

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 February 6, 2001.

PRESENT

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

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)
Jim Bueermann, Police Chief
Mel Enslow, Fire Chief
Bonnie Johnson, 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 with an invocation by Councilmember Freedman followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Commissioners - Mayor Gilbreath presented certificates of appreciation to the following student commissioners for their service during the past year: Monique Sotelo, Recreation Advisory Commission; Hannah McAnespie, Traffic and Parking Commission; Danielle Terrazas, Parks Commission; and Megan Ball, Human Relations Commission. On motion of Mayor Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember George, the following were appointed to serve as student commissioners: Sheryl Tuazon, Recreation Advisory Commission; Alvis Alvarado, Traffic and Parking Commission; Laura Litvinoff, Parks Commission; and Brenda Aguirre, Human Relations Commission. Mayor Gilbreath presented commissioner lapel pins to the newly appointed commissioners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2001, the three special meetings of January 26, 2001, and the adjourned special meeting of January 29, 2001, were approved as submitted.

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

Planning Commission Actions - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the report of the Planning Commission meeting held on January 23, 2001, was acknowledged as received.

Ordinance No. 2466 - Parks Commission - Ordinance No. 2466, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending Chapter 2.32 of the Redlands Municipal Code reducing the membership on the Parks Commission from nine members to seven members and, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws.

Funds - North/South Corridor Study - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an appropriation in the amount of \$67,000.00 from the Street Construction Fund for payment of Redlands' share of the fee for the North/South Corridor Study which is jointly proposed by the transportation agencies of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Funds - Asset Forfeitures - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$24,723.00 enabling the Police Department to access and expend State Asset Forfeiture Funds. These funds must be used for police services and must supplement, not supplant, existing funding for general police operations.

Agreement - Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Trust - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an indemnification agreement with the Southern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Trust for survey work on the City's detention basin at Sessums and Pioneer Avenues and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Agreement - Fire Station No. 1 - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the agreement with Claremont Environmental Design Group, Inc. for providing architectural/engineering services for Fire Station No. 1 and

authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Auction - Abandoned Aircraft - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously authorized staff to retain an auction house through the Finance Department for the purpose of selling an aircraft abandoned at the Redlands Municipal Airport, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate agreements, with the recommendation the Mayor and City Attorney, on behalf of the City, carry out the auction.

Settlement Agreement - Alderete v. City of Redlands et al - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously acknowledged a release of all claims with Lyndia M. Alderete for property damage sustained. The City Council authorized settlement of a lawsuit in closed session and this release reflects the terms and conditions for said settlement.

Settlement Agreement - Lawrence LeBlanc - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously acknowledged a settlement and release agreement with Lawrence LeBlanc as agreed to by the City Council in a closed session.

Agreement - Linda Hamilton - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement with Linda Hamilton for the purpose of conducting Tai Chi classes for seniors at the Joslyn Senior Center and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Agreement - Donna Buckner - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement with Donna Buckner for the purpose of conducting calligraphy classes for teens and adults at the Community Center and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Agreement - Jeanine King - An independent contractor agreement with Jeanine King to conduct gymnastic classes for youth, teens and adults at the Community Center was withdrawn from agenda and continued to another meeting.

Funds - Medical Aid Equipment Donation - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 which was donated for the purchase of medical aid equipment for police vehicles.

Funds - Replacement of Office Printer - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 to replace a LaserJet printer in the City Treasurer's office and hook it into the City's network.

Loma Linda University Medical Center Project - COPs - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the purchase installment agreement with the Loma Linda University Medical Center relating to the 1993 Refunding Certificates of Participation Series D.

Funds - Joslyn Senior Center Donations - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation of \$2,000.00 to fund programs and equipment for the Joslyn Senior Center. These funds were received in the form of donations and contributions from seniors utilizing the Center.

Salary Adjustment - Part-Time Employees - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved a cost-of-living salary adjustment for part-time hourly employees in the amount of 2.5 percent.

