

**MINUTES
OF THE
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

JUNE 19, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Budget Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:15 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Cohn, Fargo, Ortiz, Pannell, Steinberg, Water, Yee, and Mayor Serna

Absent: Kerth

9.1 Report back on in-lieu fees

Michael McGrane, Senior Management Analyst, gave an overview of this item. He stated staff recommends that the proposed in lieu franchise rate charged to the Solid Waste Fund be increased from 7% to 10%. The 10% in lieu franchise rate is consistent with the in lieu franchise rate charged to all other City enterprise funds. There are several issues that would negatively impact the Proposed General Fund Budget such as a bill currently in the legislature AB318 (Katz) that would preclude cities from imposing in lieu fees and taxes on their water enterprises. This action would reduce the General Fund resources by \$3.3 million per year. Another issue is labor negotiations. The City has reached an agreement with about half of its employees on a new labor agreement. The City is still negotiating with the Police Officer and Firefighter unions on a contract.

Councilman Steinberg agrees that it is a matter of equity.

Councilman Yee ask why the delay for Solid Waste to 10%. Reina Schwartz, Solid Waste Manager, answered Solid Waste has always been excluded and this is the first year.

The Council voted as follows:

MOVED: Steinberg
SECONDED: Fargo

AYES: Cohn, Fargo, Ortiz, Pannell, Steinberg, Waters, Yee, and Serna
NOES:

9.2 Report back on marketing for Tsakopoulos Library Galleria by the Convention Center.

Sam Burns, Director of Community & Visitors Services, stated he met with Richard Killian, Library Director, and will report back in mid-August.

Mayor Serna stated his desire to see the Convention Center manage the Galleria.

9.3 Community Group Funding

Mayor Serna stated he will take public testimony on this item. Patti Bisharat, Senior Administrative Officer, stated this is an informational report only and spoke to the various organizations and said there would be no testimony.

Councilwoman Fargo suggested Council hear from the organizations that were present. Mayor Serna replied this item will be coming back in September with the final recommendations. Councilman Waters said time should be set aside for the groups that were not present.

Public Testimony

Barbara Lehman, Human Rights/Fair Housing, gave an overview of the organization's function. She suggested forming a subcommittee to listen to areas of concern.

Councilman Steinberg inquired about the role of the commissioners. Ms. Lehman answered the commissioners go into the community and speak about the commission; raise funds and involved with community events.

Councilwoman Fargo asked why the organization still considered a community group. Ms. Lehman stated because they are considered a watchdog group. Councilwoman Fargo also questioned the relationship with the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD). Ms. Lehman said the relationship is a very good partnership. They work together with Late Night and develop strike forces in a identified problem area. She also stated the NSD could absorb some of the functions now being performed the community group. The City's portion accounts for 7.2% of their budget which allows them to do outreach programs. They are requesting the City to match the County's \$50,000.

Councilman Steinberg asked about the number of cases handled, process, the results of those cases, and the function of the staff. Ms. Lehman stated they use pro-bono attorneys and do mediation. She said she sends Mr. Edgar a statistical package each month. They have about 60 new cases a month.

Councilman Waters wanted to see the total budget and the breakdown of funding sources. Ms. Lehman stated their total budget is \$380,000 with 9 full-time staff.

Councilwoman Ortiz ask how many cases has the Commission mediated tenant complaints and how frequently does the Commission work with Code Enforcement. Ms. Lehman said the Commission has not mediated any tenant complaints. The Commission works with Code Enforcement on an as needed basis. Councilwoman Ortiz suggest more bilingual mediators for the landlord/tenant disputes.

Councilman Pannell asked what the percentage of the budget goes to staff. Ms. Lehman answered 85%.

Sister Jeanne Felion, Stanford Settlement, gave an overview of the organization's function. Spoke about the children the organization serves. She stated salary is a little over 50% of their budget and renting buses are very expensive. The organization receives \$9,500 from the City.

Councilwoman Fargo asked if there were any community centers. Sister Jeanne stated not yet. Councilwoman Fargo also asked if a donated bus would help. Sister Jeanne said it would have to be a 90 person bus. Councilman Waters suggested finding a volunteer bus driver.

Ray Tretheway, Sacramento Tree Foundation, gave an overview of the organization's function. He stated the organization is working with SAFCA and SMUD. Their budget is \$230,000. They have a \$1.3 million contract with SMUD.

Councilwoman Fargo asked if there were limitations on the Lighting & Landscape Act. Mr. Tretheway stated there are only school restriction.

Kathleen Kinsella, Community Service Planning Council, gave an overview of the organization's function. She stated the organization was established in 1939 and is privately funded.

Mayor Serna requested information on their total budget, funding source and who utilizes these services. Ms. Kinsella answered the City, County and United Way is there funding source.

Councilman Pannell and Councilwoman Fargo stated they want to see the total budget for all the community groups.

Tricia Drum, Ombudsman Service, gave an overview of the organization's function. She stated their total budget is \$225,000 and the City portion accounts for 25% of the total budget. She said their service emphasize public safety and staffed mostly with volunteers.

Mayor Serna requested information on total budget, funding source and who utilizes their services to be provided to the City Manager.

Adrienne Rogers, Camellia City Center, gave an overview of the organization's function. She stated they have a \$310,000 budget, 24% being the City's contribution.

Ann Becker, Sacramento Mediation Center, gave an overview of the organization's function. She stated their total budget is \$182,000. 53% of their caseload is located within the City but the funding is only 10%.

Mayor Serna suggest creating a Council subcommittee to come up with recommendations by September 12, 1995. The Mayor asked for volunteers, Councilmembers, Pannell, Steinberg, and Yee volunteered. The Mayor ask the Councilmembers to submit their request in writing.

Councilman Yee asked if the funding level amount is the same and if other agencies can be considered. The Mayor answered the total amount for community group funding will stay the same and other agencies can be recommended.

Councilwoman Fargo advised the committee keep an open mind. She feels the amount should be increased. She suggested looking at the functions the City is currently doing and giving the function to the agencies.

Councilman Waters does not agree with keeping the funding level the same. He stated that all the City Departments were asked to make reductions and it is only fair the community group's funding should also be reduced.

Councilwoman Ortiz stated we need to operate more efficiently.

Councilman Pannell said each group should be judged on its own merits.

William Edgar, City Manager, recommends not opening up the list but take recommendations from the subcommittee.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:20 p.m.

Submitted



Sylvia Tang, Budget Technician

Approved


JOE SERNA, JR., MAYOR