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April 23, 1986

Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT: Request for Deputy City Attorney

Honorable Members in Session:

SUMMARY:

This is a request to hire an additional Deputy City Attorney in our office as soon as possible. We have funds in our budget to pay for this attorney during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The annual cost to the City during the 1986-87 fiscal year, including fringe benefits, would be approximately \$66,000.

BACKGROUND:

We are in great need of an additional Deputy City Attorney because of the five Natomas lawsuits which have been or will be filed against the City. Three of the suits have already been filed and at least two more are on the way. The Natomas cases are very complex with lengthy records. For example, the North Natomas hearing testimony and exhibits will consist of approximately 4,000 pages. We are assuming this litigation will be with us for a long time and that some of the cases will be appealed.

Our staff is already overworked and the addition of this litigation necessitates immediate assistance. We also have a need for additional legal assistance in the planning and public works areas. A revised General Plan is being prepared and much work is being done on public works projects and city water matters. We have many eminent domain cases and some inverse condemnation cases pending. If the Council approves the North Natomas Community Plan, a great deal of work must be done to implement it. Thus, we need additional assistance to handle the increased workload even after the Natomas cases are resolved. Although outside legal counsel could be retained as an alternative, it is much less expensive to hire an additional attorney on our staff. The savings are in the range of 50% to 60%.

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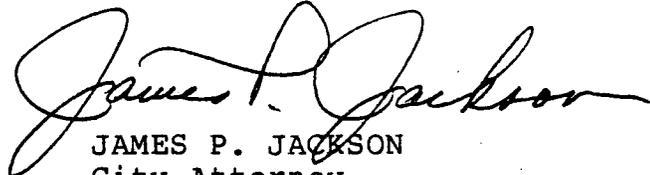
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

We have sufficient funds in our budget to pay for the additional Deputy City Attorney during the remainder of the 1985-86 fiscal year. Because we need an experienced attorney, I propose that the position be budgeted at the Deputy City Attorney III level. The cost for this position during the current fiscal year 1985-86 will be approximately \$7,700. The annual cost to the City for the fiscal year 1986-87, including fringe benefits, will be approximately \$66,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended and requested that the Budget and Finance Committee recommend to the City Council that an additional Deputy City Attorney be authorized for the City Attorney's office.

Sincerely,


JAMES P. JACKSON
City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

SOLON WISHAM, JR.
Assistant City Manager

April 29, 1986
Districts: All

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE CITY ATTORNEY STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Attorney's staff is hereby authorized to
be increased by adding one Deputy City Attorney III.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK