

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE NAME: LAW AND LEGISLATION
MEETING DATE: March 01, 2005
MEETING TIME: 12:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Hammond (Chair), Sheedy, and Waters
Absent: Committee Member Cohn

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1. Pending Legislation Log

Committee Member Hammond questioned item 30 on the legislation log. Update will be provided. Tina Lee-Vogt stated that an update would be provided for item 30, and also the first five items on the legislation log pending from the 2/15/05 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Approve Log
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved Log
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: **Waters** SEC: **Sheedy**
AYES: **Hammond, Sheedy, Waters**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Cohn**

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Oral Report)

Mr. David Jones reported on the status of various senate and assembly bills he felt would of interest to the committee.

Committee Member Waters asked if the first arrest DUI resulting in vehicle impound bill had been presented.

Mr. Jones response: yes

Committee Member Sheedy asked Mr. Jones to email his legislative report information to the committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: For Committee Information
COMMITTEE ACTION: For Committee Information
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: SEC:
AYES:
NOES:

2.2. ADDITION OF THE J.C. CARLY HOUSE TO THE SACRAMENTO REGISTER AS A LANDMARK

Preservation Director Roberta Deering explained the process of moving registered landmarks forward to City Council for landmark approval and stated the J.C. Carly house meets the requirements.

Committee Chair Hammond remarked that she feels the renovations to J.C. Carly house meet the historic standards of the period brilliantly.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Approve and forward to City Council
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved and forwarded to City Council
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: **Sheedy** SEC: **Waters**
AYES: **Hammond, Sheedy, Waters**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Cohn**

2.3. ADDITION OF WATER METER FUNDING TO 2005 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Department of Utilities Media and Communication Specialist Jessica Hess requested that the committee add water meter retrofitting to the legislative platform to open the way for lobbyists to move forward to ask for state and federal funding for the City's \$300 million retrofit. Other cities have set a precedent by receiving money for their retrofits through the Water Resources Development Act. For instance the City of Roseville, received \$2.2 million for their retrofit project and they continue to lobby for increased funding.

Committee Chair Hammond wanted to know if Ms. Hess knew what percent the \$2.2 million of Roseville's total project represents.

Ms. Hess did not have that data.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Approve and forward to City Council
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approve and add to the legislative platform
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: **Waters** SEC: **Sheedy**
AYES: **Hammond, Sheedy, Waters**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Cohn**

2.4. OPPOSE PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Darren Bobrowski, from the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), spoke on the possible negative financial impacts to local governments generated by proposed changes to the welfare exemption by the State Board of Equalization.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Approve and forward to City Council
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved and sent to City Council
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: **Sheedy** SEC: **Waters**
AYES: **Hammond, Sheedy, Waters**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Cohn**

2.5. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.152 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO THE OLD SACRAMENTO SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT

Nicole York-Johnson, Administrative Officer with Old Sacramento Management, explained the proposed ordinance to keep shop signs and displays in Old Sacramento consistent with the Historic District in size and composition.

Committee Chair Hammond wanted to know the process to remove and prevent non-compliant signs.

- There will be a four month grace period to educate the Old Sacramento shop owners. After the four months, Code Enforcement will govern.

Committee Member Waters and Sheedy commented on A-frame signs within the city and their relationship to this ordinance.

The speaker commented that only Valet Services in Old Sacramento to be allowed to use A-Frame signs, and they must be removed in the evening. In addition they must follow the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines.

City Attorney Joseph Robinson was asked to follow-up on the City's Sign Ordinance and report back to the committee.

Mr. Steve Huffman re-iterated the readiness to go forward with the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Approve and forward to City Council
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved and forwarded to City Council
VOTING RECORD: MOVE: **Waters** SEC: **Sheedy**
AYES: **Hammond, Sheedy, Waters**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Cohn**

3.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COMMITTEE (MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA) - None

4.0 COMMITTEE IDEAS AND QUESTIONS - None

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the Law and Legislation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Tavis, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

Lauren Hammond, Chair