

MINUTES

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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:05 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cohn, Fargo, Hammond, Kerth, Pannell, Steinberg, Waters, Yee and Mayor Serna

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Serna

****Note: Prior to Item 9.1, Mayor Serna welcomed Boy Scout Troop 3 from Valley Hi, which was agendized as Item 9.4.

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 Resolution recognizing City employees Doug Welch and Louis Taylor for their efforts and assistance during a tragic situation on September 29, 1998 (D-4)

Bob Fleming, Parks Superintendent, Park Maintenance Services, advised that on Monday morning, September 29, 1998, Mr. James McMahon collapsed in William Land Park adjacent to the children's play area. Mr. Doug Welch, a Park Maintenance Worker with the City, and Mr. Louis Taylor, a City Utility Worker, came to James' aide. Mr. Welch stayed with Mr. McMahon to offer assistance while Mr. Taylor went to the nearest phone to dial 911. Mr. Taylor met the ambulance and guided emergency personnel to the location within the park. Unfortunately, despite the efforts and quick assistance of Messrs. Welch and Taylor, Mr. McMahon passed away.

Mayor Serna presented the resolution, commending Messrs.. Welch and Taylor for their efforts to assist in this tragic situation, and extended the heartfelt condolences of Mayor and Council to the family of Mr. McMahon.

Mr. Fleming commented that Doug Welch and Louis Taylor exemplified the helpful spirit of the Parks Department. The family of the deceased Mr. McMahon wished to express their appreciation of Messrs. Welch and Taylor, via this Resolution.

9.2 Resolution recognizing and commending the Port of Sacramento celebrating its 35th Anniversary

Mayor Serna presented the Resolution.

The Mayor noted that the Port of Sacramento has a distinguished record of self-sufficient performance of general operations as one of very few ports in the United States that does not receive local or state subsidies. More than a million tons of cargo cross Port docks annually, generating hundreds of millions of dollars into local economies.

The FTZ (Free Trade Zone) offers a temporary shelter from import tariffs on commodities from abroad, providing significant benefits to local businesses and industries.

The Port of Sacramento maintains a 35-year tradition of operating with the highest standards, furthering Port potential through focused objectives of expanding cargo opportunities and development of Port lands and prime maritime-related and non-maritime related industrial sites.

Mayor Serna recognized the Port of Sacramento on its 35th Anniversary of facilitating the transportation of waterborne cargo, and commended the Port for its role in establishing and preserving international recognition of the City of Sacramento as a center for world trade, and enhancing the prosperity of the Greater Sacramento Area through commercial development of Port lands.

John Sulpizio, Port Director, and Kevin Forsberg, Commissioner of the Port of Sacramento, received the Resolution.

Ms. Forsberg thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition on behalf of the Port of Sacramento, its employees, and the Commission. She commented that efforts are being made to advance the Port, which is a 47-mile deep water channel. The Port was conceived 82 years ago as a result of a survey suggested by the Chamber at that time.

Councilmember Waters commented that when he was on the Port Board, he was advised to step down due to a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Waters urged deepening the channel, saying he recognized how much work is involved.

Councilmember Yee agreed with Mr. Waters, saying he knows the work and challenges that lie ahead in developing the adjacent property.

9.3 Recognition, farewells and resignation of Councilman Darrell Steinberg (D-6)

Councilmember Steinberg commented that this was a meaningful evening, and that while he was excited about the opportunities ahead, he had mixed feelings about ending this chapter of his life which had taken place during the last six years. Mr. Steinberg expressed his appreciation of everyone who participated in the teamwork which made accomplishments possible.

Mr. Steinberg expressed his thanks to his family, and to his staff Andrea Jackson and Susan Finn, who are going with him when he assumes his place as an Assemblyman. Andrea is to be Chief of Staff, and Sue will be located in the District office. Mr. Steinberg expressed his appreciation of the City Hall staff and Charter Officers, Chiefs of Fire and Police, Department heads, and line staff. Lastly, Mr. Steinberg thanked his colleagues, his fellow City Council members, observing that the City Council is like a family; he observed wryly that sometimes it is a functional family, sometimes not.

Mr. Steinberg commented that he had enjoyed the short time he had worked with Bonnie Pannell (D-8), and was confident she would do well in representing her district.

