

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: June 1, 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 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 1:15 p.m. by Chair Heather Fargo. The meeting began late due to a noon Special Meeting of the Council which lasted longer than expected.

PRESENT: Committeemembers Fargo, Ortiz, Pane, Pannell.

1. Request from Cleaner Air Partnership for City support of the following:

A. AB 2247 (Collins) relating to air pollution.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Support.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Supported with amendment.

VOTING RECORD: Moved: Pane
Seconded: Fargo
Ayes: Pane, Fargo, Ortiz
Noes: Pannell

B. Proposed federal gasoline emissions fee for the Sacramento Air Basin.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Support.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Continued to Council meeting.

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1. ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE.

MINUTES:

Gary Ziegenfuss, Associate Planner, presented this matter to the Committee. He explained that the intent of the bill is to increase the existing \$4.00 DMV registration fee to \$10.00, phased in over a five-year period, as an incentive to use low-emission vehicles and mass transit, which will help clean up the air. He explained that the bill has support from the Clean Air Partnership and many other groups, and he is not aware of any opposition to the bill.

Pane stated he heard the bill at Regional Transit, where there weren't enough votes to support it, and it was felt the funds should go to Regional Transit rather than the Air District. He said he would like to support the bill, with the amendment that the money go to RT rather than the Air District, since the Air District Board would be authorized to distribute only 30% of the funds to RT. Pane said he feels RT is the body best able to implement air quality by expanding transit. The consensus was that that the total amount of funds would be approximately \$1.5 million over five years. Fargo said she objects because the Air District has no City representation. Pannell said this is a tax (a subtle tax, but still a tax), and that he is not prepared to support this bill right now. He suggested sending it to Council with no recommendation. He said the issue is that the City doesn't have representation on the Air Board, but we are taxing the citizens of Sacramento.

Ziegenfuss pointed out that this bill will improve our air quality. Ortiz said she tends to support it, even though it's not perfect. She agrees with requesting an amendment to either have the ability to vote on the Air Quality Management District, or that the funds go to RT. Pane said it isn't a lot of money, but enough to accomplish something through RT. Pannell stated that even the RT Board didn't give the bill much support. Ziegenfuss pointed out that the Sacramento Transit Authority might be a place to direct the money. There was considerable discussion.

Fargo said we would like to have this go to a body where the City has representation. There was discussion about directing it to RT or the STA. Pane moved to support AB 2247 relating to air pollution, with an amendment that the funds be directed to the Regional Transit District, Fargo seconded the motion. More discussion. Ortiz voted yes and Pannell voted no. This will go to full Council with a 3-1 vote.

As to Item 1-B, it was agreed that this was essentially correspondence relating to the bill itself. There was some discussion. Mr. Ziegenfuss had already left the meeting, and Deputy City Attorney Diane Balter said that Mr. Ziegenfuss could bring Item B to the Council at the same time he brings the bill.

2. AB 1313 (W. Brown) relating to sales tax exemption for manufacturing equipment.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF: Support with conditions.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Supported with conditions.

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2. ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE.

VOTING RECORD:

Moved: Pannell
Seconded: Ortiz
Ayes: Pannell, Ortiz, Fargo, Pane

MINUTES:

Bill Farley, Senior Management Analyst, brought this bill before the Committee. He explained that AB 1313 provides sales tax exemption on manufacturing equipment, and this is seen as one of the primary issues facing business in California. As proposed, it would come with a cost to state and local government from loss of sales tax. Staff is asking that this be adopted with the condition that it be amended to make it revenue neutral to cities. He then discussed the staff report and the attached tables.

Chair Fargo noted that in her talks with small business, she finds that most of their concerns are about the permit process and workers' comp. She said she doesn't feel that giving businesses a break on sales tax would really keep them here, as the tax is minuscule in comparison to what they are paying out in workers' comp. There was a lot of discussion about businesses and their decision about whether or not to stay in Sacramento. Mr. Farley pointed out that the Economic Development Commission has said they are looking very hard at exempting local sales tax from this measure, so the 1% sales tax on equipment would all go to local government. Pannell moved to support AB 1313. Ortiz seconded the motion, and it was unanimously supported. Mr. Farley pointed out that this will be going to Council tonight.

3. AB 114 (Burton) relating to controlled substance offenses: asset forfeiture.

MINUTES:

This item was continued to the next meeting, as there was no one from Police Department staff present to discuss this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


JUDY SANDERS, Secretary


HEATHER FARGO, Chair