

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 1:00 P.M. on July 29, 1999.

PRESENT

William E. Cunningham, Mayor  
Geni A. S. Banda, Mayor Pro Tem  
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember  
(via conference telephone call)  
John L. Freedman, Councilmember  
Gary George, Councilmember

Gary M. Luebbers, City Manager  
Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney  
Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk  
Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director

ABSENT

None

AB-1533 - Calderon/Majestic Realty Donut Hole Legislation - Mayor Cunningham called this special meeting to order to discuss the ramifications and response by the City to special legislation in Sacramento. City Attorney McHugh informed Councilmembers he had received a telephone call from Mr. Carrig, League of California Cities, who offered to help shepherd us through the hallways in the State Capitol. Gordon Hart, lobbyist for Timberlake, summarized what is known at this time. The Senate Local Government Committee will meet on August 18, 1999, to discuss AB-1533; the actual language will be available on August 9, 1999, but it appears it will be amended in a significant fashion. Mr. Hart explained the process for passage of a bill in Sacramento. Councilmembers discussed this subject at length. Susan Pepler, a legislative specialist, offered to assist in a "grass roots" campaign. Council discussed advantages of hiring a lobbyist to assist the City on this matter. President of the Redlands Fire Fighters Dan Crow offered their assistance and recommended including his group and Chamber of Commerce people in the contingency travelling to Sacramento. Councilmembers Gilbreath and George were not in favor of hiring a lobbyist or advocate. Changing his original motion to hire a lobbyist, Councilmember Freedman moved to direct staff to seek proposals from registered lobbyists and report to the City Council at the August 3, 1999, meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously. Councilmember Freedman also moved to direct staff to proceed and make appointments on behalf of the League of California Cities for Mr. Carrig and two of our elected officials to meet with legislators in Sacramento on August 16 and 17, 1999. Motion seconded by Councilmember Banda and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on August 3, 1999.

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City Clerk