

January 9, 1952

9. Housing Colored People (Res. Nos. 3307, 3308, 12-19-51 and prior): City Manager referred to communication addressed by him to Council regarding two possibilities in matter and to a resolution received from Palm Springs Employers' Association bearing upon subject.

Mr. Nathanson read the Association resolution; stated that he had discussed resolution with James Anderson, NAACP representative, that he favors public housing plan because private housing would be so expensive they could not build on the property; Mr. Anderson agreed in part; and it was agreed between them that it should be suggested to the Mayor that he appoint a committee of four or five businessmen and let them decide whether the housing should be a public or a private project, where it should be, and what the procedure should be.

During discussion,

City Attorney advised that, although the Mayor should, properly, make the appointments, the establishment of such a committee should be by official Council action.

Mr. Strebe, referring to Association resolution, expressed view that by "private" or "public" housing intent is that "funds for the housing are to be provided from either a public source or a private source;" and that as to acquisition of the land the land is evidently in Section 14 - Indian Land. #

Mr. Boyd expressed view that it is most important if possible to work out financing on private capital basis; prefers that Council go on record as favoring financing from private capital; public financing would be an added burden upon taxpayers.

Mr. Strebe expressed agreement with Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Nathanson stated that he does not care about method employed so long as the project is developed; probably Government could offer the better proposition; and

Offered a motion that a Committee be formed, of five (5) local business men, to study the situation and report to Council with recommendations as to what should be done regarding Housing for Colored People and as to whether the housing shall be financed by private capital or by the Federal Housing Authority.

Mr. Boyd and Mr. Strebe again objected to Council going on record as favoring Public Housing.

Upon advice of City Attorney, Mr. Nathanson reframed his motion, as follows:

That the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee of five (5) local businessmen to look into matter of providing adequate housing for colored people, the committee to report back to Council on the subject after first endeavoring to commence project on a private basis; if that is found unfeasible, then to report whether recommending that project should be arranged under FHA.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Strebe and as Res. No. 3338 adopted by unanimous vote; Hardy absent.

Planning Commission - with recommendations: Planning Director reported re:

"Deep Well Ranch Estates Unit No. 4, a resubdivision of the North half of Lot 26, Palm Valley Colony Lands, in Section 23: That Mr. Harry Dart, by his agent Mr. Hickson, has prepared for the Planning Commission a final map which will be formally submitted to Commission