

MINUTES

OF THE

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SACRAMENTO CITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 2:08 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1.1 through 1.18, except item 1.1 and 1.6)

A motion was made by Council member Waters, seconded by Council member Yee, to waive the reading and adopt the Consent Calendar, Items 1.1 through 1.18, except Items 1.1 and 1.6. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote, with Council member Fargo abstaining on Item 1.3 only.

Public Review Items - Informational Only

None

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment

- 1.1 Residential Hotel Policy: (D-All) (Cont from 03/03/98 item 5.2)
- A. Direct City Staff to modify the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance in regard to residential hotel issues.
 - B. Implementation Strategy for the Merged Downtown Redevelopment Area
 - C. Rules governing participation and preferences by property owners and business occupants in the Merged Downtown Redevelopment Project Area, and
 - D. Procedures for preparation and processing of environmental documents.

John Foley, representing Loaves and Fishes, commented that the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) policy was more advanced than he had realized. Mr. Foley felt that the survey was not complete enough, and that the SRO demolitions and relocation policy would not provide adequately for the low-income residents presently living in them. Mr. Foley urged that residents living in the SROs needed to be identified.

Council member Kerth requested response from the staff.

Beverly Fretz-Brown, Director, Housing Development, SHRA advised that a survey has been formulated and will be sent out. Information was received from 6 hotels on which SHRA has rehabilitation loans. SHRA feels that the tenants have been identified, needed services have been identified, and Ms. Fretz-Brown advised that SHRA believes the policy will stabilize tenancy. As to timing, it is a six-months process with the Planning Department to make the project do-able.

Council member Steinberg commented that there should be a linkage between ending one type of housing before starting another, to ensure "no net loss" policy. Mr. Steinberg urged SHRA to work with the community, and that there be no take down until a replacement is readied.

Council member Cohn inquired as to whether there was a Health and Safety provision? Ms. Fretz-Brown responded that if the Redevelopment Agency had financial interest, then they would be responsible for relocation and replacement, but should code enforcement condemn the property, the owner has responsibility for relocation. If SROs cannot convert to any other use, the owner must pay \$1500 to relocate the person.

Council member Fargo requested that staff return with the survey results to advise Council of the accuracy of the decision. Ms. Fretz-Brown agreed to report back. Ms. Fargo directed staff to meet with Mr. Foley to advise as to the status of the situation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fargo, seconded by Council member Cohn, to (A) adopt City Resolution 98-068; and (B-D) adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution 98-012. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote, with Council member Steinberg voting no on item "C" only.

RESOLUTION 98-068

RESIDENTIAL HOTELS: DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF
TO MODIFY THE BUILDING CODE AND ZONING
ORDINANCE IN REGARD TO RESIDENTIAL HOTEL
ISSUES

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION 98-012

RESIDENTIAL HOTEL POLICIES: AMENDMENTS TO
MERGED DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, OWNER
PARTICIPATION RULES, AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL
PROCEDURES AND ADOPTION OF A RESIDENTIAL
HOTEL ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

City Council

- 1.2 Information Collection Rule Project (ZF11) - execute amendment number one to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement No. 96-134, with Montgomery Watson for an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00. (D-All)

Adopted Resolution 98-069.

RESOLUTION 98-069

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY WATSON FOR THE INFORMATION COLLECTION RULE PROJECT (ZF11) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$165,000

- 1.3 Colfax Street Improvements from El Camino Avenue to Stanford Avenue (SJ01) - transfer funds and award contract to Biondi Paving for an amount of \$341,653.30. (D-2)
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Adopted Resolution 98-070 awarding Contract 98-025.

RESOLUTION 98-070

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$89,570 TO THE COLFAX STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PN:SJ01)

- 1.4 Annexation of a portion of X Street from 20th Street to 21st Street into the Department of Motor Vehicles residential permit parking area. (D-4)
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Adopted Resolution 98-071.

RESOLUTION 98-071

A RESOLUTION ANNEXING A PORTION OF CERTAIN STREETS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA

- 1.5 Prohibit all parking on Alta Valley Way from 7818 Alta Valley Way to Bruceville Road. (D-8)
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Adopted Resolution 98-072.