Review of Water and Wastewater Utility Fiscal Requirements - Staff requested authorization to issue a request for proposals for a review of water and wastewater utility fiscal requirements, rate revenue, and development impact fees. Councilmember Freedman asked if this study could be done with our staff as it would be less expensive. Municipal Utilities Director Phelps felt that in order to address the fiscal issues adequately, in a timely fashion, and with the credibility of an independent review, that the study should be done by a consulting firm specializing in this area. Finance Director Johnson agreed with Municipal Utilities Director Phelps' assessment. Staff indicated a willingness to continue this matter to further review. Councilmember Freedman moved to refer this request to the City Manager for further study to see if an in-house review would be a more reasonable solution. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5837 - Traffic Signals - California Street and I-10 - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 5837, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands authorizing the Mayor to act for and on behalf of the City in the execution of Program Supplement No. M001, Rev. 1 to the Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Project No. 08-5083 for railroad crossing protection at California Street and the BNSF Railroad south of and adjacent to Interstate 10 with the installation of traffic signals.

Agreement - Redlands Recycled Water Project - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement to furnish environmental consulting services for the Redlands Recycled Water Project with Tom Dodson & Associates and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Contract - Community Facilities District - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously accepted a proposal from David Taussig & Associates for special tax consulting services relating to Community Facilities District (CFD) 2001-1 and approved a contract for these services and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the City.

Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement - YMCA - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding and lease agreement with the YMCA of Redlands for the establishment of a Community Training Center pursuant to the goals of the Police Department's Value Based Initiative Program and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreements on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 5838 - PERS Amendment - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 5838, a resolution of intention to approve an amendment to the contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to change the retirement formula to two (2) percent at 55 for miscellaneous employees. (Also see Ordinance No. 2469)

Funds - California State Library English Language and Literacy Grant - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously authorized the allocation of grant funds in the amount of \$7,650.00 from the California State Library English Language and Literacy State Grant which will be used to hire two part-time pages to work through July of 2001 to assist with children's programming for literacy at the A. K. Smiley Public Library.

Bear Valley Mutual Water Company Annual Meeting - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously acknowledged receipt of the notice of the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company Annual Shareholder's meeting to be held on February 20, 2001. It was noted in the staff report the City of Redlands, through direct and indirect ownership, owns approximately 48 percent of the outstanding stock of this water company.

Grant Administration - Boys and Girls Club of Redlands - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously directed the Police Department to apply for and administer the \$500,000.00 Federal EDI grant on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Redlands pursuant to the VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999.

Funds - Change Order - Colton/Wabash Intersection Improvements - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Haws, the City Council unanimously approved an appropriation in the amount of \$157,280.00, approved Change Order No. 5 to the contract for the Colton/Wabash Intersection Improvements project in the amount of \$82,315.50, and authorized staff to execute the change order.

EMINENT DOMAIN HEARING

Resolution No. 5784 - Colton and Wabash Project - Councilmember Gilbreath left the Council Chambers due to a potential conflict of interest on this matter. Resolution No. 5784, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands declaring that the acquisition of a fee interest in a portion of certain real property by eminent domain is necessary for the completion of the City's Colton and Wabash Avenue Intersection Project, was again continued to this time and place for a hearing. Mayor Pro Tem George declared the meeting open for this hearing. City Attorney McHugh explained this hearing was continued on September 5, 2000, and January 16, 2001, so City staff could meet with the staff from Bear Valley Mutual Water Company to discuss its position that a twenty foot wide easement was necessary. The meeting took place but there has been no movement by Bear Valley Mutual Water Company regarding this easement. Mr. Locklin has declined the City's offer to acquire the additional ten foot of easement. Thus, the only way the City may acquire the necessary property for the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company easement is through eminent domain proceedings. Mr. Locklin and his legal representative were notified of this hearing. City Clerk Poyzer reported that a notice of the hearing was mailed on July 7, 2000, to William M. Locklin. Public Works Director Mutter explained the City of Redlands has recently completed the construction of the intersection of Colton Avenue and Wabash Avenue. As part of this project, the irrigation canal belonging to the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company was relocated into a ten-foot wide easement area through property owned by William J. Locklin. The ten-foot wide easement was acquired from Mr. Locklin based on an understanding with the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company staff that such an easement was acceptable. However, prior to accepting the easement, a new Bear Valley Mutual Water Company General Manager was appointed and a 20-foot wide easement was required. The General Manager and the Bear Valley Board of Directors are adamant about the necessity of a 20 foot easement and have advised staff it is not negotiable. The City is now attempting to acquire an additional ten feet along the westerly side of the existing easement. Mr. Locklin