To Councilmember Waters, Mr. Steinberg remarked, tongue-in-cheek, that Mr. Waters was "too liberal" for him. Mr. Steinberg appreciated Mr. Waters for his levity, adding that he also appreciated the long history Mr. Waters had in Sacramento, and his input based on that experience.

Mr. Steinberg commented that Ms. Hammond had become a good friend, adding that he appreciated her efforts when she Chaired Regional Transit and pushed for ADA issues. Mr. Steinberg felt that Ms. Hammond would contribute a lot to the City Council.

Mr. Steinberg commented with amusement that Mr. Yee was also "too liberal for me", noting that even though the various Councilmembers often have different points of view, they came together, for example on the School Board issue.

Mr. Steinberg commented that Mr. Cohn was his tennis partner and a good friend. Mr. Steinberg commented that Mr. Cohn represented a challenging, very political district, but he was always willing to find a solution, such as the recent Cal Waste project.

Mr. Steinberg commented that he had great respect for the way Mr. Kerth had represented District 2, adding that while he was aware they view the world in different ways, representing parts of the City with different viewpoints, he had honed his advocacy skills while working with Mr. Kerth while he was on Council.

Mr. Steinberg commented that Ms. Fargo had the toughest district in the City, and that she had done a remarkable, enthusiastic job for nine years.

Mr. Steinberg commented that Mayor Serna was a good friend who brings passionate caring to his job; he applauded the Mayor on his work in leading the turnaround of the Sacramento City Unified School District.

Mr. Steinberg recalled some of the milestones of his life over the past six years, such as the birth of his two children, various youth programs in schools, including Hiram Johnson High School and others, and the START program which he viewed as a common sense idea which Andi and Pam then turned into a national program. Mr. Steinberg commented that he loved participating in the weekly debates in Council and hoped he was a constructive voice.

He went on to say that when he graduated from law school in 1984, he thought he would be returning to the Bay Area where his family lives, but within a month of being in Sacramento, he knew he wanted to call it home. Mr. Steinberg added that he had enjoyed representing his constituents in D-6, where the people are committed to working and making a difference in the community, in such areas as College Glen, Tahoe Park, Max Baer Park, Sim Park, Oakey Park, Tallac Village, Florin-Perkins, Colonial Village, Glen Elder, Fruitridge Manor, and Stockton Boulevard. Mr. Steinberg expressed his thanks to all who worked to improve the community.

Mr. Steinberg stated that his bottom line was to get something done when he came to the City Council: he felt, with help, he has made some accomplishments. Mr. Steinberg stressed that he would not forget local government as he assumes his Assembly seat, and would press for a more equitable distribution of State funds to local governments.

Mr. Steinberg presented one new idea upon his leaving: he felt that this community should change the Charter to allow a full-time Mayor and Council, believing that the community would be better served over time. A number of Councilmembers have run for office unopposed in

recent years, added, noting that the job requires sacrifices which often qualify people can't consider because of their personal circumstances. Mr. Steinberg noted that the demands of being a City Councilmember are heavy, and there is always the need to earn a living outside of the Council office. Mr. Steinberg believed that better results would be achieved on City work and adjunct Boards and Commissions if the positions were made full time. The problem is how to convince the community to change the Charter; Mr. Steinberg felt that community leaders should take on that task.

In conclusion, Mr. Steinberg commented that in an era when public service is denigrated, for him there was no greater honor or privilege than to give voice to the people and to use government as a tool to help people.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Andi Fletcher and Pam Haynes, representing START, were both present to address Mr. Steinberg's leaving.

Ms. Fletcher commented that it was a great pleasure to be here; she added that it had been three years since Sacramento START began. Programs come and go; it takes someone with vision to make it happen. She expressed her thanks to the Mayor and Councilmembers, adding that there are now 5,000 children enrolled in the program, which operates on a \$3 million budget. Ms. Fletcher stated that Mr. Steinberg was START's champion, and that she had benefitted both personally and professionally through her association with Mr. Steinberg. Ms. Haynes and staff presented a kaleidoscope to Mr. Steinberg.

Elmo Slider, representing Avondale, recalled that six years ago a local park that was formerly troubled with drug activity, etc., was cleaned up by a candle light vigil that was held; Mr. Slider felt that Mr. Steinberg could end up in the White House. Mr. Slider commented that Mr. Steinberg is an outstanding person, that he is always willing to try to work out problems; his efforts have made Avondale a better place than it was six years ago. Mr. Slider added that Mr. Steinberg ran unopposed because people knew they probably couldn't win; he was a great Councilmember.