RESOLUTION 98-072

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING ALL PARKING ON A PORTION OF ALTA VALLEY WAY

- 1.6 Landscape Retrofit of Stockton Boulevard between Y Street and 14th Avenue (PN:RD71) - reject all bids. (D-5)
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Greg Hovious, Contract Officer, advised that the first lowest bidder failed to provide bid bond, the second lowest bidder, Mr. Cioli, failed to meet required good faith efforts, and the other 6 bidders were not within the budget.

John Cioli, Cioli Construction, did not agree with Mr. Hovious' decision. He stated that he did seek MBE/WBE subcontractors, and felt his bid was sufficient and correct, and that he had complied as best he could. If the job were rebid, the cost would be 10% to 15% more; Mr. Cioli added that he did not believe the MBE requirements were legally enforceable; he advised that he would sue.

Mayor Serna asked whether Cioli Construction was the lowest bidder? Mr.

Hovious advised that Cioli was second-lowest. Salen's Landscaping, with the lowest bid, did not meet Good Faith Effort and did not submit a bid bond. Mr. Hovious advised that Cioli Construction did solicitation and the vendors were certified by CalTrans, but not the City of Sacramento.

Council member Hammond requested an opinion from City Attorney Jackson, who commented that this was a question regarding satisfaction of MBE/WBE efforts and did not feel a public statement was appropriate at this time.

Council member Hammond spoke in support of MBE/WBE efforts, in spite of the passage of Proposition 209. Mr. Cioli advised that he was not against equal opportunity, it was the process he did not like.

Council member Yee stated that if you don't agree with our requirements, that's ok, but it is our choice whether we accept the bid or not.

Mr. Cioli said he felt he did everything required and added that he tried to solicit minorities from the City directory, and was directed to the CalTrans book by a City employee. Mr. Yee established with Mr. Cioli that he currently had a City directory.

Mr. Yee confirmed with Mr. Hovious that if the CalTrans contractors were included as part of the goals, Mr. Cioli's company would have more closely met the requirements. He commented that it was difficult to rule on this, and that if Mr. Cioli met the goals, he would have made a motion to accept Mr. Cioli's bid.

Mr. Yee asked Mr. Hovious if he would accept CalTrans-certified subs? Mr. Hovious advised if that were done he would need to re-calculate the figures.

Vice Mayor Cohn asked Mr. Hovious if he could have the information by the evening meeting.

Ms. Hammond asked whether this project would be part of the Urban Design Plan for Stockton and Broadway, and if it would be compatible? Duane Wray, Technical Services Manager, replied that this project corrected irrigation deficiencies and was compatible.

Council member Kerth questioned whether the City Council agreed to accept the CalTrans list as equivalent to the City list? Vice Mayor Cohn asked if there were anything in writing? Mr. Kerth advised that he and Council member Fargo recalled voting to accept the CalTrans list. Mr. Hovious advised that he based his decision on information in the Specifications books and the City Manager's administrative policy issued by Aaron Chong's office.

Mr. Kerth asked how Mr. Cioli would have done with Caltrans acceptance as equivalent to City's.

Council member Steinberg agreed with Mr. Yee; he asked how could it be any less a demonstration of Good Faith Efforts if the bidder used the CalTrans list versus the City's?

A motion was made by Council member Hammond, seconded by Council member Kerth, to continue this item to the evening meeting. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote, with Mayor Serna being absent.

- 1.7 Interconnect TSM Project (PN:SG87) - located on Power Inn Road from Fruitridge Road to Berry Avenue; Jackson Road (State Route 16) from Folsom Boulevard to Florin-Perkins Road, approve Program Supplement No. 003 with the State Department of Transportation and approve appropriations of funds in the amount of \$222,750.00. (D-6)
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Adopted Resolution 98-073 approving Agreement 98-007.

RESOLUTION 98-073

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO.
003 AND AMENDING THE REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE INTERCONNECT TSM
PROJECT (PN:SG87)

- 1.8 Application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for waste tire enforcement activities. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-074 approving Grant 98-003.

RESOLUTION 98-074

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF WASTE
TIRE ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

- 1.9 Chardonnay Unit No. 2 - located on Jessie Avenue, 310 feet East of Norwood Avenue - approve final map and subdivision improvement agreement. (P93-086) (D-2)
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Adopted Resolution 98-075 approving Agreement 98-008.