has been contacted and has declined the City's offer to acquire the additional easement. City Clerk Poyzer reported no additional communications have been received. Mayor Pro Tem George called upon all persons with an interest in this property who wished to be heard. Mr. Locklin's legal counsel, Bill Lemann addressed the City Council and reviewed the past discussions with staff. Mr. Locklin also addressed the City Council and explained that the 20 foot easement will destroy his plans to build a new office building. Mayor Pro Tem George closed the public hearing. Following discussion, Councilmember Haws moved to adopt Resolution No. 5784 with the understanding staff will continue to work with Mr. Locklin in negotiations for other property acquisitions from SANBAG. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried with Councilmember Gilbreath abstaining.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tract No. 15832 - BHS, Inc. - Councilmembers George and Pepler left the Council Chambers due to a potential conflict of interest on this matter. Community Development Director Shaw presented a report on grading for Tract No. 15832, a subdivision of nine single family lots on approximately 4.75 acres located on the southwest corner of Cypress and Sunnyside Avenues. Staff is working with Mark Hamilton, the developer, to incorporate changes that will reflect and address concerns of the neighbors. Normally these changes would be required to be resolved prior to final occupancy; however, to defuse these issues and neighborhood concerns, staff has requested this be done now no building permits will be issued until these issues are resolved. Vicki Becker thanked Community Development Director Shaw for his assistance and informed Councilmembers Mr. Hamilton has not met with the neighbors yet and reiterated their concerns.

Resolution No. 5832 - Abandoned - Community Development Director Shaw reported that in 1990, State legislation to establish a statewide Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program was enacted into law. Section 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code provided, during a period of five years, a funding source for the abatement of abandoned vehicles by a County-based service. In 1995, the funding source was extended to the year 2005. A service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles may be established and a one dollar (\$1.00) vehicle registration fee imposed in any count if the Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county have adopted resolutions providing for the establishment of the Authority and imposition of the fee. Ron Andrews, County of San Bernardino Code Enforcement, explained the proposal in detail. Councilmember Freedman moved to adopt Resolution No. 5832, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands authorizing the County of San Bernardino to establish an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Board. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Lisa Marie Lane - Community Development Director Shaw said the City has had considerable discussion and actions pertaining to Lisa Marie Lane (also known as Smiley Boulevard) and presented a report summarizing the background, current improvements, and pros and cons of vacating. A letter was received via FAX from Terrance Emershy asking that no action be taken today without a published public hearing. Community Development Director Shaw explained the process to vacate a street which includes a resolution of intent, noticing of a public hearing, and holding a public hearing. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to direct staff to initiate the process of vacating Lisa Marie Lane. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Electricity Issues - Southern California Edison officials Beverly Powell, George Hanson, and May Jury presented an overview of the California electricity market. This presentation will also be made on February 13, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. for the Northside Advisory Committee. Councilmember Freedman asked Ms. Powell to provide staff with information regarding undergrounding electrical lines.

