

# COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Concurrent Special Committee Meetings of the Sacramento City Council, Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento, Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento and the Parking Authority of the City of Sacramento.

**COMMITTEE NAME:** LAW AND LEGISLATION

**MEETING DATE:** January 19, 1993

**MEETING TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 915 I STREET, 2ND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBER

I HEREBY CALL Special Meetings of the Sacramento City Council, Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento, Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento, and Parking Authority of the City of Sacramento be conducted concurrently with the Council committee meetings listed below, which are incorporated herein by reference. The Special Meetings are called to permit Members who are not on the listed committees to attend the meetings and participate in the discussions. In the event five (5) or more members of the City Council are present at a Committee meeting, only those items listed on the agenda can be acted on or discussed.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Heather Fargo.

**PRESENT:** Committeemembers Fargo, Pane, Pannell.

Chair Fargo informed the Committee and the audience that Agenda Items 2 (SB 49 relating to hazardous substance liability) and 5 (an ordinance amending Article I of Chapter 45 of the Sacramento City Code relating to trees) have been postponed to a later date.

**1. Legislative update from Ken Emanuels, the City's Legislative Advocate.**

Recommendation of Staff: File item.

**MINUTES:**

Ken Emanuels, the City's Legislative Advocate, gave an update of the State budget and how it will affect the City. He explained that it was not good news, and that it could get worse. He said that the State is looking to 1995-96 for revenues to return to pre-recession levels. He pointed out that the Governor has said that the state will not issue IOUs as it did last year, and that the Governor will definitely not sign any budget that extends the one-half percent sales tax. In conclusion, Mr. Emanuels said there would probably not be any more changes for the next six weeks or so, at which time he will come before the Committee or Council with an update.





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Chair Fargo said she would like to see issues of neighborhood development taken care of before going to the Planning Commission, and that she doesn't feel ready to support this ordinance yet. Pane asked whether she felt the Council should see every tentative map, and she said yes, so they can recognize concerns early.

Committeemember Pannell expressed his concern that the Council be asked to decide whether a plan is going to be stucco or whatever, and that he doesn't want to go through every subdivision that is built. It was noted that design guidelines are being prepared at this time. Mr. Weitman explained that this proposed ordinance would speed up the process by eliminating one step and saving approximately five weeks.

Committeemember Pannell moved to support the ordinance amending the subdivision ordinance. Chair Fargo stated that she would like to postpone this item for awhile to see some neighborhood association input. Pannell said he felt that anything which would will help move projects through the process faster would mean more jobs for the City, and that this Committee could vote on the proposed ordinance now and it could go to Council for further discussion. Pane seconded the motion to support this ordinance, saying he felt it really should go to Council. He told Chair Fargo that if she had any personal concerns about not being able to see these projects, there could be a request from a City Council member to the Planning Commission to bring the matter before the Council. It could be an additional policy option. It was agreed that an appellate-type procedure should be added to the ordinance.

Diane Guzman, Planning and Development Director said staff would like to develop a procedure whereby City Council members can request seeing certain projects, and also a procedure to let Council members know when a project is coming up. She said it is important that we get on with some of these changes in the Planning projects.

The vote was 2 to 1 in support of the ordinance amending the subdivision ordinance with the addition of a 30-day appellate-type procedure for projects to come to the City Council for reconsideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Heather Fargo  
HEATHER FARGO, Chair

Judy Sanders  
JUDY SANDERS, Secretary