RESOLUTION 98-075

APPROVING FINAL MAP ENTITLED "CHARDONNAY
UNIT NO. 2" AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT
AGREEMENT (P93-086)

- 1.10 BTV Crown Village (P94-057) - located Southwest corner of Gateway Oaks Drive and Weald Way - approve final map and subdivision improvement agreement. (D-1)
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Adopted Resolution 98-076 approving Agreement 98-009.

RESOLUTION 98-076

APPROVING FINAL MAP ENTITLED "BTV CROWN
VILLAGE" AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT
AGREEMENT (P94-057)

- 1.11 Bid No. 1772 - Five trucks with water leak van bodies - adopt specifications and award bid to Riverview International, in an amount of \$288,240.19. (D-All)
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Adopted staff recommendation.

- 1.12 Sale of surplus fire truck to Galt Fire Protection District, in the amount of \$207,800.00. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-077.

RESOLUTION 98-077

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A
SURPLUS CITY FIRE TRUCK TO THE GALT FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

- 1.13 January 31, 1998 monthly investment transaction report. (D-All)
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For Council information; received and filed.

- 1.14 Approve the modification of the interagency agreement and the appointment of Jonas M. Minton as the Interim Executive Director of the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning effective March 1, 1998. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-078.

RESOLUTION 98-078

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF
THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AND THE
APPOINTMENT OF JONAS M. MINTON AS THE
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY-
COUNTY OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN WATER
PLANNING

- 1.15 Appeal of David M. Camacho from the decision of the City Manager regarding the denial of an adult-related business permit for Club Fantasy. (D-1)
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For Council information; received and filed.

- 1.16 Progress report on Social Service siting policy legislation. (D-All)
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Continued to March 17, 1998, afternoon [Hammond].

- 1.17 Report back on Sports Commission staffing. (D-All)
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Adopted staff recommendations.

- 1.18 Ordinance adding Chapter 10.06 to Title 10 [Canvassing, Peddling and Soliciting] of the Sacramento City Code relating to solicitation of alms on street medians and freeway on-ramp and off-ramps. (D-All)
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Passed for publication of title and continued to March 17, 1998.

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2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1 Amendment to Section 27.04.050(z) (Park Use - Community Services) of the Sacramento City Code relating to docking of vessels at City-owned and managed recreational docks. (D-1)

A motion was made by Councilmember Yee, seconded by Councilmember Waters, to continue this item to April 21, 1998. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote, with Mayor Serna being absent.

- 3.2 Matters relating to the Railyard/Richards Boulevard and Downtown Benefit District Areas: (D-1) (PFP'd 03/03/98 item 1.2)
 - A. Urgency measure amending Title 84 of the Sacramento City Code, establishing Development Impact Fees for development within the Railyard Area/Richards Boulevard Area and Downtown Benefit District Area. (2/3 vote required)
 - B. Establish the amounts of fees and providing for other matters relative to development impact fees for development within the Railyards Area, Richards Boulevard Area, and Downtown Benefit District Area.

Wendy Saunders, Downtown Development Manager, presented the report.

On September 30, 1997, Council adopted the Railyards/Richards Boulevard Area Infrastructure Financing Plan, and the Railyards/Richards/Downtown Nexus Study.

BACKGROUND:

Council approved the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and planning documents for the Railyards and Richards Boulevard areas that together formed the Richards Boulevard Redevelopment Plan. The documents identify the land uses and supporting infrastructure envisioned for the build-out of the two areas. However, those documents did not identify funding sources to pay for the infrastructure or allocate fair share costs to areas that will benefit from the constructed infrastructure. Therefore, the following actions were completed.

- * December 14, 1993 - Council adopted Resolutions 93-740 and 93-741 amending the City's General Plan and the Central City Community Plan, respectively.
- * December 13, 1994 - Council adopted Resolution 94-736 approving the Facility Element for the subject area.
- * December 12, 1995 - Council approved a Development Agreement between the City and the Southern Pacific Transportation (SPT) Company.

