

MINUTES

OF THE

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
SACRAMENTO CITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 19, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:30 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Fargo, Kastanis, Kerth, Ortiz, Pane, Pannell, Steinberg, Yee and Mayor Serna

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Serna

8.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 In recognition of outstanding citizenship and activities enhancing community betterment as members of the following: Gloria Burt, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission; Darryl B. Chinn, City Planning Commission; Thomas Donaldson, Franklin Boulevard Project Area Committee; Catherine C. Harris, Civil Service Board; Walter C. Knapp, Sacramento Commission of History and Science; Hoi Wong, Construction Codes Advisory and Appeals Board; Albert M. Jurasin, Sr. and Yia B. Yang, Meadowview Development Committee

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The certificates were presented by Mayor Serna.

8.2 Certificate of Commendation to Police Officers Mark Chapman and Keith Burgoon for courageous and heroic actions

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Captain Matt Powers spoke about the heroic actions of the police officers. The certificates of commendation were presented by Mayor Serna.

- 8.3 Resolution honoring Barbara Gibbs, Director of Crocker Art Museum, for her years of service to City of Sacramento
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The resolution was presented by Mayor Serna.

- 8.4 Award presentation by the United States Air Force Association
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An award was presented to the City by the United States Air Force Association in appreciation of the City's work with the local air bases.

- 8.5 Resolution in recognition of the Sacramento Observer Newspaper
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The resolution was presented by Mayor Serna.

- 8.6 Resolution recognizing the Tenth Annual Crystal Ice Cream Safari to be held Saturday, July 23rd.
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The resolution was presented by Mayor Serna.

- 8.7 Resolution recognizing "Stand Down '94", commending Viet Nam Veterans of California
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The resolution was presented by Mayor Serna.

- 5.3 Selection of Sacramento Cottage Housing, Inc. to develop cottage housing for the homeless, predevelopment agreement, and predevelopment loan located at 14th and A Streets. (D-1) (Cont. from 6-28-94, Public Review item 5.2)
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This item was continued from the afternoon agenda.

Anne Moore, SHRA Director of Community Development, stated that staff was requested to report back on the cost of the 500 square foot buildings; to review the project with the Fire Department; provide examples of program descriptions from the Salvation Army; and to explain why there would eventually be 1,000 cottages.

Ms. Moore discussed the price of the housing.

Councilman Yee stated that he was not concerned about the proposal, but was concerned about the cost.

Councilman Kastanis asked if the units were increased in size, would the number of units be reduced. Ms. Moore replied that the project would need a larger site than what was currently planned.

Councilman Kerth stated that this proposal was difficult for him to support as each cottage would cost more than the average appraised home in his district.

Councilman Pannell asked if a project like this had been done anywhere else. Bill Hallerman, Executive Director of Sacramento Cottage Housing, replied that this would be a pilot project.

Ms. Moore informed the Council that the Fire Marshall had approved the project, stating that it had a good sprinkler system and good traffic flow.

Councilwoman Fargo asked about an appraisal from the Police Department, to which Ms. Moore replied that the appraisal would have to be scheduled.

Ms. Moore discussed the types of programs that the Salvation Army provided for the homeless.

Mr. Kerth asked if building new homes had a higher priority than fixing existing ones. John Molloy, SHRA Executive Director, replied that was correct.

Mr. Kerth expressed concern that building new cottages was the best expenditure of funds, rather than renovating existing motels, such as the Town and Country Motel.

Ms. Moore replied that Federal funding permitted new construction versus renovation.

Councilman Steinberg stated that the City was focusing on providing for the homeless population. Mr. Kerth replied that by condemning existing buildings, such as the Town and Country Motel, the City would be creating a new group of homeless people.

Public Testimony:

Hans Huber expressed concerns about the kind of neighbors the cottage residents would be.

Virginia Diebel requested mandatory programs for inhabitants of transient housing.

Diane Driever, representing the John Stuart Company, assured the Council that they would be good neighbors.

Linda Morgan stated that it was the responsibility of government to assist the homeless.

David Redfeather, a member of the homeless community, asked the Council to let the homeless help the community.

Stan Keasling spoke in support of the John Stuart Company, who would be doing property management for the project.

Tom Hoeber stated that he believed the project would work.