North/South Corridor Study - Ty Schuiling, Director of Planning/Program, SANBAG, provided a brief update on the North/South Corridor Study. Mayor Gilbreath noted the City Council had taken action earlier in this meeting authorizing payments of Redlands' share of the fee for this study. Mayor Pro Tem George expressed appreciation to SANBAG for their cooperation to move traffic from San Timoteo Canyon.

SB 70 - Thermal Imaging Equipment Act of 2001 - The Redlands Professional Firefighters have asked the City Council to support SB 70 which will allow the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services to purchase, at a reduced cost, thermal imaging equipment for distribution to and use in all fire stations throughout California. Fire Chief Enslow explained the bill noting this equipment would be of great benefit to the City of Redlands. Councilmember Haws moved to authorize Mayor Gilbreath to send a letter of support of SB 70 to Assemblyman Rod Wright who introduced the legislation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously.

Agreement - Standard Pacific - City Attorney McHugh reported Standard Pacific has continued its discussions with City staff regarding its offer to construct certain park related improvements in lieu of paying the required park and open space fees for its subdivision project. However, with the advancement of discussions relating to the development of a comprehensive sports park and the offer for free work by the Operating Engineers and the surveyors' union, the City and the public might be better served by taking advantage of Standard Pacific's offer on property other than the detention basin site such as certain infrastructure improvements to service the park. If the City Council wishes to

have staff negotiate a draft agreement with Standard Pacific for these infrastructure improvements in lieu of the payment of parks fees, the appropriate environmental notices will be prepared and a draft agreement presented for the City Council's consideration in the near future. Councilmember Freedman noted the value of their offer should be at least \$710,000.00 which is the estimated Park and Open Space Fees. Councilmember Haws moved to instruct staff to negotiate a draft agreement with Standard Pacific to construct an extension of Dearborn Street and to construct a sewer line and water line and other utilities in accordance with City requirements in lieu of the payment of parks fees and to present the draft agreement to the City Council for its consideration within thirty calendar days. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pepler and carried unanimously.

Replacement Trees - Fern Avenue - Mayor Pro Tem George felt that in the aftermath of the loss of the palm trees on Fern Avenue the City needed to discuss the removal the stumps and replacement of the trees. Public Works Director Mutter reported he had negotiated with Southern California Edison for complete removal of the stumps on February 13, 2001; the residents have been notified that this will occur. Discussions have been held regarding the replacement of the palm trees and staff recommends the planting of eight camphor trees. With this recommendation, his budget for tree replacement will be in need of an infusion. Councilmember Haws and Freedman donated \$1.00 each to this fund. Councilmember George moved to approve an additional appropriation as necessary to replace the eight palm trees on Fern Avenue with eight 24-inch box camphor trees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried unanimously. Councilmember Freedman noted Palm Avenue also needs replacement trees.

Settlement Agreement - Redlands Joint Venture/County of San Bernardino - At a special meeting of the City Council held on February 2, 2001, the City Council voted to enter into a settlement agreement with Redlands Joint Venture, the United Donut Hole Owners Property Association, County of San Bernardino, and Majestic Realty Company. Councilmembers George and Freedman opposed this action. At this time, Councilmember Freedman presented his dissenting opinion of this action. This was followed by a presentation by Councilmember George explaining why he opposed this settlement agreement. Bill Cunningham addressed the City Council stating he did not feel the City of Redlands was well-served by this settlement agreement. Councilmembers Haws, Gilbreath, and Pepler responded to these comments defending their votes. Portions of this lengthy discussion were contentious and at one point, Mayor Gilbreath had to restore order when Mr. Cunningham made accusations which he could not prove and refused to extend an apology when asked to do so.

JOINT MEETING - CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution No. 5836 - Neighborhood Initiative Program - Councilmember George moved to adopt Resolution No. 5836, 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 for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to implement an additional six participant agreements which will be acted upon by the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously. (Also see Redevelopment Agency minutes for February 6, 2001.)