Since execution of the Development Agreement, SPTCo and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) were merged, and UPRR became the owner of

the property subject to the Railyards Specific Plan and the beneficiary of all development rights and obligations of the Development Agreement.

- * April 29, 1997 - Council held a workshop to discuss various tasks. A working group was formed to assure consensus regarding the methodology used in the Finance Plan and Nexus Study.
- * September 30, 1997 - Council adopted Resolution 97-557 approving the Railyards/Richards Blvd. Infrastructure Financing Plan. The Finance Plan identifies an Infrastructure program costing \$513 million.
- * September 30, 1997 - Council adopted Resolution 97-558 approving the Railyards/Richards/Downtown Nexus Study.

Because the ordinance takes 60 days to become effective, Ms. Saunders requested that Council pass the ordinance as an emergency measure. She also advised that there was an amendment to the proposed ordinance: Under Section 8, Effective Date, the last sentence, the words "no later than" should be struck, so that the sentence on that line reads: "shall be effective 60 days following the enactment thereof".

Council member Fargo confirmed that there was no public testimony on this item. She raised the issue of encouraging housing in the Central City and said the fees for housing in the Southern Pacific Railyards were high. If the location were on R Street, 16th & 17th Street West, fees would be \$600/per household.

Ms. Saunders advised that the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) was exempt; and it was Council's discretion to exempt others.

Terry Moore, Special Projects Manager, commented that the fee would be through Tax Increment (T.I.), not through direct assessment. Ms. Fargo asked why CADA is exempt, when some rents are \$1,000 per unit? Mr. Moore responded that the project is heavily subsidized already and they did not want to add more cost to the project. Any impact fees would be part of the tax increment fee, not a fee directly to the builder.

Ms. Fargo did not approve of the fee; she felt it would discourage development in the Central City, and that the T.I. would be a double hit. Ms. Fargo wanted to reduce the fees and seek other means of financing.

A motion was made by Council member Fargo, seconded by Council member Kerth, to (A)adopt Ordinance 98-011, as amended; and (B) adopt Resolution 98-079.

Vice Mayor Cohn asked when the fee could be revisited for discussion re: impact fee for housing.

Ms. Saunders stated that when assessing with Nexus, fees are determined according to the impact the project causes. She urged review of assessment on a case-by-case basis. To exempt completely, would adversely impact other users and developers. Vice Mayor Cohn reiterated Ms. Fargo's questions regarding the validity of the implication that housing creates that kind of impact.

Mr. Moore commented that we must look at the infrastructure being analyzed. When doing Nexus assessment, Downtown does benefit. Downtown housing developers will not be asked to pay the \$600 fee; the money will come from the T.I., along with a contribution from SHRA.

Councilmember Yee was unclear regarding the fees collected, as to where they would go; he asked whether the fees would remain in the areas where they were collected? Ms. Saunders responded that they would, except for transit, which is citywide. Mr. Yee asked why the urgency was necessary, to which Ms. Saunders responded it was to get the fees in place now for spring, before major projects come through. Mr. Yee asked how it would affect CalEPA; Ms. Saunders replied that they would pay if the fees were in place. Mr. Yee established with Ms. Saunders that CalEPA was aware of this.

Council member Steinberg approved the use of T.I. to pay fees for Downtown housing. Regarding rail use, the maximum use of rail is with housing vs. offices. Therefore housing should contribute to mitigating transportation impacts.

Mr. Steinberg observed that the plan contemplates \$200 million in outside additional funds and asked what the source would be for these funds? Ms. Saunders stated that most projects rely heavily on outside funding. Various projects, for example, new interchanges from I-5 into the Railyards area will come later on, perhaps in more than 15 years.

The motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote, with Mayor Serna being absent.

ORDINANCE 98-011

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED AS AN URGENCY MEASURE
AMENDING TITLE 84 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY
CODE, ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES
FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE RAILYARDS AREA,
RICHARDS BOULEVARD AREA, AND DOWNTOWN
BENEFIT DISTRICT AREA

RESOLUTION 98-079

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNTS OF
FEES AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS
RELATIVE TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR
DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE RAILYARDS AREA,
RICHARDS BOULEVARD AREA, AND DOWNTOWN
BENEFIT DISTRICT AREA

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4.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

4.1 Report back on alternatives to combat gun violence. (D-All)

Captain Ron Carrera, Police Department, Sector 4, presented the report.

