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COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE NAME: LAW AND LEGISLATION
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 1995
MEETING TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 915 I STREET, 2ND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

PRESENT: Committee Members Ortiz, Cohn, Fargo

ABSENT: Committee Member Steinberg

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON BY ONE MOTION. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR STAFF MAY REQUEST AN ITEM TO BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 Ordinance adding Section 25.07.129-1 to the Sacramento City Code relating to the Issuance of Press Parking Permits

Report presented by Michael J. Melvin, Chief of On-Street Parking. This report responds to requests from the news media to be exempt from certain parking regulations when covering news stories. This ordinance will authorize the City Manager to issue parking permits to news agencies. The press permits will exempt news media vehicles from certain parking regulations when they are parked solely for the purpose of gathering news or photographing news events.

Committee Member Fargo asked about the fiscal impacts to the City? Michael Melvin, Chief of On-Street Parking, answered that the press doesn't get many tickets. The number of parking citations issued to news media vehicles is minimal.

One speaker, Bryan Goeber, KFBK, Managing Editor, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He told Committee that KFBK gets about a dozen tickets a month. He did express a concern regarding some terminology in the ordinance; specifically, "Such permit(s) shall be revocable at any time for any reason by the City Manager." He would like to have the words "at any time for any reason" be removed from the ordinance. He would like some criteria set regarding revoking this privilege.

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:45 p.m.


Deborah Ortiz, Chair

ATTEST:

Leslie Oldridge, Secretary