

# 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: March 2, 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 1:04 p.m. by Chair Heather Fargo.

PRESENT: Fargo, Pane, Pannell.

1. **Proposed Senate bill (Johnston) relating to County Parks, Recreation and Open Space ballot initiative.**

Recommendation of Staff: Support.

Committee Action: Supported.

Voting Record: Moved: Pannell  
Seconded: Pane  
Ayes: Pannell, Pane, Fargo

**MINUTES:**

Walt Ueda, Acting Director of Parks and Community Services, reviewed the staff report regarding this proposed bill. He said he has been meeting with the 13 park districts, the County, and the cities of Isleton, Folsom and Galt on this issue, and that a county-wide poll will be taken to determine what the people are willing to support. He explained that, at this time, staff would like conceptual endorsement of this proposed bill. Chair Fargo noted that there is still a lot left to be worked out regarding what would be done with the funds (rehab parks; new parks; etc.), and that this could sit on the books for a long time before any proposition is put before local voters. Pannell moved to write a letter of support, Pane seconded the motion, and Fargo concurred.

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2. An ordinance amending Chapter 58 of the Sacramento City Code relating to public projects.

Recommendation of Staff: Support and forward to Council.

Committee Action: Forward to Council with no recommendation.

Voting Record: Moved: Pannell  
Seconded: Pane  
Ayes: Pannell, Pane, Fargo

### MINUTES:

Frank Mugartegui, Director of General Services, explained that General Services staff, the departments of Public Works and Utilities, and the City Attorney's office have been working on this ordinance for quite some time. He went on to discuss some of the major changes in the existing Chapter 58 relating to labor compliance procedures and change order procedures. He then introduced Greg Hovious, Construction Contract Officer with the Department of General Services.

Committeemember Pannell asked whether this ordinance would allow the City to bring apprenticeships onto the jobs in all trades. Mr. Hovious said this is true. Mr. Hovious then explained that a survey of projects done since 1989, there were 45 projects and 65 change orders that went before the Council for approval, and that with the new ordinance the number of change orders which would go before the Council would be reduced to 16. He pointed out that for each change order going before the Council, approximately seven hours of staff time is needed for preparation and attendance at the meetings. Committeemember Pannell asked for a more detailed breakdown of the dollar amounts for the surveyed change orders. Mr. Hovious pointed out that the proposed ordinance provides for a percentage limit, depending on the dollar amount of the project; i.e., 8% for change orders on \$1-10 million projects; 6% limit on projects over \$10 million; 10% for change orders on projects between \$250,000.00 and \$1 million.

Mr. Mugartegui explained that the comfort level to the Council is that there will always be an accounting of all change orders, costs, etc., at the completion of a project, and that any amounts that go over the percentage level limits will go before the Council. He also pointed out that the percentages are cumulative; i.e., a project with an 8% limit on change orders may request a 2% change order, a 3% change order, and another 2% change order without the need for approval by Council, but would have to have Council approval for any additional change order that would bring the project costs over the 8%. He also explained that a contingency budget for change orders is built into all project bids, so that these change orders do not increase the project budget.

There was considerable discussion as to concerns regarding the change order provisions of the proposed ordinance. The Committee members were concerned with maintaining adequate Council supervision of the change order process. Pannell moved to forward this item to Council with no recommendation from this Committee. He said he feels that *all* Councilmembers should have the opportunity to discuss

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this issue, rather than have it go on the Council's consent calendar without discussion. He also asked that staff give the Councilmembers information about the largest recent change orders, as well as a breakdown of the change order survey mentioned earlier. Pane seconded the motion to forward the proposed ordinance to Council with no recommendation, and Fargo concurred.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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HEATHER FARGO, Chair

ATTEST:

  
JUDY SANDERS, Secretary