In response to the City Council's request for information on combating gun violence, staff contacted a number of other cities to identify successful strategies and researched specific programs identified by Council, such as the Kansas City Experiment and the City of Boston's program.

Captain Carrera advised that gun violence is an extremely complex issue that occurs in a wide variety of circumstances such as domestic violence, gang activity, and accidental shootings. The research for this report revealed that other cities, like Sacramento, have found that a multifaceted approach is most effective in combating gun violence. No single solution is effective in addressing this issue. Staff research also revealed that the community

oriented policing philosophy is the most widely used method in combating gun violence.

Community Oriented Policing (COP) is a strategy that promotes pro-active problem-solving and police-community partnerships to address the causes of crime and fear and other community issues.

Advancing Community Oriented Policing (COP) grants will better utilize patrol resources by improving the coordination of patrol assignments and deployment strategies among Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs), patrol officers, and supervisors. This will also provide patrol officers with more opportunities to work on NPO projects.

Captain Carrera went on to say that the recently awarded Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) Technology Grant will enable the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) to update its record system. This will save time and provide officers more opportunities for Community Oriented Policing and Problem Oriented Policing.

The report continued with information and statistics. SPD is providing training courses for officers, neighborhood people and government agencies. They have done truancy and curfew sweeps with kids probations set, and hearings and sentencing on the same night.

Council member Cohn commented that this report was requested when the gun ordinance was adopted. He inquired when the gun program was done at Mack Road/Meadowview? Captain Shiraishi responded that the program was done in 1996, and it was a success. Mr. Cohn asked when it would be repeated? Captain Shiraishi responded that the program was costly and short-term. Mr. Cohn asked if the city were looking toward long-term strategies.

Lieutenant Mark Sakauye advised that gun violence was specifically targeted in Kansas City; SPD targeted everything, a broader array. Representatives believed the approach was very successful.

Mr. Cohn stressed that the city needed to have better data; he wanted to see the correlation, because he felt it was a subjective judgement. Captain Carrera advised that once the training was done, there would be more reports.

Mayor Serna advised that any information about the best national product that reduces gun violence would be welcomed; he noted that he hears the message that people are fed up with the use of guns in Sacramento. The Mayor added that this issue is exhausting the public, and they want results.

Lieutenant Sakauye responded that Boston has been identified as the best program so far. Captain Carrera indicated that the COP program is now the cutting edge, and that Boston is looking to investigate Sacramento's program.

Mr. Cohn commented that if the city was going to the voters with a public safety measure, what we are doing would have to be a major component.

Council member Steinberg remarked that this was a complex problem, requiring a multi-faceted approach in order to make impacts. Mr. Steinberg cited the U.C. Davis study and asked if we were willing to make this an issue of priority in our city? He stressed the need for education, to even the youngest children, and for teaching anti-violence in order to change attitudes. Mr. Steinberg felt there should be no Gun and Doll Shows within the City limits.

Mayor Serna advised that the city could prohibit Gun and Knife shows.

Council member Fargo expressed approval of Captain Carrera's programs in the community and added that the North Sector is on the cutting edge in

Sacramento. She asked Captain Carrera to return with a report that focused on what we should do.

Council member Yee admitted that he did not support the Saturday Night Special ordinance, but said that records are needed to track the curtailment of crime. Mr. Yee agreed with the listed suggestions, but was concerned about possible violations of civil rights; specifically referring to page 4 of the staff report, under "Legislative", Mr. Yee took exception to item 5, "Create an ordinance to require identification and/or background checks for all ammunition purchases. (Los Angeles is considering). Mr. Yee felt that the ammunition/background check is overstepping; he wanted assurance that police efforts are actually doing some good.

Council member Waters agreed with Ms. Fargo, that the report is not complete, that it is informational but contains no solid recommendation. Mr. Waters referred to page 2, item 1 under "Operational" heading: "Community Oriented Policing (COP) is a strategy that promotes pro-active problem-solving and police-community partnerships to address the causes of crime and fear and other community issues", and page 4, item 1, under "Operational" heading: "Constantly maintain officer staffing levels at full capacity". Mr. Waters believed staffing to be inadequate. Mr. Waters asked Lieutenant Sakauye if he had any shot-spotting experience, to which the Lieutenant advised he had none personally. Mr. Waters felt that a citizen report is as effective as a machine. He observed that attitudes can't be changed overnight; criminals deliberately harm.

