

SPECIAL MEETING  
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
March 9, 1965

The Honorable City Council met in Special Session on this date jointly with the Sacramento City Transit Authority, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock a. m., Mayor McKinney presiding and roll call was answered as follows:

Councilmen Christensen, Domich, Marriott, McKinney, Mering, Murphy, Rouse, Talkin.

ABSENT: Councilman Nielsen.

Executed copies of the call of the meeting issued by the Mayor and presented by the City Clerk, were ordered filed.

The call stated the purpose of the meeting to be that of meeting jointly with the Sacramento Transit Authority to consider and act upon matters relating to the Transit Authority, including, but not limited to the 1965-66 Transit Authority Budget and extension of bus service to the North Area.

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At the request of Mayor McKinney, the Chairman of the Transit Authority, Mr. E. Roy Higgins addressed the assemblage regarding the Transit Authority 1965-66 Budget and the proposed extension of bus service into the North Area of the City.

The proposals of the Transit Authority regarding proposed increase of fares (cash fare from 15¢ to 20¢, regular token from 15¢ to 17½¢ and school token from 10¢ to 12½¢) and a City subsidy of \$276,610.00 based on proposed fare increases, were discussed at great length.

Reports of the Authority "Budget 1965-66 Fiscal Year " dated March 4, 1965 and "North Area Service" dated March 8, 1965, were distributed and copies filed in proceedings.

Councilman Rouse absented himself from the meeting at this time.

Transit Authority members Crossland, Landis, Higgins, Olson and Wilson were present and individually expressed their views on the proposed fare increase.

Following continued discussion, Councilman Mering moved that the proposal of the Transit Authority for a rate increase and the proposed subsidy from the City be adopted. I would also incorporate in the motion the recommendation that the City Manager and the City staff along with the appropriate Council Committee and the representatives of the Transit Authority get into the long range problem of a Metropolitan Transit District. I feel personally that the County is not the proper agency to get into it, they are in some areas far too broad for a Metropolitan Transit System and other areas they are not broad enough, and finally I would recommend that the Manager along with the Transit Authority enter into negotiations with the owner of Suburban Lines in order to arrive at some equitable solution for compensating him for the areas in which we will compete with them which I assume will be far less than their total system. (The foregoing is verbatim account of Councilman Mering's statement of incorporations to the motion).

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Seconded by Councilman Domich.

Mr. Allan, President and General Manager of Suburban Transit Lines appeared stating that by the City extending service into the North Area, Suburban Lines revenue would be decreased by some fifty to seventy per cent and that it would be necessary for Suburban Lines to make changes which would affect service to McClellan Air Force Base and Rio Linda.

Mr. Kenneth Moore of 5919 Greentop Street, Lakeview, California, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen appeared and requested that if the City Transit Authority extends service into the North Area, competing with Suburban Lines, that Suburban Lines employees effected, be considered for employment with the Transit Authority. Petition from ten (10) employees of Suburban Transit Lines was received and filed.

Councilmen Christensen and Marriott expressed opposition to the proposed fare increase.

In response to Councilman Christensen's question, Councilman Mering replied "I am proposing":

1. That the recommendation of the Transit Authority regarding extension of service, the rate increase and the subsidy by the City be approved.
2. That the City take the lead in getting into the studies and discussions which would lead to the formation of a Metropolitan Transit District.
3. That the City and the Authority attempt to work out by negotiations some equitable system which would compensate Suburban Lines for the outlying area where we will be duplicating service.

Councilman Marriott requested that voting on the motion as made by Councilman Mering be held until the regular meeting of Thursday, March 11, 1965.

Councilman Mering thereupon moved that the Council vote on the motion at this instant meeting. Seconded by Councilman Murphy and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Domich, McKinney, Mering, Murphy, Talkin.

ABSENT: Councilmen Nielsen and Rouse.

NOES: Councilmen Christensen and Marriott.

Roll call on the original motion was then had and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Domich, McKinney, Mering, Murphy, Talkin

ABSENT: Councilmen Nielsen and Rouse.

NOES: Councilmen Christensen and Marriott.

Letter from William J. Lockhart, 1812 P Street protesting subsidy of Transit System was ordered filed.

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Councilman Mering moved that Councilman Talkin be authorized to leave the State. Seconded by Councilman Christensen and carried by the following vote:

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AYES: Councilmen Christensen, Domich, Marriott, McKinney, Mering, Murphy, Talkin.

ABSENT: Councilmen Nielsen and Rouse.

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Council adjourned at the hour of 10:50 o'clock a. m.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF  
March 11, 1965

*James B. McKinney*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Reginald S. Boyd*  
CITY CLERK