

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: February 18, 1992

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 to 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 1:08 p.m. by Chair Lynn Robie.

PRESENT: Committeemembers Robie, Chinn, Serna* and Pane.

*Committeemember Serna arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Because no staff member had yet arrived to present Items 1 and 2 to the Committee, it was decided that Items 3 and 4 would be discussed first.

3. **An ordinance amending Section 61.301 of Article III and adding Section 61.1000 to Article X of Chapter 61 of the Sacramento City Code relating to recovery of costs of abatement and service fee.**

Recommendation of Staff: Recommend support and forward to Council.

Committee Action: Supported and forwarded to Council.

Voting Record:

Moved:	Chinn
Seconded:	Pane
Ayes:	Chinn, Pane, Robie
Absent:	Serna

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3. ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE.

MINUTES:

Tom Long, Assistant Neighborhood Services Manager, presented this ordinance to the Committee. There was some discussion as to the amount of fees to be recovered. Mr. Long said that a list of fees would be coming out in mid-March. He also said there would be no charge for first-time calls to investigate a nuisance. Robie stated that the charges could always be adjusted after the fees list comes out in March if they appear to be too high. Chinn moved to support the ordinance relating to recovery of costs and service fees, Pane seconded the motion, and it was unanimously supported and will be forwarded to full Council with this recommendation.

4. An ordinance repealing Section 44.2(b)(1) of Chapter 44 of the Sacramento City Code relating to parking of trailer coaches in the setback area of a dwelling.

Recommendation of Staff: Recommend support and forward to Council.

Committee Action: Continued for one month.

MINUTES:

Tom Long, Assistant Nuisance Assistance Officer, brought this ordinance to the Committee, explaining that the City Code did not have a definition of the word "setback", which means that Section 44.2(b)(1) of Chapter 44 stating that trailer coaches shall be parked within the setback area of a dwelling is not enforceable.

Chair Robie expressed her opinion that large motor homes have no place in neighborhoods. There was a lot of discussion about this problem. All of the Committeemembers felt there should be some way to prevent large motor homes from being parked in neighborhoods. Chinn asked where motor homes could now be parked. Mr. Long said they could not park on unimproved areas of a yard. Pane asked whether a homeowner could improve their property up to the property line of the property next door. Deputy City Attorney Diane Balter explained that it is unlawful to park within a five-foot setback of a property line. Committeemember Pane said he would abstain until this matter goes to Council.

Gary Little, the City's Citizens Assistance Officer, said that the real key is that this provision is unenforceable, but because it was in the City Code, there was an expectation that it could be enforced. He said staff could try another approach, if need be.

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There was further discussion regarding the need for more regulation of motor homes in neighborhoods. Committeemember Chinn asked Mr. Long if he could re-work this ordinance and bring it back to the Committee next month, as he feels this opens up a can of worms. After further discussion, it was agreed to bring this ordinance back in a month.

1. AB 181 (Tanner) -- Hazardous substances liability.

Recommendation of Staff: Recommend support.

Committee Action: Supported.

Voting Record: Moved: Pane
Seconded: Chinn
Ayes: Robie, Serna

MINUTES:

Keith Johnson, Senior Engineer in the Solid Waste Division, Department of Public Works, brought this bill before the Committee, explaining that it would reduce the City's liability for future clean-up of hazardous waste sites.

*Committeemember Serna arrived at 1:30.

Pane moved to ask the City's Legislative Advocate to convey the City's support for AB 181 relating to hazardous substances liability, Chinn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously supported.

2. AB 2067 -- Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights.

Recommendation of Staff: Recommend opposition.

Committee Action: Opposed.

Voting Record: Moved: Serna
Seconded: Chinn
Ayes: Serna, Chinn, Robie
Abstain: Pane

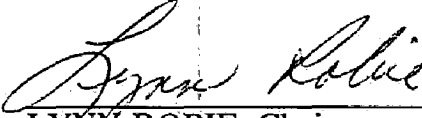
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Claudia Evans, Administrative Officer for Police Chief Kearns, requested that the Committee oppose AB 2067. She explained that this bill was proposed last year but nothing was done with it until this year, following the Rodney King beating episode. She said that this bill would severely hamper police investigations. Chair Robie expressed her feeling that this is a terrible piece of legislation, and does tie the hands of local governments in dealing with their own departments. Chair Robie said she feels this vote of opposition requires quick action by the City, and asked that Ken Emanuels, the City's Legislative Advocate, follow the bill. She also said she feels the letter of opposition should come from the Mayor. Serna moved to oppose AB 2067, Chinn seconded the motion, and Robie concurred; Pane abstained.

Committeemember Pane asked that in the future the Committee see any votes by our legislative representatives and any analyses of policy committees on issues such as this one.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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LYNN ROBIE, Chair

ATTEST:


JUDY SANDERS, Secretary