Dick Walker, representing the College Glen Neighborhood Association, commented that he was indebted to Councilmember Steinberg and Andrea for their outstanding efforts.

Alex St. James expressed his thanks to Mr. Steinberg for representing D-6; he added that he looks forward to the restoration of money to our cities.

Nancy Schuller congratulated Mr. Steinberg upon his election to the State Assembly, saying that she knew he would help the whole State. Mrs. Schuller recalled the early days of his tenure when Mr. Steinberg was always concerned that he was representing the people in the way that was needed. Mrs. Schuller commented that Mr. Steinberg always put the people first. She referenced his accomplishments on various boards, such as SETA, the Air Quality Board, START, Granite Regional Park, BLT committee, etc.

Fred Schuller recalled when Mr. Steinberg ran for the City Council, adding that he had served on the Army Depot Reuse Commission with Mr. Steinberg and the Mayor; the outcome was successful.

Annette Deglow expressed her personal thanks to Mr. Steinberg on behalf of her family and the neighborhood; she added that he was always responsive. Mrs. Deglow commented that she is mostly in agreement with his position on the issues, but whenever there was disagreement, he always responded courteously. Mrs. Deglow extended thanks on behalf of her husband, daughter, and son as well.

Sheena Wolfe, representing Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, expressed her thanks for all of the work done together; she noted that Mr. Steinberg was always caring, willing to work things out, and reach a solution. Ms. Wolfe stated that a void would be left in the community; on a personal level, Ms. Wolfe thanked Mr. Steinberg for helping to develop better communication skills in herself.

Ron Javor, representing Sacramento Housing Alliance, commented that Mr. Steinberg's transition to the State Assembly was a mixed blessing: Sacramento's loss would be the State's gain. Mr. Javor recalled that Mr. Steinberg had received an award from the Sacramento Housing Alliance for having been helpful in aiding the homeless housing issues. Mr. Javor added that Mr. Steinberg has been a paradigm public servant, who sees the whole city as a community, sees people as human beings, and has represented all of them. Mr. Javor observed that Mr. Steinberg viewed the City government as a resource to serve the people; his ideas represented the needs of the entire community. Mr. Javor expressed the hope that others would continue to carry the torch.

Dain Domich, representing the Power Inn TMA, commented that the Board members had asked him to thank Mr. Steinberg for forming the group and giving his energy to it. More than just getting things done, Mr. Steinberg was a good example of what a representative of the people can be; even though he may not always have been in agreement with an issue, Mr. Steinberg always represented the people. Wendy Hoyt, Power Inn TMA, presented a T-Shirt to Mr. Steinberg.

Rachael Watkins, representing the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, commented that three years ago Mr. Steinberg worked with the Neighborhood Association to help pull the neighborhood together.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Hammond commented that she would miss Mr. Steinberg's great sense of humor. She added that she had appreciated the deep policy discussions she had shared with him, on local, state, and national issues. Ms. Hammond alluded to a little yellow hat which she occasionally sat on the mike in front of her at the bench, which was his signal to wind up his comments, that it was a symbol of a too-long speech. Ms. Hammond observed that Mr. Steinberg was a real gentleman and a tenacious fighter. She added that they had served together on SETA, Air Quality, and the RT Board. Ms. Hammond noted that she had worked with Mr. Steinberg for 18 months, and learned from him the art of compromise; she cited a recent controversial issue in which he did not alienate his constituents, but kept their respect and support.

Councilmember Pannell commented that she had heard about Mr. Steinberg from her late husband, former Councilmember Sam Pannell, and while she had only worked with him for the last four months, it was evident that Mr. Steinberg was dedicated to District 6 and the whole City. Ms. Pannell wished him good luck on his promise to get City/local government funds back from the State.

