

LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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Thursday, April 23, 1987
LOCATION: City Council Chambers
915 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, California

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The meeting was called to order at the hour of 4:14 p.m. by Acting Chairman Dave Shore, and roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Committee Members Shore and Bradley.

ABSENT: Committee Members Pope* and Kastanis.

*Doug Pope arrived at 4:20 p.m.

1. Recommendation to appoint Planning and Development Department as department in charge of overseeing the review of the City's Pool Solar Hot Water Heating Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: RECOMMEND APPROVAL

REPORTS BACK: NONE

COMMITTEE ACTION: RECOMMENDED REPEAL OF ORDINANCE AND FORWARD TO COUNCIL

VOTING RECORD: MOVE: BRADLEY; SECONDED: SHORE
AYES: UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

Linda M. Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney, was present to discuss this matter. She stated that after further discussion with Mr. Bob Wall, Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Development, staff now wishes to recommend repealing this ordinance totally, rather than have the Planning and Development Department study this ordinance, as originally recommended. Jim Prosser, representing the California Spa and Pool Industry Council, voiced his support of this new recommendation.

Motion was made by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Shore, to repeal the Pool Solar Hot Water Heating Ordinance. The motion was carried as noted above.

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3. SB 1407 (Greene) relating to development fees.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: RECOMMEND OPPOSITION

REPORTS BACK: NONE

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COMMITTEE ACTION: OPPOSED; LETTER TO LEGISLATURE.

VOTING RECORD: MOVE: BRADLEY; SECONDED: SHORE
AYES: UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

It was decided by the Committee members to hear Item 3 next, then Item 2 last, for the sake of time.

Mel Johnson, Director of Public Works, was present to answer any questions regarding this matter. However, there was no discussion.

Motion was made by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Shore, to oppose SB 1407. The motion was carried as noted above. The Department of Public Works will prepare a letter to the Legislature.

2. Ordinance amending Section 6.47 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the transportation of animals in vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: RECOMMEND ACTION AS DESIRED BY COUNCIL

REPORTS BACK: NONE

COMMITTEE ACTION: SUPPORTED AND FORWARDED TO COUNCIL

VOTING RECORD: MOVE: BRADLEY; SECONDED: SHORE
AYES: UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

Diane Balter, Deputy City Attorney, was present to answer any questions regarding this matter.

Doug Pope arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Mr. Darris Hercs of the Sacramento SPCA spoke on behalf of support for this ordinance. He presented a portfolio to the Council with 8200 citizen signatures and support letters from private citizens, the Sacramento Bee, television, etc. He stated that this ordinance was preventative, and that similar laws have been in effect elsewhere for a long time.

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There was considerable discussion regarding the lack of statistics for animals or persons hurt or killed because of accidents caused by animals riding in the backs of pickup trucks. Mr. Hercs feels that even one accident involving an animal's life is one too many. He also feels that statistics are not necessary, as this is a preventive measure.


Mr. Dennis Inks from the City of Folsom spoke. He stated he has served on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Sacramento County (LAFCO) and on a transportation task force for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). He expressed his support of this proposed ordinance, and explained that it is like the seatbelt issue: The Police Department is not going to go around looking for people who don't wear seatbelts (or have dogs in the backs of pickups), but that if a vehicle is stopped for another violation, they will be cited for the additional infraction. Mr. Inks feels that this ordinance should be passed for the sake of public safety.

Ruben Mora of the Department of Animal Control stated that statistics from the CHP for the past three years showed only a couple of accidents caused by transporting animals in the backs of pickups, but that this report is only for freeways. He stated that transporting animals in the backs of pickups hasn't been a problem in the City, and that the City doesn't have the tools to enforce this.

Motion was made by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Pope, to approve the ordinance amending Section 6.47 of the Sacramento City Code. The motion was carried as noted above. It was noted at this time that this matter will be heard at the May 12th Council meeting, and it was requested that statistics be provided at this time, if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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TERRY KASTANIS, CHAIR

ATTEST:


JUDY VARVEL, SECRETARY