

# COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**COMMITTEE NAME:** LAW AND LEGISLATION  
**MEETING DATE:** October 1, 1996  
**MEETING TIME:** 1:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Fargo, Steinberg, Waters, Ortiz (Chair)

Absent: None

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### 1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 1.1 Legislative Update

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Recommendation of Staff: Committee Information Only

Committee Action: No Action

Mike Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, said that the governor is making his way through all the legislation - there is still a number of bills out there that we haven't seen action on. Will provide a more comprehensive report at the next Law & Legislation meeting in two weeks.

### 2.0 STAFF REPORTS

#### 2.1 An Ordinance renumbering Chapter 28.04 to Chapter 28.06, amending Sections 28.01.001 and 28.01.002, and adding new Chapter 28.04 the Sacramento City code, relating to the regulation of Pallet Resellers

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

Committee Action: Approved Recommendation and forwarded to City Council

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Lynne Ohlson, Police Dept., bringing forward an ordinance as requested by Councilmember Waters to look at the reselling of Pallets. The state law does have regulations but our local city ordinance doesn't have any specific requirements of pallet dealers. We are proposing to make pallet users part of our chapter regarding second-hand dealers and resale property. One of the proposed requirements to operate in the city of Sacramento is to operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Currently the sale of pallets take place 24 hours. Also, are proposing a fee of \$75 based on Police staff time to investigate and issue permits under this chapter.

Committee Member Ortiz, asked what the problem is that we're trying to fix? Ms. Ohlson said that the Police department receives quite a few reports regarding the theft of pallets. The police department does not have the resources to focus on the pallet thefts so they are trying to tie some restraints on businesses that are involved with buying pallets.

Committee Member Steinberg, suggested the police department do an outreach so businesses will know about it.

A motion was made by Committee Member Waters, seconded by Committee Member Fargo to approve staff recommendation and forward to full City Council with the understanding that staff attempt to meet with current dealers before it goes to Council. All in favor.

## 2.2. Proposition 215 - The Medical Use of Marijuana Initiative

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Recommendation of Staff:                      Oppose Initiative

Committee Action:                                No Action was Taken

Mike Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, summarized Proposition 215 - The Medical Use of Marijuana Initiative - extends state law to allow persons to grow or possess marijuana for medical use when recommended by a physician. This report was requested by Councilmember Waters who recommended an "opposed" position.

Committee Member Ortiz, feels that we should not be dealing with this issue on a local level.

Committee Member Waters, said he brought this forward because he feels it is a local issue to the Police Department. He feels that this initiative is nothing but an attempt/start to legalize the use of marijuana.

Maria Morales, California for Medical Rights, in favor of Proposition 215, gave a summary of her position on this initiative.

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Committee Member Steinberg, asked how widespread the problem is of the seriously ill and terminally ill that are now using marijuana to alleviate their pain, being arrested and convicted? Ms. Morales said that she does not have statistics on how many people are arrested or convicted. She will send information to him.

No motion was made.

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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 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Aline Soto, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



Deborah Ortiz, Committee Chair

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