MINUTES

of a regular 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 <u>April 2</u>, <u>2002</u>.

**PRESENT** 

Karl N. (Kasey) Haws, Mayor Susan Peppler, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember Gary George, Councilmember Jon Harrison, Councilmember

**ABSENT** 

None

**STAFF** 

John Davidson, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Beatrice Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk (evening session); Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer (afternoon session); Cletus Hyman, Deputy Police Chief; Mel Enslow, Fire Chief; Bonnie Johnson, Finance Director; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; and Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Haws followed by the pledge of allegiance.

### **PRESENTATION**

<u>Inland Empire Economic Partnership</u> - Ms. Teri Ooms, President and Executive Director with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP), explained the benefits of membership in the IEEP, a regional economic development organization implementing a plan for aggressive and responsible development of the region's economy. Representing the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Wayne Stair stated they were committed to acting as the intermediary until the City employs an Economic Development Director. Councilmembers concurred to continue this discussion for two weeks to discuss with the Chamber of Commerce contractual participation in IEEP.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

<u>Minutes</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2002, were approved as submitted.

<u>Bills and Salaries</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, payment of bills and salaries was acknowledged.

<u>Auditing Services</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved the first

amendment to an agreement for auditing services with Conrad and Associates, LLP. which provides for an extension of services through June 30, 2003.

Resolution No. 6031 - TRANS - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 6031, a resolution of the City of Redlands authorizing and approving the borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2002-2003; the issuance and sale of a 2002-2003 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS), and participation in the California Communities Cash Flow Financing Program.

<u>Planning Commission Actions</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the report of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 26, 2002, was acknowledged as received.

Ordinance No. 2496 - Amendment 19 - Specific Plan 40 - Ordinance No. 2496, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending Ordinances Nos. 2295, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2364, 2432, 2444, 2473, and 2479 (which together comprise the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan) by adopting Amendment No. 19 to the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan (Specific Plan No. 40), was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler.

Ordinance No. 2497 - Zone Change No. 382 - Ordinance No. 2497, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending Title 18 of the Redlands Municipal Code by adopting a revised land use zoning plan as part of the Official Land Use Zoning Map and effecting Zone Change No. 382, a change of zone from A-1 (Agricultural) District (five-acre minimum lot size) to R-E (Residential Estates) District (14,000 square foot minimum lot size) for property located at the northwest corner of Wabash Avenue and Sixth Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural) District was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler.

<u>Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation declaring the month of April, 2002, as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and encouraged citizens to participate in the events and join in the efforts to end child abuse.

<u>Proclamation - César Chavez Day of Service and Learning</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation declaring April 1, 2002, as *César Chavez Day of Service and Learning* in Redlands.

<u>Proclamation - National Community Development Week</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant program and observing the week of April 1-7, 2002, as *National Community Development Week* 2002.

<u>Funds - Diesel Exhaust System</u> - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$27,820.00 for the purchase of a diesel exhaust system for Fire Station No. 261 from West-Kote, Inc. and direct staff to pursue recovery costs from the contractor.

Quit Claim Deed - University of Redlands - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved a quit claim deed to the University of Redlands for a portion of excess right-of-way on University Street, north of Brockton Avenue, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the City.

<u>Letter of Commitment - Office of Traffic Safety Grant</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved a letter of commitment to participate with SANBAG on implementation of an Automated Traffic Collision Analysis System, and authorized the Mayor to sign the letter of commitment on behalf of the City.

<u>Change Orders - Fire Station No. 261</u> - Councilmember Gilbreath asked how the City was going to pay for the cost overrides for the Fire Station No. 261 Renovations Project. Finance Director Johnson responded the General Fund will be paid back through the Development Impact Fees for Fire Service and that it will just take a little longer to cover the deficit. Noting we were too far into the process to stop now, Councilmember Gilbreath moved to approve Change Order Nos. 5 and 6 for the Fire Station No. 261 Renovations Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Haws and carried unanimously. Costs to cover these change orders will be covered by the additional appropriation approved by the City Council on February 19, 2002.

<u>Funds</u> - Contract Amendment - Fire Station No. 264 Architectural Design - Councilmember Gilbreath moved to appropriate additional funds in the amount of \$36,400.00 and approve an amendment to the contract with Claremont Environmental Design Group, Inc. for Fire Station No. 264's architectural design to enlarge the station from a 2x2 bay station to a 3x2 bay station. Motion seconded by Councilmember Peppler and carried unanimously.