Council member Steinberg urged that early childhood education be targeted as a means of changing attitudes. He felt that we must look at the long-term effects of programs and education. Mr. Steinberg requested a report back as to where to go from here.

Mr. Waters requested that the report back include statistics as to who is being arrested for using a gun and what the person's background is, that is whether or not the person is a repeat criminal.

City Manager Edgar advised that staff has been working on a November, 1998 ballot measure; he stressed that it is important to recognize that a huge amount of money is needed to maintain the current programs. The number one issue concerns the vacancies that occur in the Police Department, for various reasons. In order to keep the authorized complement of officers fully staffed, it will take 30 officers. What is needed is a means similar to Fire and Solid Waste. Mr. Edgar advised that grants are an issue also. Fire issues as related to public safety are also important; the decisions ahead will be difficult.

Cheri Taylor, representing CAPC, commented regarding the gun issue, saying she works for the Child Abuse Prevention Council. Ms. Taylor advised that 5 out of 12 children die playing with guns. She felt that a comprehensive strategic approach would benefit all. Safety education could be partly accomplished by utilizing such vehicles as SMUD, PG&E, Regional Transit buses, etc. Ms. Taylor also identified a need to address the issue regarding educating children as to how they are to deal with circumstances if they are exposed to danger in another child's home. In addition, there needs to be more community dialogue and better communication.

Mayor Serna wanted to develop a "Safe Cities" initiative program; he acknowledged that there are budget problems, but the gun violence issue must be included because the public is fed up.

For Council information; received and filed.

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5.0 SHRA

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6.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL (MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA)

None

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7.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

- 7.1 Discussion relative to possible amendments to the City Code to classify deteriorating soundwalls as nuisances and the provision for remedies for repair. (Waters)

Council member Waters asked City Attorney Jackson to determine whether there is an ordinance which could be enforced to require those owners of privately owned soundwalls to perform necessary repairs. Mr. Waters commented that the deterioration of these walls creates unsightly blight.

Council member Cohn remarked that the issue is a larger one; he requested a report back regarding the changes in State laws concerning soundwalls, which now affect local and regional STIPs. Mr. Cohn asked what the City Council position should be, whether this should become a portion of the CIP? He requested information as to the current status.

Council member Fargo agreed, noting that this was an ongoing issue; soundwalls built around some communities are privately built, but not privately maintained. Ms. Fargo inquired as to how to maintain what we have.

- 7.2 Mayor Serna requested a report back regarding the training of community activists to assist the City in code enforcement; he noted that such a program already exists in Redding, CA. Code enforcement costs in that community were reduced from \$55 per case to \$13 per case.

The Mayor commented that this was a City Council issue, a budgetary issue, and a code enforcement issue. The Mayor believed that the training of the activists in code enforcement would be a good way to reconnect the City government with the residents. City Manager Edgar advised that this has been done in Tahoe Park and Colonial Park.

Council member Kerth advised that in his area, neighborhood nuisances are addressed; he suggested that consideration be given to granting authority to issue citations to neighborhood activists.

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8.0 Recessed into **CLOSED SESSION** at 4:13 p.m.

- 8.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) for the following matters pertaining to pending litigation:
 - A. Elaine Martinez vs. City of Sacramento et al., Case Number CIV-961421
WBS PAN; Claim Number 3594-578

- B. Leonard J. Zerilli vs. City of Sacramento, et al., U. S. District Court CIV-S-98 0341 FCD GGH
- C. Vance C. Scribner, WCAB No. SAC 179832; SAC 182632; SAC 216244, Unassigned Machinist Supervisor

Reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

- 8.2 City Attorney Jackson requested a motion for a matter to be discussed in closed session regarding potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

A motion was made by Council member Cohn, seconded by Councilmember Fargo, to discuss an item concerning potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). The motion carried with a 6-0 vote , with Councilmembers Cohn and Steinberg being absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved



Jimmie Yee, Vice Mayor