Councilmember Fargo commented that this was a bittersweet meeting; she was proud of Mr. Steinberg and the evidence he had provided regarding the effectiveness of the District system, adding that he had been a skillful advocate on behalf of District 6. Ms. Fargo noted that he will be missed for his sense of humor, his patience, and for the way he conducted himself in general, adding that it had been a great experience serving with him, and that it was good to see him grow into being an Assemblyman. Ms. Fargo added that Mr. Steinberg was always sincere, thoughtful, and a gentleman. She commented that she shares Mr. Steinberg's focus on youth issues, and looks forward to support from the Assembly. Ms. Fargo noted that all of California needs Mr. Steinberg to stay focused, to keep such issues as flood control in the forefront of the Assembly.

Councilmember Kerth observed that to be a Councilmember is a job wherein days seem to last forever; he expressed disbelief that six years have passed since he and Mr. Steinberg arrived on the Council together. Much will be said about the City and government issues, but Mr. Kerth stressed how much he valued the personal friendship he enjoyed with Mr. Steinberg. Mr. Kerth felt that he learned a lot from Mr. Steinberg, particularly concerning his collaborative approach to solving problems, for example those surrounding such issues as gun control, START, and garbage). Mr. Kerth commented that when he first started serving on the Council, he was a Republican; he has since become a Democrat. Mr. Kerth felt that his association with Mr. Steinberg had broadened his outlook; he added that he would be missed, and expressed his thanks to Mr. Steinberg for all that he did for the City and for Mr. Kerth personally.

Councilmember Yee commented jokingly that he wanted Ron Javor to know that we (referring to the Councilmembers) are all to the left of Robbie Waters. Mr. Yee stated that even though he and Mr. Steinberg had differed on some issues, they always respected each other's position. Mr. Yee, still in a humorous vein, observed that in retrospect, he could see that the Mayor had never appointed Mr. Yee and Mr. Steinberg to the same committees; also, he advised Mr. Steinberg that he had allowed him to place his recent election signs only on Mr. Yee's wife's side of the lawn! He thanked Mr. Steinberg for the experience of working with him on Council, and wished him good luck in the future.

Councilmember Waters commented, tongue-in-cheek, that unfortunately the courier failed to show up with the lifetime pass to all Cal Expo Gun shows he had ordered for Mr. Steinberg. Mr. Waters congratulated Mr. Steinberg, and commented that while they did not agree on most everything, when he liked someone it was his habit to tease them. Mr. Waters commented that he understood Mr. Steinberg was moving into District 4 next week. Mr. Waters presented Mr. Steinberg with a gift certificate for a shampoo, hair cut, and blow dry so that he would look great at the Assembly.

Councilmember Cohn observed that the gift certificate comes from a good hair salon in McKinley Park; he added that he didn't know that the salon did mens' hair, that it may be a first. Mr. Cohn commented that the people were getting a real deal in Mr. Steinberg, that while he may not be a wrestler, he is a better tennis player than the Mayor is a golfer. Mr. Cohn added that Mr. Steinberg is intelligent, hard-working, honest, creative, and above all, good-hearted. Mr. Cohn commented that his own mother compliments Mr. Steinberg by referring to him as a mensch, which in the Jewish vernacular means a gentleman, a good person, who tries to do good.

Mr. Cohn noted that to be a Councilmember means that one may anticipate low pay, a tough job, and hardship on the family. He looked back at all of the things that he and Mr. Steinberg had worked on together, recalling that they had disagreed on the Kings and Loaves and Fishes issues, but he always respected Mr. Steinberg's position, which was well-thought out. Mr. Cohn commented that he, too, felt honored to have learned a lot from Mr. Steinberg. He added that he regards Mr. Steinberg as the City's representative in the Assembly, and knows we will be well-represented there.

City Attorney Jackson expressed his thanks to Mr. Steinberg for all of the work he had sent his way, and tongue-in-cheek, added that he would send a bill for services, once Mr. Steinberg gets a bigger paycheck. Mr. Jackson added that he would send Mr. Steinberg all unanswered legal requests to the Assembly legislators. As to a parting gift, Mr. Jackson smiled and said he would declare Mr. Steinberg's sign excess property and present it to him.

City Manager ar commented that, on behalf of the City's 4,000 employees, Mr. Steinberg would be missed. Mr. Edgar noted that Mr. Steinberg was a real consensus-builder, and that he admired his vision for his district and respected his insistence and tenacity regarding the need to look at neighborhoods holistically. Mr. Edgar noted Mr. Steinberg's ability to look to the future, to challenge the status quo, and to make sure that we do not grow complacent, but maintain a willingness to look at things differently.

City Clerk Val Burrowes fondly recalled the birth of Mr. Steinberg's first baby, which occurred around the same time that Mr. Steinberg started the Youth Commission. During that meeting, Mr. Steinberg had recognized her as a "grandmom", and prevailed upon her to babysit. Mrs. Burrowes commented that she would be running the election to fill Mr. Steinberg's Council position: she advised him to pay attention, push the button, and vote.

City Treasurer Friery commented that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Steinberg; he commended him for his honesty, integrity, and unselfishness, wishing him the best of luck in the Assembly. Mr. Friery added that we are still here to help him, too.

Mayor Serna observed that tonight was a love fest for Mr. Steinberg, and that he had enjoyed all of the comments from the constituents of District 6, which would have been welcomed when difficult issues surfaced, such as gun control. The Mayor added that people are tired of violence, that there is no need for anyone in Sacramento to own assault weapons. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the families of the Councilmembers for their support. Mayor Serna remarked that all Councilmembers are here for their passion to solve big, tough issues; he added that this is a stepping stone for members of the Senate and Congress, if they can do it here, close to the grass roots.

Mayor Serna observed that Mr. Steinberg brought special qualities to public service; he recalled that Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Pannell, Mr. Kerth, Ms. Fargo and himself had worked hard on school issues. Lloyd Connelly and Kim Mueller are good examples, he added. Mr. Steinberg has been the best, a dedicated public servant. Mayor Serna commented that some parts of Mr. Steinberg were "forgotten", but Mr. Steinberg always gave the leadership that was deserved; he was sensible and smart. Mayor Serna noted that families pay the price for public service: Mr. Steinberg has this drive, and will serve with love of the process and a love of the City. Mayor Serna ended his comments with the observation that this is a great opportunity, an honor to have his fellows present; he added that Mr. Steinberg was a great friend and colleague.

Mr. Steinberg then left the dais, his resignation from the City Council now official.

****Note: Item 9.4 was addressed out of sequence prior to the action on Item 9.1.

9.4 Mayor Serna welcomed Boy Scout Troop 3 from Valley Hi

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10.0 STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Calling and Giving Notice of a Special Municipal Election for March 2, 1999 to fill unexpired term in Council District 6. (D-6)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to adopt Resolution 98-550 and Resolution 98-551. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-550

RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999, FOR THE ELECTION OF A DISTRICT 6 MUNICIPAL OFFICER AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO CHARTER CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 98-551

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TO ORDER THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO RENDER CERTAIN ELECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONDUCTING OF A MARCH 2, 1999 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 10002 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

- 10.2 Establishment of regulations pertaining to candidate statement for the March 2, 1999 Special Municipal Election. (D-6)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cohn, seconded by Councilmember Pannell, to adopt Resolution 98-552. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-552

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS, SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999.

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11.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

None

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12.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL AGENCY OR AUTHORITIES BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE OR TELEPHONICALLY ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

12.1 Fred Schuller read a moving tribute to all veterans, reminding us that tomorrow, November 11, 1998 is Veterans Day. In part, Mr. Schuller's remarks referred to the fact that veterans come from all walks of life, that except for their participation in parades, they cannot be easily identified. Some bear scars that are visible; some bear scars that are invisible. To all who served their country to keep us free, we owe a debt of gratitude.

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13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Councilmember Fargo requested that a photograph be taken of all Councilmembers together before former Councilmember Steinberg, now Assemblyman-elect Steinberg, left the Council Chamber.

13.2 Councilmember Cohn advised that this Saturday, November 14, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, there would be a tree planting at Dan McCullough Field. The work is being done by volunteers, and would have cost over \$1 million if not done as a volunteer effort.

13.3 Councilmember Yee advised that there would be a dedication ceremony for the redesigned duck pond in William Land Park on Saturday, November 14, 1998. There will be a fishing derby as part of the festivities, to begin before 9:00 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

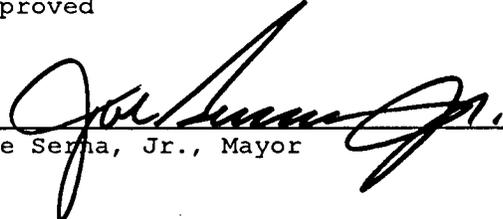
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved



Joe Serha, Jr., Mayor