Bid Rejection - Project Home Again Utility Improvement Project - Bids were opened and publicly declared on January 24, 2002, by the City Clerk for the Project Home Again Utility Improvement Project to upgrade the water and sewer services to Project Home Again on Lawton Street, north of Stuart Street, for their future building construction projects; a bid opening report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. Tiger Equipment Company, Inc., Murrieta was the lowest responsive/responsible bidder in the amount of \$114,195.00. Currently, there is \$52,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds available for this project. The project was advertised with the understanding that Project Home Again would fund the balance necessary to complete the project. At this

time, Project Home Again is discussing the possibility of scaling back the scope of this project and has not agreed to fund the balance. Therefore, staff is requesting that all bids be rejected and that any further action on this project be tabled until Project Home Again is satisfied with the scope of the project and has an agreement with the City for funding of the balance. On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously rejected all bids and tabled this project as requested by staff.

<u>Funds</u> - <u>EDI Grant</u> - <u>Boys and Girls Club of Redlands</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously authorized an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to create a budget for the Boys and Girls Club of Redlands construction project utilizing grant funds received from the U. S. Congress Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

<u>Agreement - Home Consortium Member</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved participation in the San Bernardino County Department of Economic and Community Development HOME Consortium and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the HOME Consortium Certificate of Interest on behalf of the City.

Agreement - Consulting Services - Police Department - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember George, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement with Felix Roger Jones III to provide consulting services to the Police Department's Value Based Initiative, provided adequate liability insurance is in place first, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

<u>Agreement - Redlands YMCA - Police Department</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement with the YMCA of the East Valley, to rent office space and provide consulting services to the Police Department's Value Based Initiative and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

<u>Agreement - Water Well</u> - The request for approval of a professional services agreement with Richard C. Slade & Associates LLC to perform a water well feasibility and hydrogeologic study for the proposed Orange Street Wellfield was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of staff.

<u>Contract - Crafton Reservoir Inlet Pipeline</u> - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, the City Council unanimously approved a contract with ARB, Inc. for the Crafton Reservoir Inlet Pipeline,

Project No. 1-0200, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the City.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

<u>Appointment - Trails Committee</u> - Mayor Haws moved to nominate Dennis Christensen to fill the unexpired term of Ted Balph to February 16, 2003, on the Trails Committee. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

<u>Cell Phone/Pagers Policy</u> - Councilmember Gilbreath suggested adopting a policy to ban the use of cell phones and pagers in the City Council Chambers as they can be very disruptive to participants in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers concurred to post signs asking people to turn their cell phones and/or pagers off or set them on the silent mode and not to take or make calls while the meeting is in session.

Agreements - Redlands Sports Park - A management and operations agreement and a license agreement with Big League Dreams for the Redlands Sports Park was presented for the City Council's review. Mayor Haws discussed the agreements at length; comments were also made by Finance Director Johnson, Public Works Director Mutter, Community Services Division Manager Marjie Pettus, and City Attorney McHugh. Rick Odekirk and attorney Scott Parks LeTellier, Big League Dreams, addressed the City Council and answered their questions at length. Mayor Haws summarized the items to be further reviewed: the annual presentation of the budget for the City Council's review and approval, salary allocations, use of alcohol at special events, sponsorship fees concept, depreciation accounting, earthquake insurance, definition of food/beverage rules at City events, and a review of liability insurance requirements. Councilmember Haws then moved to approve, in principal, the management and operations agreement and the license agreement with Big League Dreams and to schedule final approval on the consent calendar for the next City Council meeting with a staff report covering the items he summarized. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

<u>Fee Waiver Policy</u> - Councilmember George asked staff to return with a written policy for future consideration of requests for waiver of fees which would include a report from the applicant on its efforts to patronize Redlands' businesses for items such as brochures, posters, flyers, tee-shirts, hotels, trophy shops, and food supplies associated with the special event. This would promote the economic health of the City and encourage the use of local businesses. Councilmembers concurred with this request.

<u>Consent Calendar Policy</u> - Councilmember George suggested establishing a policy that if a member of the public requested an item be removed from the agenda's consent calendar, that the discussion be moved to the evening session

to allow for more public input. Councilmember Gilbreath felt that policy was already in effect. Councilmembers concurred with this suggestion.

<u>General Plan Amendment - 1259 Brookside Avenue</u> - Councilmember Harrison moved to direct staff to include the property located at 1259 Brookside Avenue in the next City-initiated General Plan Amendment cycle to change this property's designation to be consistent with the abutting designations. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

## JOINT MEETING - CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution No. 6032 - Great Neighborhood Program - Councilmember Gilbreath moved to adopt Resolution No. 6032, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands authorizing the use of low- and moderate-income housing funds outside the Redlands Project Area. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously. (Also see Redevelopment Agency minutes for April 2, 2002.)

