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MINUTES OF LAW AND LEGISLATION MEETING

February 28, 1985

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Council member and Chairman Doug Pope. Also present were Council members Bill Smallman and Dave Shore. The following discussion and actions were taken on the agenda items:

1. AB 216 - Unemployment Compensation. This was discussed, and it was agreed that this is a move in the right direction. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed that this bill be approved.

2. AB 320 - Utility User Taxes. Mike Medema of the Finance Department discussed this bill. He feels it should not be supported, as it takes more control away from local government. Dave Shore moved to oppose this bill; Bill Smallman seconded. It was unanimously agreed to oppose AB 320.

3. S 140 - Children's Justice Act. Dave Shore stated that this was "all well and good, but we are in the midst of a serious deficit." He felt reluctant to ask for more money. He felt this was a good piece of legislation, however. Doug Pope stated he felt it was the federal government's responsibility to handle the deficit, and that if money was going to be spent for this anyway, why "stand on the sidelines and watch everyone else get something." Dave Shore suggested that the letter supporting this measure be worded to state that it is a good program, but that reducing the federal deficit is the first priority. This was unanimously agreed upon by the Council members.

4. SB 290 (Foran) - Transportation Funding. Les Frink of the Public Works Department discussed this bill. He said that this raise would mean approximately \$3,000,000.00 to the City, which would help them with street repair. There was discussion as to how this money was to be split (2¢ to the County and 3¢ to the City). Dave Shore made a motion, Bill Smallman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to support SB 290.

5. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 11, Sacramento City Code, Relating to City Cemetery Services. Erling Linggi of Community Services discussed this proposal. He stated that this would get the City out of the burial business. The City would charge a \$100.00

fee for each burial. This is being done now, but the change in the City Code would make it legal. Bill Smallman moved, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that this will go to the Council with a full recommendation that the change in the City Code be adopted.

6. Report of Hazardous Materials Disclosure Ordinance. Chief Bill Powell of the Fire Department gave a status report as to what is happening at this time. He stated that only a few businesses have responded to the disclosure requirement for storage of hazardous materials. There was some discussion about this disclosure procedure. It was agreed that the matter of the cleanup by Southern Pacific will be discussed at the next Law and Legislation meeting. Jim Jackson, the City Attorney, will also look into this matter.

7. Proposed Contract With County of Sacramento for Administration and Enforcement of Underground Tank Inspection Program. Chief Bill Powell of the Fire Department discussed this matter. He explained that this program would mean there would be five independent inspections of underground tanks. They would enter into an agreement with the County Health Department, Fire Agency and Air Pollution. It stops the City from having five agencies inspect each business and each agency requiring its own permits.

The inspections would include (1) inspection of new underground tanks; (2) required monitoring inspection; and (3) final inspection when taking tank out. The County will administer the program (paperwork). The City will do the inspections. The County will also enforce.

Dave Shore made a motion, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support the proposed contract. This will go to the full council with a recommendation that this contract be supported.

8. Federal Budget Proposals. This was an information item. Jack Crist of the Finance Department stated that the big loss will be the revenue sharing program, and that the City is in the cuts. The major reduction will be in the transit support. Nine million dollars funded per year, and 2/3 of that will be lost. These budget cuts could drastically affect the City budget. There was a great deal of discussion about these cuts. Dave Shore felt that if the cuts were fair, and were equally distributed, we should agree to them. However, if they are unfair, we should fight it, since it is unfair to expect some people to cover for all.

Chief Bill Powell of the Fire Department stated that the federal government doesn't understand that local governments need time to make a transition from one type of program to another, and they haven't done so; they expect us to take considerable sums out of our budget right away.

9. Seat Belt Legislation. This was an information item presented by Doc Wisham, who felt that the City has a major human obligation to take a stand on this, and that this could create a heavy potential liability burden for the City. There was some discussion regarding this matter, and Mr. Wisham concluded the discussion by stating that the City should watch for this legislation, and that we have the option to take a stand on this in the future.

Mr. Prosser, an insurance representative from State Farm Insurance, also discussed his views on the seat belt legislation and quoted some facts and figures regarding the use of seat belts and air bags.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.