Ms. Fargo spoke in support of the project, but listed a number of conditions that she felt were necessary, including: maintaining a social services advisory committee; individual contacts with residents being reviewed by the committee; and the management team should develop a good neighborhood plan with progress reports, etc.

Councilwoman Ortiz asked for assistance for non English-speaking residents.

Councilman Kastanis spoke against the project. He felt the cottages were depressing.

Mayor Serna stated that he would support the project, but only if it was considered transitional housing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Fargo, seconded by Councilman Steinberg to approve the project with the additional conditions. The motion failed with a 4-4 roll call vote, with Council members Kastanis, Kerth, Pane and Yee voting no, and Councilman Pannell abstaining.

9.0 **STAFF REPORTS (EVENING)**

9.1 Fire Department Linkages with Neighborhoods. (D-All) (Cont. from 6-21-94, item 9.1)

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Gary Costamagna, Fire Chief, informed the Council of the Fire Department's continuing efforts to offer quality emergency services as well as to establish a variety of support services in the neighborhoods and communities.

The Chief spoke of naming the fire stations after the neighborhoods they serve. He also stated that an existing position in the department had been reassigned as Neighborhood Liaison Officer to coordinate the many activities in which the Department interacts with the neighborhoods.

Chief Costamagna added that his department was working in concert with the Neighborhood Services Department area managers to explore areas in which the personnel, facilities, equipment and all resources of the Fire Department would be used to "Make a Neighborhood Connection". Some of the uses already in effect or planned included: community meetings held in fire stations; adopt-a-school project; participation in "Friday Night Live" teen programs; and participation in neighborhood special events, including parades, community forums and seasonal activities.

Mayor Serna stated that he had received a letter from Dick Mayberry, president of Local 522, encouraging the Fire Houses to become involved with the neighborhood associations.

Councilman Kastanis requested the Chief to disseminate the annual report to all the libraries, to which the Chief replied that this had been done for the past five years.

Councilman Kerth recommended that one of the Fire Stations in his district be changed to the Robla Fire Station.

This report was received and filed.

9.2 Update on the City of Sacramento Youth Commission. (D-All) (Cont. from 6-21-94, item 9.2)

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Ramiro Jiminez, Administrative Analyst, reviewed the selection and nomination process for the Sacramento Youth Commission. He called Council's attention to page 2 of the staff report which listed the names of the Youth Commissioners, along with some background information about each commissioner. He also gave some statistical information about the applicants as a whole.

Mr. Jiminez informed the Council of the proposed time line of events, as outlined on page of the report.

Councilman Pannell stated that on the agenda for next Tuesday was an "anti-graffiti rodeo" at the University of Pennsylvania. He said that some of the commissioners would be attending the event, as well as the graffiti coordinator.

This item was received and filed.

- 9.3 Neighborhood Nuisance Program Status Report. (D-All) (Cont. from 6-21-94, item 9.5)
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Kelly Montgomery, Service Area 4 Manager, gave a status of the nuisance abatement program. She stated that in addition to the Neighborhood Nuisance cases, staff had been able to handle more than 200 cases from the backlog of POP and Housing and Dangerous Building visitation cases. She referred Council to the complaint flow chart in the staff report.

Ms. Montgomery said that approximately 85% of complaints were citizen oriented. She complimented her staff on their excellent commitment and work.

Councilman Kastanis commended Ms. Montgomery on her report and asked if each council member could perhaps receive a carbon copy of the complaints filed in his or her district.

Ms. Montgomery replied that this was a good suggestion, and that she would look into incorporating it into the process.

Councilman Steinberg also commended staff on the report. He requested that the statistics be more clearly defined; for example, he asked what the terminology "active" meant. He also requested that staff be very proactive in communicating with council members.

Councilman Pannell expressed concern that council be made aware of the problems in their districts.

Councilwoman Fargo requested phone numbers to report a violation. Ms. Montgomery replied 264-7536, or by calling the Neighborhood Services Department at 264-5200.

Councilman Kerth commended the staff on their work and stressed that everyone be kept well informed of whatever projects were being worked on.

Councilwoman Ortiz asked if staff could provide a printout of their progress. Ms. Montgomery replied that they were close to perfecting a reporting program.

This item was received and filed.