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:41 P.M. to continue the Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened at 5:45 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

- Conference with labor negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6
   Agency negotiator: John Davidson
   Employee organization: Redlands Association of Management Employees
- 2. Conference with real property negotiator Government Code Section 54956.8

a. Property: APN 170-191-39

Negotiating parties: Linda Emmerson and Doug Wetton

Under negotiation: Terms and price

b. Property: APN 169-151-20, 21 & 27

Negotiating parties: Linda Emmerson and David Christensen

Under negotiation: Terms and price c. Property: APN 292-192-23

Negotiating parties: Jim Bueermann and Roy Franklin

Under negotiation: Terms and price

- 3. Conference with legal counsel: Existing litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(a) The Redlands Association v City of Redlands
- 4. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(6) two cases
- 5. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(c) one case
- 6. Conference with legal counsel: Existing litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(a): one case (This item was unanimously added to the agenda, having arose subsequent to the agenda being posted, on motion of

Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Peppler, with Councilmember Gilbreath abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.)

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

### **PRESENTATION**

<u>Proclamation - National Victims' Week</u> - The City Council unanimously authorized issuance of a proclamation declaring the week of April 21-27, 2002, as *National Victims' Week*, and commended Families and Friends of Murder Victims for their commitment to helping others deal with the devastation of losing a loved one to murder. Mayor Haws presented the proclamation to Rose Madsen who represented Families and Friends of Murder Victims, Redlands Chapter. Ms. Madsen invited Councilmembers to join Families and Friends of Murder Victims for their 5th Annual Candlelight Memorial in honor of all murder victims and victims of attempted murder to be held on April 25, 2002, at 6:30 P.M. at the Rancho Cucamonga Civic Center.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Haws reported he participated in the Easter Pet and Bike Parade accompanied by his dog Tucker and his three youngest children; Councilmembers Gilbreath and Harrison also participated in the parade. Mayor Haws expressed his appreciation to staff for their efforts to finalize the Big Councilmember Gilbreath announced she has League Dreams contracts. arranged to have SANBAG make a presentation about the Alameda Corridor at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Harrison reported on the activities of the Redlands Baseball for Youth to celebrate Arbor Day. Councilmember George reported he was proud to represent the City at the dedication of the César Chavez garden at the County Museum and will present the proclamation, which approved earlier in this meeting, declaring April 1, 2002, as César Chavez Day of Service and Learning in Redlands at a prayer breakfast later this week. Councilmember Peppler reported she and Councilmember Harrison participated in an urban design tour in Corona; the group will tour Redlands in the near future. Councilmember Peppler is also working with the League of California Cities regarding housing elements.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Crescent Avenue/Ramona Drive - Traffic Flow Alternatives - Public Works Director Mutter reported in May, 1995, Margot Williams, a resident on the corner of Ramona Drive and Crescent Avenue, made a request to the City Council to close Crescent Avenue and Ramona Drive to through traffic. Staff subsequently presented a number of alternatives to the City Council. The primary request centered around the possible closure of the street to through traffic or the designation of the streets to a one-way traffic flow system. A traffic analysis and warrants did not support either a full closure or a designation to one-way traffic flows. The request for any change was ultimately denied by the City Council after petitions and letters were presented indicting opposition to any alternative that would establish closures or one-way streets. Ms. Williams has again requested consideration of a change in traffic

patterns for this location. The request was made to the Traffic and Parking Commission to create a mid-block stop sign at the curve at Ramona Drive and Crescent Avenue. She felt that measures were necessary to mitigate a large number of traffic accidents and high traffic speeds at this location. The traffic accident reports were reviewed by staff; the accident history at this location does not meet the warrant. Staff strongly recommended denial of the request for the temporary installation of a three-way stop at the December 18, 2001, City Council meeting. The City Council directed staff to further review other traffic calming methods. Staff has prepared the following traffic flow alternates and described the advantages and disadvantages and the estimated cost for this location: improve Crescent Avenue at Ramona Drive with a standard "knuckle" design; redesign of the horizontal curve at Crescent Avenue and Ramona Drive; and double cul-de-sacs, one at the southerly end of Ramona Drive and one at the easterly end of Crescent Avenue. Opposing closure to through traffic were: John Patterson, Ed Dombrowski, Myron Talbert, Dale Burns, Barry Lee, and David Raley. Supporting the cul-de-sac solution were Ramona Drive residents Emsley Lee Lopez, Margot Williams, Dodie Alsop, Leslie Bischoff, William Kosch, Cindy Kosch, John Walsh, and Jim Smith. Carl Davis suggested speed "pacifiers" be utilized at this location as well as other locations in town such as Rossmont Drive. Councilmembers discussed this issue at length with Public Works Director Mutter and concluded to do the following: install stop signs on Crescent Avenue at the north Center Street intersection; install a speed hump on Crescent Avenue between Knoll Road and Ramona Drive, install a speed hump on Ramona Drive between Crescent Avenue and Highland Avenue, install no parking signs on both sides of Crescent Avenue where the speed hump is located, and install no parking signs on both sides of Ramona Drive where the speed hump is located. Councilmember George moved to adopt Resolution No. 6034, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands establishing the traffic regulations described above pursuant to Title 10 of the Redlands Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Peppler and carried unanimously.