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 6:13 P.M. to continue the Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened at 6:14 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency negotiator: Bonnie Johnson and Karen Olsen
Employee organizations: Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees
2. Conference with real property negotiator - Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Assessor's Parcel Nos. 171-341-10, 11, 12
Negotiating parties: Deb Craney and Dave Higginson
Under negotiation: Terms and price
3. Conference with legal counsel: Existing litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 - a. Redlands Joint Venture LLC and United Donut Hole Owners Property Association v. City of Redlands/Spring Pacific Properties LLC - SCVSS 73615
 - b. County of San Bernardino v. City of Redlands/Spring Pacific Industries, LLC - SCVSS 74079
 - c. City of Redlands v. County of San Bernardino and Majestic Realty Company - Case Nos. SCV 33330, E293198, E021447, SCV 38504, and SCVSS 60116
 - d. City of Redlands v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region - administrative proceedings
4. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(c): One case

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Medals of Valor - At the December 19, 2000, City Council meeting, Mayor Gilbreath and Fire Chief Enslow presented certificates to Mike Lopez and Mike

Cook and Dr. Chad Roghair for their heroic actions on December 4, 2000. At this time, the actual medals of valor were presented to Messrs. Lopez and Cook and Dr. Roghair.

Boy Scouts of America - Jim Nolin, District Program Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America, presented a certificate of appreciation to Municipal Utilities Director Phelps for his department's assistance in a clean-up project in Prospect Park, and a community service award to Public Works Director Mutter for his department's many years and hours of assistance to the Boy Scouts for their many projects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 00-01 - DeSousa Development - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider the Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study for Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 00-01 for utility connections for nine lots within Tract No. 15932 located in the unincorporated area within the City's Sphere of Influence north of Mentone Boulevard, south of Cedar Lane, west of Plumwood Lane and east of Crafton Avenue (John Sousa, DeSousa Development, applicant). Community Development Director Shaw described the project in detail. Overall the proposed tract complies with the City's development standards with the exception of the 15 foot front setback distance along the westerly street frontage of Lot 1. A letter has been submitted requesting the City Council find that this 15 foot setback can be maintained as it is consistent with similar setbacks in the immediate vicinity. Mayor Gilbreath declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any questions or comments. None being forthcoming, the public hearing was declared closed. Councilmember George moved to approve the Negative Declaration for Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 00-01 based on the finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, determining this project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on wildlife resources as defined in Section 711.2 of the California Fish and Game Code and directed staff to file and post a Notice of Determination in accordance with the City's guidelines. Motion seconded by Councilmember Haws and carried unanimously. Councilmember George moved to approve the Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study for Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 00-01 as Tract No. 15932 will not create unmitigable physical blight or over-burden public services in the community, and no additional information or evaluation is needed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Haws and carried unanimously. Councilmember George moved to approve Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 00-01 based on the findings contained in the staff report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Haws and carried unanimously. Councilmember George moved to amend the agreement for annexation and provision for City Utility Services to allow for a reduced front yard setback for Lot 1 of 15 feet instead of the required 25 feet specified in the development standards for the R-1 Zone. Motion seconded by Councilmember Haws and carried unanimously.

Tentative Tract No. 16139 - Michael Novak - Public hearings were continued to this time and place to consider a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study for Tentative Tract No. 16139 for the subdivision of 7.2 acres into 21 residential lots located north of Cypress Avenue, east of Heather Lane, and west of Linda Vista Avenue in the R-S (Suburban Residential - 10,000 square foot lots) District (Michael Novak, applicant). Community Development Director Shaw reported the applicant has requested a continuance in order to provide the City with more information on the biological impacts of the project and also to meet with the surrounding property owners to resolve their concerns. He explained that continuance would be consistent with the City's CEQA guidelines as we have until March 3, 2001, to act on the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Councilmember Haws moved to continue this application to February 20, 2001. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried with Councilmember George abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

