

MINUTES

of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, at 7:00 P.M. on September 1, 2000.

PRESENT

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

Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk

ABSENT

None

Mayor Gilbreath called the special meeting to order for the purpose of amending the City Council's rebuttal to an argument submitted by William E. Cunningham against Ordinance No. 2448, an ordinance of the people of the City of Redlands amending Ordinance No. 1900 to increase the levy of a special tax for emergency paramedic service which is on the November 7, 2000, ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

Ballot Rebuttal Statement - On August 17, 2000, the City Clerk filed a petition with the Superior Court for a writ of mandate to direct the County Registrar of Voters to delete a statement contained in a ballot argument against Measure L. The ground for the request was the statement, which read: "Nearly all of the taxes raised by this measure will not go to the paramedics but will go to the City's general fund to be spent on whatever the council chooses" was false and misleading in the argument submitted by William E. Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham agreed during the hearing on August 21, 2000, that the additional tax revenues raised by the proposed ordinance would go into a special fund that is limited to expenditures for paramedic services. The Honorable James A. Edwards, Judge presiding, found that the statement was false and misleading and ordered it stricken. He further allowed Mr. Cunningham to submit an amendment to his argument by August 31, 2000, and the Members of the City Council to submit an amendment by September 1, 2000, to their rebuttal to Mr. Cunningham's argument. At this special meeting, Councilmembers amended their rebuttal statement by changing the second paragraph to read: "By Ordinance ALL Paramedic taxes collected must be used for Paramedic services. This will stop depletion of the General Fund of monies which could be used for other essential public services." This amendment was unanimously approved on motion of Councilmember Haws, seconded by Councilmember Freedman.

Fire Chief Enslow thanked Councilmembers for taking time out of their busy

day to attend this meeting and support the special paramedic tax.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on September 5, 2000.

City Clerk