



# Sacramento City Council

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## MINUTES

### LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 1986

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON  
LAW & LEGISLATION  
TERRY KASTANIS  
CHAIRMAN  
DOUGLAS N. POPE  
DAVID M. SHORE  
WILLIAM A. SMALLMAN

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The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Councilman and Acting Chairman Doug Pope. Also present were Councilmen Bill Smallman and Dave Shore. Terry Kastanis was absent.

There was an amended agenda for this meeting, but it was decided not to discuss the added Item 4 regarding drug abuse at this time.

The following items were discussed and acted upon:

1. Ordinance Amending Sacramento City Code Relating to Parking Commercial Vehicles in Residence Districts. Linda Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney, was present to discuss this matter and to answer any questions. Dave Shore moved to recommend this ordinance. There was some discussion of this ordinance. Attorney Gonzalez stated that this ordinance only applies to residential districts. The Vehicle Code describes a residential district as having 13 homes on one side of the street or 16 homes on two sides of the street per quarter mile, or in proportion to the above ratio for longer streets.

Tom Stark, Deputy Chief of the Police Department, spoke. He explained that this ordinance will simplify enforcement in residence districts, and that the City is preempted by the Vehicle Code's definition of a residence district.

There was considerable discussion regarding rules and regulations for parking cars, big-wheeler trucks, etc. on public and private property.

Dave Shore requested that the City Attorney's office look into whether we have an existing ordinance giving us authority over cars parked on lawns, etc. Doug Pope stated that he does not want to go the "Nuisance Abatement" method, because it's too slow. He wants them to get a ticket. He said he would like the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance and bring it back to the Committee which makes parking on private lots illegal. Bill Smallman asked about the problem with parking of mobile homes and big trucks on the street, which make it dangerous for people coming onto those streets from intersections.

Mr. Donald Poland, owner of a trucking company and a resident of Sacramento, spoke. He stated that there are about 60 people who live in his area who bring their trucks home at night, and he was con-

cerned about how this new ordinance would affect them. He explained the necessity of parking the trucks nearby to avoid theft and vandalism. Attorney Gonzalez explained that this ordinance will not affect Mr. Poland, as long as the vehicles are parked on private property. Mr. Poland stated he was concerned that he could be fined \$1,000.00 for off-street parking. He was told that this would not be the case according to this proposed ordinance.

Dave Shore moved, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend enactment of this ordinance to the City Council.

2. Hazardous Materials Cleanup Ordinance. Diane Balter, Deputy City Attorney, and Dennis Smith, Deputy Fire Chief, were present to discuss this matter. It was explained that the Fire Department, by this ordinance, is authorized to clean up toxic materials immediately, if necessary, then can charge the owners for the cost of the cleanup. She stated that this ordinance does not order the owners to do the cleanup themselves.

Bill Smallman moved, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend enactment of this ordinance to the City Council.

3. Amendments to Journeyman Plumbers' Certification Ordinance. Diane Balter, Deputy City Attorney, and Ron Pecci, Chief Plumbing Inspector for the City, were present to discuss this matter. It was explained that these amendments allow a plumber to obtain on-the-job experience rather than have to go to a special school, and that plumbers with ten years of experience or more will be required to take the test. It was pointed out that these amendments have been recommended by the Board of Plumbing Examiners.

Dave Shore moved, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the City Council enactment of the ordinance amending Sections 9.963, 9.967, 9.968 and 9.969 of the City Code and adding Section 9.977.

At this time, Dave Shore brought two matters to the attention of the Law and Legislation Committee. The first matter was his previous request regarding City government structure, e.g., setting up a citizens' review committee to look at the City Charter, etc., as it has not been reviewed for a very long time. The second matter was for the City Clerk to look at the campaign ordinance, as there seems to be some gaps in it. He would like to have both matters brought to the Law and Legislation Committee in the near future. There was some discussion regarding the campaign ordinance as it now reads.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.