The City Council briefly recessed at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened at 8:58 P.M.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mobilehome Park Inspections - Community Development Director Shaw reported the California Health and Safety Code, Section 18400.1, requires mobilehome and/or manufactured home enforcement agencies (Redlands Building and Safety Division) to enter and inspect mobilehome parks to ensure enforcement of the California Mobilehome Parks Act. City staff has been conducting these inspections; however, over the past few years, the Building and Safety Division has fallen behind because there is inadequate staffing to complete the inspections. The City has the option to relinquish their responsibilities to the State of California, and staff recommends the City do this. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to relinquish the City of Redlands'

responsibilities for the enforcement of mobilehome park inspections and return the assumption of responsibility for the enforcement of mobilehome park inspections by sending a written notice to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, canceling the City's assumption of responsibility for the enforcement as described in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 18300(e). Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Donut Hole Referendum Petition - City Clerk Poyzer reported that on February 7, 2002, a petition entitled Referendum petition against an ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Redlands approving an agreement with the County of San Bernardino and County Service Area No. 70 EV-1 for the provision of utilities and other municipal services to CSA 70 EV-1 and the "Donut Hole" and for the sharing of sales taxes and property taxes generated within the "Donut Hole" was received in the City Clerk's Office from The Redlands Association. The petition was transported to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters for examination of the signatures. The examination was completed on March 20, 2002; the results of that examination were as follows:

Registered voters at time of receipt of petition	31,116
Minimum number of verified signatures required	3,112
Verified signatures filed by the proponents	5,729
Sufficient signatures	4,259
Signatures found insufficient	1,283
Withdrawals removed from petition	187
Number of withdrawals submitted (572)	
Signatures declared insufficient as they were duplicates (131)	
Withdrawals received too late (16)	

Based on the examination of the signatures, the referendum petition, having been signed by more than 10 percent of the voters of the City of Redlands, was deemed sufficient by the City Clerk, and the proponents of the petition were notified as to the sufficiency of said petition on March 20, 2002, in accordance with Section 9114 of the California Elections Code.

Pursuant to Section 9237 of the California Elections Code, Resolution No. 5998, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands affirming findings made pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, making determinations with regard to the Redlands General Plan, and approving an agreement with the County of San Bernardino and County Service Area No. 70 EV-1, for the provision of utilities and other municipal services to CSA 70 EV-1 and the "Donut Hole," and for the sharing of sales taxes and property taxes generated within the "Donut Hole" shall be suspended and the City Council shall reconsider the resolution. If the City Council does not entirely repeal the resolution, the City Council shall submit the resolution to the voters, either at the next regular municipal election (November 4, 2003) or at a special election

called for that purpose, not less than 88 days after the order of the City Council. The City Council may wish to consider consolidation for a special election on November 5, 2002, or it may hold a special election on any Tuesday except not on the day before, the day of, or the day after, a state holiday.

As the election official for the City of Redlands, City Clerk Poyzer also examined the referendum petition for compliance with the California Elections Code as to content and format. She reviewed the following items of concern for the City Council's review and study:

- 1. Section 9238(a) of the Elections Code reads in part: "Across the top of each page of the referendum petition there shall be printed the following: 'Referendum Against an Ordinance Passed by the City Council' ..."
  - a. Said statement is only printed on the first five pages of the referendum petition; it is not printed on the 35 pages representing Resolution No. 5998 which were attached to each section when the referendum petition was filed in the City Clerk's Office. It was assumed the 35 pages representing Resolution No. 5998 were part and parcel of the referendum petition as it was being circulated, but the City Clerk stated she did not have personal knowledge one way or the other.
- 2. Section 9238(b) of the Elections Code reads in part: "Each section of the petition shall contain (1) the identifying number or title, ..."
  - a. The title of Resolution No. 5998 printed in the referendum petition is incomplete. The following is the title of Resolution No. 5998 as adopted with the text missing in the referendum petition lined out: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands affirming findings made pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, making determinations with regard to the Redlands General Plan, and approving an agreement with the County of San Bernardino and County Service Area No. 70 EV-1, for the provision of utilities and other municipal services to CSA 70 EV-1 and the "Donut Hole," and for the sharing of sales taxes and property taxes generated within the "Donut Hole."
- 3. Section 9238(b) of the Elections Code reads in part: "Each section of the petition shall contain...b) the text of the ordinance or the portion of the ordinance that is the subject of the referendum."
  - a. The copy of Resolution No. 5998 attached to the referendum petition is not a copy of the document which was signed by officials of the City of Redlands, County of San Bernardino, and County Service Area 70 Improvement Zone EV-1; the City Clerk stated she compared the documents and there did not appear to be any substantive differences.
  - b. The declaration of the circulator indicates the referendum petition consists of five (5) pages. It does not appear to include the 35 pages representing Resolution No. 5998. These are the same pages discussed in Section 1.
- 4. Section 100 of the Elections Code reads in part: "... The part of a petition for the voters' signatures, printed names, and residence addresses and for the blank spaces for verification purposes shall be numbered consecutively

commencing with the number one and continuing through the number of signature spaces allotted to each section..."

- a. There are 80 lines available in each section of the referendum petition for voters' signatures, etc. but the numbering jumps at line 60 to 71 making the last signature line labeled 90. The petitioners informed me of this discrepancy at the time of filing. The "extra" ten lines were not included in their computation of raw signatures.
- 5. Section 104 of the Elections Code reads in part: "Whenever any petition or paper is submitted to the elections official, each section of the petition or paper shall have attached to it a declaration signed by the circulator of the petition or paper, setting forth, in the circulator's own hand, the following ....(3) The dates between which all the signatures to the petition or paper were obtained ..."
  - a. The dates on the referendum petition are pre-printed -- not written in the circulator's own hand.
  - b. The date of execution occurs prior to the date the last signature was supposedly obtained. This declaration is signed "under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California."

Also included in the staff report was an e-mail received on February 19, 2002, from Jeff Sabatini expressing concerns about the circulation of the referendum petition and asking that certification be withheld or reversed until it can be determined if his concerns are justifiable, and a facsimile letter received on March 22, 2002, from William Arno requesting a formal investigation of his allegation that petitions were being circulated without all the of petition language and documents attached.

City Attorney McHugh informed City Council of options available at this time. The City Council may want the petition reviewed by legal counsel to determine if the petition is valid. Section 3.5 of the agreement requires certain action by the property owners within 120 days of the effective date of the agreement or any party, including the City, may terminate the agreement. Section 10 of the agreement states the agreement may be terminated by CSA 70 EV-1 and/or the County if a referendum petition is certified by the City Clerk. County counsel has contacted the City but needs time for consideration.

Bill Javert addressed the City Council rebutting statements made in the press that claimed he fraudulently obtained signatures; he also stated the petition contained the full draft of the agreement which he thought was signed by Mayor Haws. Bill Cunningham reminded Councilmembers that 6,000 residents signed the petition asking for a vote or reconsideration of the agreement. Marie Evers, a 20 year resident, told Councilmembers how she observed signatures being obtained and that proponents did not pass out packets of information but referred people to City Hall for information. Jeff Sabatini read an e-mail he had sent to Councilmembers earlier in the day expressing concerns about The Redlands Association. Durand Jacobs told Councilmembers he was glad the

petition qualified for an election. Gerry Troy felt the people had spoken by signing the petition. Councilmembers reviewed the options presented by the City Attorney and agreed it was premature to take any action at this meeting and that they should allow the County and the property owners the opportunity to act and have legal counsel review the legal issues raised by the City Clerk. Councilmember Haws moved to continue this matter to the second meeting in May. Motion seconded by Councilmember Peppler and carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

<u>Second Harvest Food Bank</u> - John Burke invited Mayor Haws and his guest to attend and judge the food at the Second Harvest Food Bank's Taste of Inland Empire evening event on June 30, 2002, at the Ontario Speedway. He also invited Councilmembers and encouraged their friends to attend the fund raiser.

<u>The Redlands Association</u> - On behalf of The Redlands Association, Bill Cunningham responded to comments made during the discussion about the Donut Hole referendum petition.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2002.

City Clerk		