Resolution No. 5804 - Street Vacation No. 118 - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider Resolution No. 5804 ordering the vacation of portions of Bryn Mawr Avenue and Guido Avenue in Concept Plan No. 2 of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan (Spring Pacific Properties, applicant). Community Development Director Shaw reported staff is recommending, with the applicant's concurrence, that this public hearing be continued to March 6, 2001. Councilmember Haws moved to continue this matter as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Redlands Sports Park - Financial Feasibility Study - Public Works Director Mutter reported the City Council directed staff on December 19, 2000, to issue requests to interested consultants to prepare a financial feasibility study for the sports park. Five proposals were submitted and staff members have reviewed them. At this time, staff recommended that a consulting services agreement be negotiated with Keyser Marston and Associates, Inc. as this firm is best qualified to complete the project. There is no fiscal impact in accepting the proposal from Keyser Marston and negotiating a consulting services agreement as *For The Game, LLC* has agreed to pay for the cost of this study. Councilmember Haws updated Councilmembers on the input from the public meetings noting there seemed to be a consensus to build in phases, moving east to west and suggested the feasibility study be prepared with that thought in mind. Councilmember George expressed appreciation to William Waggoner, Executive Director, Local 12 Operating Engineers; Ron Sitkowski, Apprenticeship Program Director; and Dan Mays, the local representative, for the grading and surveying work they will be providing for free for the City. Reiterating the fiscal impact to the City is zero, Councilmember Haws moved to direct staff to negotiate and bring back to the City Council a recommended consulting services agreement with Keyser Marston and Associates, Inc. to

prepare the financial feasibility study for the sports park/complex. Motion seconded by Councilmember Freedman and carried unanimously.

Redlands Sports Park - Planning Services - EIR - Community Development Director Shaw reported the City Council has previously considered a proposal by *For The Game, LLC* to develop a sports park at the northwest corner of San Bernardino and Wabash Avenues. To move forward with the processing of the sports park, staff needs direction on the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Staff recommended that the planning services for an EIR be for the entire master plan, even if the City Council decides to build the project in phases. The EIR will be prepared to evaluate several alternatives which would include developing the project in phases or developing the park as one large master planned project. Councilmember Haws moved to direct staff to prepare a request for proposals and recommend a consultant to complete planning services for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the development of a sports park/complex. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2440 - City Purchases - As part of the continuing effort to update the Redlands Municipal Code, Ordinance No. 2440, which reflects the City's current purchasing practices, was submitted for the City Council's consideration by Finance Director Johnson. Ordinance No. 2440, an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending Chapter 2.16 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to City purchases, was read by title only by City Clerk Poyzer, and on motion of Councilmember Pepler, seconded by Councilmember George, further reading of the ordinance text was waived, and Ordinance No. 2440 was introduced with unanimous Council approval and laid over under the rules with adoption scheduled for February 20, 2001.

Ordinance No. 2469 - PERS Amendment - During the course of employee negotiations, the City Council agreed to provide an enhanced retirement option with Cal/PERS for Miscellaneous employees. This amendment changes the retirement formula to the 2 percent at 55 formula for miscellaneous employees. PERS has determined that the change in the employer contribution rate due to this amendment is zero and there will be no cost to amend the contract to include the enhanced retirement benefit. Ordinance No. 2469, an ordinance of the City of Redlands authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Redlands and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, was read by title only by City Clerk Poyzer, and on motion of Councilmember Freedman, seconded by Councilmember George, further reading of the ordinance text was waived, and Ordinance No. 2469 was introduced with unanimous Council approval and laid over under the rules with adoption scheduled for March 6, 2001. (Also see Resolution No. 5838 adopted earlier in this meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Civics Day - The annual Civics Day will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2001, when students from Redlands High School and Redlands East Valley High School will "shadow" elective officials and department heads to learn about the function of City Hall. Several of the students were present at this meeting, and Mayor Gilbreath welcomed them to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on February 20, 2001.

City Clerk