

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE NAME:  
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LOCATION:

LAW AND LEGISLATION Jul 5 9 59 AM '96  
April 2, 1996  
1:00 P.M.  
915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Fargo, Steinberg (arrived at 1:20 p.m.), Waters, Ortiz

Absent: None

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 **Various State Legislative Proposals**

Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation

Committee Action: Approved Staff Recommendation

Michael Coleman, Senior Management Analyst, asked Chairwoman Ortiz to pull AB 3431 (regarding GIS systems) off the report. Mr. Coleman said that staff has received inquiries from some of the sponsors of the bill and staff would like to talk to them first before the City takes a position on this bill.

Mr. Coleman gave a brief summary and recommended positions of the bills listed that the City is tracking.

Committee Member Waters, asked for notification when SB 1896 will be heard - he would like to go to testify for opposition.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fargo, seconded by Committee Member Waters to accept staff's positions on listed bills. The motion was carried with a 3-0 vote with Committee Member Steinberg arriving late.

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## 2.2. Temporary Street Closure and Alley Abandonment Program

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Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation and Forward to City Council

Committee Action: Approved and Forwarded to City Council

Glenn Marshall, Associate Engineer, Public Works, summarized changes and new items. 1) Updating "Review Guidelines for Street Closure" 2) Adopt Ordinance amending Section 56.04.404 of the Sacramento City Code, to allow specific plan and general plan consistency review which is done by Planning Commission to be done by Planning staff, which will shorten process. 3) Adopt Ordinance adding Chapter 38.16 to the Sacramento City Code, relating to the restriction of traffic through alleys.

Committee Member Fargo, wanted clarification that restricting traffic through alleys is just an option to use - because if there is illegal activity going on in an alley we probably wouldn't want to close it. Mr. Marshall said that it was just an option.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fargo, seconded by Committee Member Waters, to approve staff recommendation and forward it to City Council for full review. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

## 2.3 Junk Gun Violence Protection Act

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Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation

Committee Action: Approved Recommendation

Jane Christenson, Administrative Analyst, Police Department, asked that the Committee take a position in support of the Junk Gun Violence Protection Act. This legislation represents federal regulatory proposal aimed at restricting the manufacture and possession of the weapons which several studies have indicated are used disproportionately in crimes. This legislation is similar to the Saturday Night Special Ban bill proposed during last year's legislative session, this bill was supported by the Law and Legislation Committee.

Committee Member Ortiz, stated that she feels it's an appropriate position for the City to take.

A motion was made by Committee Member Steinberg, seconded by Committee Member Fargo, to approve staff recommendation and forward it to City Council for full review. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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2.4 **Title 19 Ordinance Amendment Implementing Private Sector Competition for Collection of Putrescible Solid Waste from Business and Apartment Complexes**

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Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation and Forward to City Council

Committee Action: Approved and Forwarded to City Council

Reina Schwartz, Solid Waste Manager, presented report which recommends opening up commercial wet garbage collection to competition from the private sector. Currently private haulers are allowed to collect dry garbage from the city, but not wet garbage under an ordinance that has been in place since 1922. The City's prices are much higher than the private sector. The city has received criticism in the past for having much higher rates than the private for commercial wet garbage. The City has reduced its rates a total of 30% in the last 2 years to compete but in many cases the private rates are still much lower than the City's. Recommendation of staff will open up this market to competition allowing City forces to continue to compete where able and to allow the market to serve the rest of the customers and allowing them to shop for the best combination of service and cost for their garbage service. This operation affects about 8 employees at this point. No employees will be laid off as a result of this downsizing. Employees will be accommodated through attrition and the reallocation of commercial collection personnel to other duties such as multi-family recycling.

Committee Member Fargo, wanted to know how much revenue loss was anticipated. Ms. Schwartz said that the total commercial operation is in the 3 to 4 million dollar range. They anticipate up to half that revenue (1½ million dollar range) within the solid waste fund, but along with revenue loss they will also be losing costs associated with providing the service.

Committee Member Fargo, asked what the plan is for the 8 employees that will be affected. Ms. Schwartz said that the plan now is that a few of the employees will remain to continue to support whatever portion of the operation is kept, some of the employees will be used to provide services when they expand the recycling opportunities, and some of the employees will fill in other areas of the department where there is a shortage of staff. Committee Member Fargo also asked if City departments are currently paying for garbage collection. Ms. Schwartz said "no".

Committee Member Steinberg, wanted clarification on if we will be comparing rate structures between our commercial rate structure and the private hauler to determine who gets the particular accounts. Ms. Schwartz said that they are proposing that commercial wet garbage works the same way as commercial dry garbage. The service is an individual contract between the private hauler and the private business.

Committee Member Waters, asked about the 8 employees that will be affected. Ms. Schwartz said there would be no change in their status.

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Committee Member Ortiz, wanted to make sure that the 8 employees would stay in their same classification. Ms. Schwartz said that they would stay in their same classification.

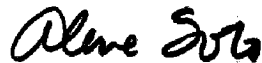
Kathy Widing, Local 39, said that there are some things the Committee needed to consider in regards to the general fund. The 10% franchise fee that goes into the general fund - as the commercial account starts the drop city service - the general fund will be reduced. Also wanted to make a last pitch for the employees.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fargo, seconded by Committee Member Steinberg, to approve staff recommendation and forward it to City Council for full review with an agreement that staff bring back something in writing talking about the \$800,000 that rate payers have been covering for the City departments for garbage collection.

*motion carried w/a 4-0 vote*  
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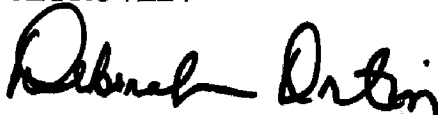
**ADJOURNED** - There being no further business to come before the Law & Legislation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Aline Soto, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Deborah Ortiz, Committee Chair

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