to recognize February as Black History Month. Human Relations Commissioner Sue Greenfeld announced several events to be held for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in January. Also present were Human Relations Commissioners John Walsh and John R. Farley. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation recognizing January 15, 2007, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Mayor Harrison presented the proclamation to members of the Human Relations Commission who have asked that it be displayed in City Hall.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the minutes of the special meeting December 19, 2006, and the regular meeting of December 19, 2006, were approved as submitted.

Bills and Salaries - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, payment of salaries and bills was acknowledged.

Notice of Environmental Actions - A report on notice of environmental actions and pending projects received from surrounding jurisdictions was presented. Councilmember Gallagher asked if there was some way to encourage the County to look for more retail in the "Donut Hole" area rather than warehouse distribution centers. Community Development Director Shaw responded the City has met with the County in the past to encourage retail but we do not have a formal policy to present to them. Councilmember Gallagher moved to acknowledge receipt of the report of environmental actions and pending projects received from surrounding jurisdictions. Motion seconded by Councilmember Aguilar and carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2653 - Zone Change No. 425 - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2653, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending Title 18 of the Redlands Municipal Code by revising the City's Land Use Zoning Map by approving Zone Change No. 425, a change of zoning designation for approximately 5.39 acres of property designated as Assessor's Parcel No. 0167-101-13 located on the northeast corner of Texas Street and San Bernardino Avenue from A-1 (Agricultural) District to C-3 (General Commercial) District (Citrus Packing, LLC - Applicant).

Preserve America Grant Application - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously authorized staff to submit an application for a Preserve America Grant.

Appointment - Library Board - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the recommendation of Mayor Harrison to re-appoint William Hardy, Jr. to serve another three-year term ending January 1, 2010, on the Library Board of Trustees.

Appointment - Human Relations Commission - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the recommendation of Mayor Harrison to appoint Peter Soliman to the Human Relations Commission as the student commissioner for a term of one calendar year.

Advertising Sign - Redlands Baseball for Youth - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the recommendation of the Parks Commission and granted permission to Redlands Baseball for Youth to post advertising signs on the fences on the baseball fields at Community Park during their sponsored baseball and softball games.

Agreement - Right-Of-Way Acquisition - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Dill Lumber Company regarding the purchase Alabama Street right-of-way for the Redlands Boulevard, Alabama Street and Colton Avenue Improvement Project and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Release of Lien - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously authorized the release of the lien agreement dated February 26, 1992, for off-site improvements at the northeast corner of Barton Road and Iowa Street.

Amendment - Redlands Sports Park - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the Hicks and Hartwick, Inc. contract to provide construction surveying and engineering services for the Redlands Sports Park lighting and landscaping contracts for a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00 and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Funds - Agreement - Church Street Storm Drain - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously authorized an appropriation in the amount of \$16,463.00 from the Storm Drain Facilities Fund and approved a consultant services agreement with AEI-CASC, Inc. to provide design services for a storm drain in Church Street from Solano Way to Pennsylvania Avenue and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Amendment - Right-of-Way Acquisition Services - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the agreement with Paragon Partners Ltd. to provide additional right-of-way acquisition services for the Redlands Boulevard, Alabama Street and Colton Avenue Improvement Project increasing the services fee by \$23,500.00 and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Funds - Library Foundation - On motion of Councilmember Gil, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the receipt of an additional allocation of \$12,820.00 from the California Public Library Foundation and authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount for library automation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting Attendance - No reports forthcoming.

Fee Waiver - MLK Day Parade - Interim City Manager Racadio reported the City has received a letter from Asia Horton, Program Director of Holistic Healing for Youth, requesting a waiver of all city-related fees, costs and charges associated with their first annual Martin Luther King Day parade to be held on January 15, 2007. Staff is recommending approval of this request but review of future requests should be on a case by case basis. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to approve the request of Holistic Healing for Youth to waive all City-related fees, costs and charges association with their first annual MLK Day parade to be held on January 15, 2007. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gallagher and carried unanimously.

Memorials - Retirement Recognitions - Interim City Manager Racadio recommended the City Council consider adjourning City Council meetings in memory of citizens when deemed appropriate and to issue proclamations honoring retirees for length of services and other employees at the discretion of the City Council and City Manager.

Council Policy - Memorials - Following discussion, Councilmember Gilbreath moved to authorize a Councilmember to request adjournment of a City Council meeting in memory of a person and to authorize the Mayor to

execute a letter on behalf of the City to be sent to the survivor. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Council Policy - Retirement/Service Recognitions - Councilmember Gilbreath moved to establish a policy to issue proclamations to honor all retirees of the City for length of service and to other employees who leave prior to retirement, at the discretion of the Mayor and City Manager. Motion seconded by Gallagher and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alley Damage - Wendy Ditchfield, 1029 College Avenue, read a letter expressing concerns about a City of Redlands' sewer project in the alley that borders her property. The first concern is about the damage and quality of the project and the second about the professionalism of contractors hired by the City of Redlands. She provided color pictures documenting her concerns and that of her neighbors. Mrs. Ditchfield also provide copies of a letter from James P. and Kimberley S. Swatzel, 907 North University Street, regarding their dissatisfaction over the work performed in the alley behind their house. Mr. Desmond Ditchfield was also present. This matter was referred to the City Manager for a report to be presented in two weeks.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 3:56 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
 - a. One Case - Facts and circumstances: Claim of Nancy Ochs
2. Conference with real property negotiator - Government Code Section 54956.8
 - Property: APN 0175-011-76
 - Negotiating parties: Sam Racadio, Jeff Shaw and
The Chiesman Irrevocable Family Trust
 - Under negotiation: Terms and price

On behalf of the West Redlands Water Company, Bill Cunningham submitted a letter of concern regarding an easement for the operation and replacement of a water line across the former Chiesman property which will be under discussion during the closed session. On behalf of The Redlands Association, he also expressed concern about the Open Space deed restriction that needs to be placed on the property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 4:02 P.M. in memory of Carmelo P. "Charlie" Berlingeri and United States President Gerald R. Ford who died on December 26, 2006. The next regular meeting will be held on January 16, 2007.

City Clerk