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LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Chairman Terry Kastanis. Also present were Councilmen Dave Shore, Doug Pope, Joe Serna and Bill Smallman.

The following items were brought before the Committee:

1. Assembly Bill 2461 (Condit) requiring In-Home Supportive Service Workers to be fingerprinted as a condition of employment. Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support Assembly Bill 2461.

2. Ordinance adding 15.201-1 to the City Code relating to Fire Code appeals. Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to add section 15.201-1 to the City Code.

3. Assembly Bill 4181 (Bader) relating to development fees. Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to oppose Assembly Bill 4181.

4. Senate Constitutional Amendment 12 (Foran) relating to motor vehicle fuel revenues. Roberta Larsen, Administrative Assistant in the Department of Public Works, was present to discuss this matter. Councilman Terry Kastanis asked when this will go before the voters. Ms. Larsen stated that it should go on the November ballot. There was some discussion regarding how our recommendation will be transmitted. Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support Senate Constitutional Amendment 12.

5. Assembly Bill 3627 (Bradley) relating to railroad crossings. Roberta Larsen from Public Works was available to discuss this bill, also. There was some discussion regarding the fact that in the past it was difficult to get the railroad to repair crossings, and that this bill would give them a 15-day time limit. Dave Shore moved, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support Assembly Bill 3627.

6. Assembly Bill 4141 (Connelly) relating to sheltered housing. Natalie D'Agostini, Chief of the Community Services Division of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, was present to discuss this matter. She explained that it costs approximately \$12,000 or more per person annually on MediCal for shelter for the elderly, but with this bill some elderly could stay home, at a cost of \$1,200 per year. This is a considerable savings. Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support Assembly Bill 4141.

7. Assembly Bills 4243 and 4238 (Hughes) relating to sports franchises. Jim Jackson, City Attorney, discussed his summary of these two bills. He stated that basically he thinks the bulk of these bills do not apply to the Sacramento area, since the team plays in a facility that is not publicly owned. Mr. Jackson proceeded to discuss some recent cases along this line. There was some discussion about these cases.

Mike Ross then spoke. He feels that if the City of Sacramento would plan in advance, it can do something regarding sports franchises. He explained that the bills state that the teams who come here cannot negotiate without discussing it first with the City, and that if a team is to move, it must first do certain things. He feels that the local government should be the strongest place to make decisions, not the state. Dave Shore asked, hypothetically, what the impact would be, from Sacramento's perspective, if we decide to go after, say, the San Francisco Giants. Mr. Ross said that if there is planning in advance and we're not breaking any kind of law, there should be no problem.

The next speaker was Steve Picconi. He wanted to know the definition or balance between how much a professional league or team is purely private and how much is public; how much land is going to be paid for by developers. It was noted by Jim Jackson that the developers will pay the entire cost of an arena and stadium and any related infrastructure.

Dan Yamshon, a Sacramento attorney and spokesperson for SCOLD (Sacramento Coalition Opposed to Leapfrog Development) then spoke. He explained that he sees a real ambiguity in the damage clause of AB 4238. He also stated that citizens are consumers of sports and that they deserve protection in return. He feels these bills are the first step in that direction. He stated he is in favor of both these pieces of legislation.

Mr. Maurice Read of the Sacramento Sports Association then spoke. He spent some time explaining the stages of building a stadium. He stated he feels the stadium and team should be owned together. He suggested that at some point in the life of these bills the City Council might like to take action.

Next to speak was Joe Axelson, General Manager of the Sacramento Kings. He addressed Mike Ross's comment that few, if any, owners ever lost money in sports. He stated, "Trust me, they have." He explained that the size of a stadium is controlled by the league, and that the league sets minimum standards and requirements. Therefore, an inadequate stadium will not be built. He stated that these bills would make it more difficult for California to attract teams in the future, and that it will be hard to get teams to come to Sacramento.

Dave Shore asked that Mr. Axelson make available to the Council a copy of the minimum requirement standards.

Terry Kastanis asked whether, with these bills, Sacramento would be able to retain the Kings. Mr. Axelson stated that the Kings are not an issue with regard to these bills. He said that some teams are now on lease, and that the lease takes care of this problem. If a team breaks a lease, it can be sued.

Mike Ross asked to speak again on this issue. He said that the City needs to make a decision regarding sports, and that these bills give us an opportunity to do that.

Mr. Rob Sall spoke next. He stated his concerns about transportation to and from the stadium via RT or light rail, and the parking situation at present. There was some discussion regarding plans and suggestions along that line.

Mr. Bob Doyle, a resident of the South Natomas area, then spoke of his concerns with regard to flooding problems in the Natomas area. He stated that he agreed with the bills, in that it would tie a team down so that they can't fly in after a city has spent a lot of money for them, and then fly out again.

There was discussion among the Councilmen as to whether or not any action should be taken at this time. Jim Jackson, City Attorney, stated he feels no action should be taken. Dave Shore said that he had planned to support these bills, but that he now does not know if they will work to Sacramento's favor. He also expressed a desire to see a sports committee formed for the sole purpose of dealing with issues such as these. Jim Jackson said that he will check to see whether there is anything in the North Natomas Plan.

No action was taken at this time by the Law and Legislation Committee regarding AB 4243 and 4238.

8. Senate Bill 2282 (Campbell) relating to cocomposting pilot projects. This item was an add-on by Councilman Joe Serna. Mr.

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Serna discussed the bill and noted that it will be heard next Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. He explained that no action would need to be taken, and that the bill would specifically allocate money to Sacramento. Mr. Serna recommended that the Committee support this bill. Doug Pope moved, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to support Senate Bill 2282.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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