

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

**JUNE 26, 1995**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Budget Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:15 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Cohn, Fargo, Ortiz, Pannell, Steinberg, Water, Yee, and Mayor Serna

Absent: Yee

10.1 Sacramento Symphony Association: 1995-96 Business Plan and request for Financial Assistance

Michael Coleman, Senior Management Analyst, gave an overview of this item. The following are the report backs requested by Council:

1. Analysis of all six points of the business plan as to reasonableness.
2. Note policy issue: When loan payment plan was approved by Council, Symphony was directed to request additional support until loan was paid.
3. Report on policy implications and legality of use of Cable Television Franchise Fee revenue for Symphony support by the Cable Commission and by City Council.

Public Testimony

Hans Hubert spoke against the business plan. He suggest putting the Symphony and the Ballet into an enterprise fund.

The Council voted as follows:

MOVED: Cohn  
SECONDED: Waters

AYES: Cohn, Fargo, Ortiz, Pannell, Steinberg, Waters, and Serna  
NOES:

## 10.2 Wrap-up of the Proposed 1995-96 Budget

Jack Crist, Deputy City Manager, gave a recap of the budget process which includes nearly 20 council sessions, a bus tour, community meetings, and budget workshops. DCM Crist reviewed changes that were made to the proposed budget. He explained the City Budget is a policy document reflecting the priorities of the City Council. The new priority programs and budget fixes include: 1) delay the additional or implementation of any new programs until revenue grows to support the expense; 2) to use Economic Uncertainty Reserves as a one-time solution; 3) to increase revenues; and 4) to re-prioritize use of existing resources.

DC Crist stated the 1995-96 budget concentrates primarily on reprioritizing existing resources and cost recovery, not on increased revenues or use of reserves to fix a \$10 million general fund shortfall. Approximately half of the \$10 million is from other sources, such as Solid Waste, Water, Fleet, and Parking, and the other half from reprioritization. There are several issues that could negatively impact the Proposed Budget such as tax base revenue growth, state legislation regarding the elimination of water in lieu fees, labor negotiations, and the potential for loss of neighborhood policing grants.

Councilman Waters asked if his and Councilwoman Fargo's concern with the downsizing of the Planning division has been addressed. Bill Edgar, City Manager, answered staff will proceed with downsizing the Planning Department except for the Planning Division. Councilman Waters wanted clarification on Exhibit 1 regarding the COPS More Grant. He asked why it was still on the list when there has not been a majority consensus from Council. DCM Crist stated the money has not been appropriated to the Police Department yet. CM Edgar followed up by saying the City has applied for the grant and if the City receives the grant the Council can decide to accept or decline the grant money. If the Council decides to decline the grant money, the money that has been set aside can be applied to other police programs.

Councilman Cohn requested a report back on establishing a geared towards curfew and graffiti. He also suggested Station 8's closure be postpone until the 8th Street bridge's construction is done. His reason is to avoid a major traffic jam. Other suggestions Councilman Cohn pertaining to Station 8 were: the firefighters be white water certified, additional water equipment be kept at the Station; and have an extra ladder at the Station.

Councilwoman Fargo wants the equity issue of the combine system and the Utilities Department giving parks a break on their water rates included in the policy portion of the budget. She also expressed concern with the proposed CIP amendments and requested there be further discussion with staff. Anne Olsen, Sr. Engineer, will research the Garden Highway Widening Project and report back.

## Public Testimony

Shelly Bailey expressed concern with the proposed reduction in the Planning Department. He opposes eliminating the Building and Plumbing Inspectors and feels these positions are very important.

Anthony Lucky, Firefighter for Station 9 and representing Glen Elder, spoke against closing Station 9. Councilman Steinberg ask for a report back by tomorrow on how the area will deal with the closure of Station 9. He said he feels there will be a balance by moving Truck 8 to Station 10.

## Council's Comments

Councilman Kerth requested a report back on the number of Public Information Officers (PIO) in the City and wants a job description for this position. He also requested the cost of the PIO by department. CM Edgar stated these questions will be addressed in the Public Information Master Plan. Councilman Pannell concurs with Councilman Kerth request.

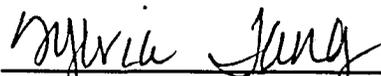
Councilwoman Ortiz commended Neighborhood Services for the outstanding job they have done, pointing out the fact the department did a good job without a PIO. She commended the department on the bilingual literature. She also stated the information going out must be coordinated.

Councilman Waters informed Council there has been talk with Tom Sullivan, talk show host, about Councilmembers taking turns speaking on the last Thursday of each month.

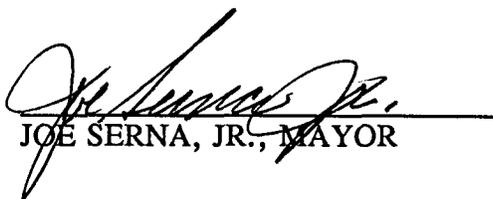
Councilman Pannell invited everyone out to Meadowview Park for a firework show Saturday night.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:20 p.m.

Submitted

  
Sylvia Tang, Budget Technician

Approved

  
JOE SERNA, JR., MAYOR