- 9.4 Report back on status of sales from "Candy Houses". (D-8) (Cont. from 6-21-94, item 9.6)
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Dennis Kubo, from the Code Enforcement Section of the Neighborhood Services Department, stated that initially the candy sale problem came to the attention of the neighborhood groups and the City by a case in

which a young Asian child allegedly took a one hundred dollar bill from her mother's purse, purchased candy bars, and was not given change. The parent went to the residence demanding the change and was told that no candy was sold. This incident was not reported to the police, and neither have the Police Department nor the Neighborhood Services Department been able to learn the names of the victims.

Councilman Pannell stated that it had become quite a problem in his district.

Sam Jackson, City Attorney, stated that there were language barriers with some of the children, as well as them not knowing the value of the monetary denominations.

Councilman Pane recommended that staff look at the specific community having the problem and try to help them with non-police resources.

This information was received and filed.

- 9.5 Status report on Graffiti Abatement and Control Efforts. (D-All) (Cont. from 6-21-94, item 9.7)
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Gary Little, Neighborhood Services Department Area Manager, stated that this was an informational item in response to questions from Council.

Councilman Pane stated his objections to this item being brought forward without the resolutions that he wanted.

Mike George, a Captain with the Sacramento Police Department, stated that his department was working with community groups, other law enforcement and government agencies, schools and the judicial system to combat the growing problem of graffiti. He added that it was the Police Department's intent to form partnerships throughout the community and government to fight, and eventually eradicate the problem.

Captain George said in order to accomplish their objective, a multi-dimensional response was being implemented by the department to include: (1) development of citizen surveillance teams to identify and help prosecute those individuals who were responsible for graffiti in their areas; (2) training and education of community groups in laws, tactics, and evidence required for successful prosecution; (3) partnership in the Multi-Agency Graffiti Intervention Committee; (4) meetings with the Sacramento County District Attorney and Sacramento County Probation Department to collaborate on successfully prosecuting both adult and youthful offenders; and (5) a liaison with schools to identify known graffiti "taggers" and to educate the student population and staff to deter future offenders.

Captain George also discussed the educational component of the program, and said that staff was looking for alternative funding for dealing with graffiti and illegal dumping.

Councilman Kastanis recommended that the City author an ordinance to remove spray paints from open shelving and not to allow anyone under the age of 18 purchase it.

Captain George stated that there was already a law regarding aerosol paint on the books.

Councilman Yee suggested that the curfew laws be enforced. Mayor Serna agreed, stating that enforced curfews led to less graffiti and home burglary crimes.

Walter Mueller, representing The Neighborhood, stated that enforcing curfew laws would have a positive impact on graffiti.

This item was received and filed.

#### 10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 10.1 Appeal of the Planning Commission's action granting a Tentative Map with additional conditions for property located at the east corner of Garden Highway and Morell Street. (D-1) (APN: 274-0102-004 & 274-0110-034) (P92-156)
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A motion was made by Councilwoman Fargo, seconded by Councilman Steinberg, to continue this item to August 30, 1994. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilman Pane being absent.

#### 11.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL, AGENCY OR AUTHORITIES ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 11.1 Hector Rodriguez spoke of his problems as a subcontractor on the Meadowview Community Center project. This matter was referred to the City Manager.
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- 11.2 Michelle Rodriguez spoke of her problems obtaining certification as a minority business. This matter was referred to the City Manager.
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- 11.3 Tim Fallis told of the insensitivity of a city tow company related to an incident involving a disabled woman's wheelchair. Mayor Serna requested that Mr. Fallis file an official complaint with the City Manager's office.
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- 11.4 Hans Huber distributed a flyer of an upcoming event sponsored by "the Neighborhood".
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- 11.5 The following people spoke about an incident in which they claimed a Sacramento Police Officer used excessive force: Efren Guttierrez, Adriana Romandia, Christopher Ellsworth, Margie Covino, James Johnson, Fredrick Steele III, and Robert Bencomo. This matter was referred to the City Manager.
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#### 12.0 GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

13.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

13.1 Councilman Pannell requested that the Clerk place on the July 26, 1994 agenda an item to discuss problems related to the Sacramento Unified School District.

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13.2 Councilman Kerth requested the Planning Director to bring forward an ordinance requiring design review of the North Sacramento Community Plan area. This matter was referred to the City Manager.

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14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE


15.0 ADJOURNMENT - There being no further items to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes  
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City Clerk

Approved

  
Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor