

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE NAME: LAW AND LEGISLATION

MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 1995

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MEETING TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: 915 I STREET, 2ND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

PRESENT: Committee Members Ortiz, Fargo, Cohn, Steinberg

ABSENT: None

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON BY ONE MOTION. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR STAFF MAY REQUEST AN ITEM TO BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 Legislative Update (Oral Presentation by Ken Emanuels)

Ken Emanuels, Legislative Advocate for the City of Sacramento, was not present for meeting. No legislative action items to report to Committee.

2.2 Ordinance Amending Title 58 Allowing the City Manager to call for bid advertisement; and Amending Title 59 to provide procedures for Supplemental Agreements.

Gregory Hovious, Contract Officer, Department of Public Works, presented the report.

Committee Member Steinberg expressed concern over too many hearings. He would like to consolidate public policies.

Committee Member Ortiz agreed with streamlining the process. She also asked about the financial considerations that will be generated by cost savings to the City.

Committee Member Fargo questioned the 85% reduction of what? (under "Financial Considerations")

Gregory Hovious said the 85% reduction will include reducing staff time, Council time, clerical time and lowering printing costs.

Committee Member Ortiz asked if this Ordinance amendment would cover all projects or just Public Works items?

Duane Wray, Facility Manager, Public Works Department, answered question with a definitive "Yes, this amendment to City Code would cover all City projects."

Motion: 1st - Committee Member Steinberg
 2nd - Committee Member Fargo

Committee Member Fargo requested that this item be put under "Staff Reports" (not "Consent") when it gets to Council level.

Ayes: Committee Member Ortiz, Fargo, Steinberg (Cohn-not present for this vote)

2.3 Telecommunications Reform Policies

Richard Esposto, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, presented the report.

Committee Member Fargo commented on the fact that the City of Sacramento is not aggressive enough in the area of supporting reform policies. She wants more City participation.

Committee Member Ortiz wants the City to hold on to it's ability to proceed.

Committee Member Cohn, who is on the Cable Commission, fully supports the policy as presented in Committee report.

Committee Member Ortiz had questions on telecommunication reform. What is "support competition" but also "preserve regulatory oversight regulation"?

Committee Member Cohn told Committee he heard that E.W. Scripps had retained Merrill Lynch regarding the sale/transfer of Sacramento Cable. He had read it in the Wall Street Journal and Sacramento Bee.

Richard Esposto told Committee it was not unusual to see mergers.

Committee Member Ortiz gave Richard Esposto an invitation to return to Committee for a full discussion.

Committee Member Fargo requested a report back from City Manager.

Committee Member Ortiz said that cost recovery was the responsibility of Barbara Weaver, Director, Information/Communication Services Department.

Motion: 1st - Committee Member Fargo
2nd - Committee Member Steinberg

Ayes: Committee Members Ortiz, Fargo, Cohn, Steinberg

2.4 State Assembly Bill on Fluoridation (AB733 Speier)

Liz Brenner, Administrative Analyst II, Utilities Department, presented report. She asked the Committee to watch SB733. At this time, City doesn't fluoridate its water.

Committee Member Cohn wants Committee to stay "neutral" on this subject.

Committee Member Ortiz commented that the City is not in a position to oppose or support "fluoridation." If the City is mandated to do so, they will fluoridate.

Committee Member Fargo asked what the one-time cost would be; what type of increase in water rates could be expected?


Liz Brenner, answered that there would be at least 1% increase in water rates.

Committee Member Ortiz asked to be updated on this issue when and if it becomes a "hot issue."

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:50 p.m.

Deborah Ortiz, Chair

ATTEST:


Leslie Oldridge, Secretary