

MINUTES

OF THE

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

REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 2:08 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cohn, Fargo, Hammond, Kerth, Pannell, Steinberg, Waters, Yee and Mayor Serna

Absent: None

1.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Items 1.1 through 1.10, except Item 1.8)

A motion was made by Council member Hammond, seconded by Council member Fargo, to waive the reading and adopt the Consent Calendar, items 1.1 through 1.10, except Item 1.8, which was pulled for further consideration. The motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Public Review Items - Informational Only

None

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment

None

City Council

- 1.1 Resolution of Intention for Willowcreek Landscaping Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 98-04, located in the westerly portion of the South Natomas Community Plan area - Initiate proceedings to levy a special tax and set a hearing date of December 15, 1998. (D-1)

Adopted Resolution 98-553.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-553

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE
WILLOWCREEK LANDSCAPING COMMUNITY
FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-04, CITY OF
SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, AND TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX
THEREIN TO FINANCE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO
BE PROVIDED WITHIN SAID DISTRICT

- 1.2 North Natomas Community Facilities District No. 4 - Results of Mail Ballot Election. (D-1)
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Adopted Resolution 98-554.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-554

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO DETERMINING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL MAILED-BALLOT ELECTION HELD IN THE NORTH NATOMAS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 4, CITY OF SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER 5, 1998

- 1.3 1997/98 Measure A Overlay Project (PN:RD67): (D-All)
- A. Approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$107,630.67 with Teichert Construction; and
 - B. Ratify the City Manager's execution of a previous change order.
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Adopted staff recommendation.

- 1.4 Update list of City personnel authorized to screen and select State and Federal surplus property items for use by the City. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-555.

RESOLUTION NO.98-555

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY PERSONNEL TO SCREEN AND SELECT STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

- 1.5 Ordinance amending Section 3-D-1 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2550, Fourth Series, as amended), to add multi-family zones (R-2A, R-2B, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, and R-5) to the list of zones for which plan review is required (M98-037). (D-All)
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Passed for publication of title and continued to November 17, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

- 1.6 START Program Memorandums of Understanding with the following five school districts: 1) Sacramento City Unified School District; 2) Del Paso Elementary School District; 3) Elk Grove Unified School District; 4) Natomas Unified School District; and 5) North Sacramento School District. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-556 approving Agreements 98-187, 98-188, 98-189, 98-190, and 98-191.

RESOLUTION NO.98-556

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE START PROGRAM WITH FIVE PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- 1.7 Acceptance of START Funding Contract with the California Department of Education for 1998-99 State funding in the amount of \$1,587,644. (D-All)
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Adopted Resolution 98-557 approving Agreement 98-192.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-557

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT CONTRACT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

- 1.8 Appointment of Anne Moore as Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.
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Mayor Serna commented that he was proud of Anne Moore, and recognized her for her hard work and her ability to work successfully with the community. The Mayor commended her on being a good executive administrator.

Anne Moore, new Executive Director of SHRA, expressed her thanks to the City Council for their support and confidence. Ms. Moore added that of her thirteen years with the agency, the last year was the most rewarding of her working life. Ms. Moore expressed her pride in the Agency's and the Council's accomplishments in the area of community development, and her congratulations and appreciation of her colleagues at SHRA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Fargo, to adopt Resolution 98-558. The motion carried with a 9-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-558

APPOINTMENT OF ANNE MOORE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 1.9 Request to open an application period for the City Planning Commission due to the 2/22/99 term expirations scheduled for P. Harvey, R. Donahue, and L. LaChappelle. (D-All)
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Application period opened; applications due December 11, 1998.

- 1.10 Confirmation of the following appointments: Councilwoman Pannell to RT and SETA; Councilmen Cohn and Kerth to SBA.
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Confirmed appointments.

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2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

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3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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4.0 STAFF REPORTS

***Note: Item 4.1 was heard out of sequence following Item 4.2.

- 4.1 An ordinance establishing a temporary prohibition on acceptance or processing of applications for special permits or other discretionary development entitlements for transfer or processing stations in the City of Sacramento (D-All)

Gary Stonehouse, Planning Division, stated that on October 20, 1998, Council had directed formation of this ordinance. He suggested it would take approximately six months until the policy would be developed on the distribution of such facilities city-wide. So the ordinance had a sunset date of June 10, 1999.

Cal Brown, representing Florin-Perkins Landfill, Inc., commented that he had little time to prepare. He read a letter into the record which had been sent to Council. He read that his company supported the moratorium, except for those whose projects were already in the pipeline. In the case of Florin-Perkins, their application had been in the process for nearly three years.

Mr. Brown expressed concerns regarding the delay and the additional cost to Florin-Perkins. The landfill facility now processed 4,000 tons of waste per day. Mr. Brown continued to read that his company was willing to reduce the amount to 2,000 tons per day. Regarding the moratorium, they wanted to revise Section 2A by adding "except applications filed prior to October 20, 1998." He stated that they wanted the moratorium to last for only sixty days. Mr. Brown wanted a continuance in order to allow time for discussion.

Council member Steinberg referred to the October 20, 1998 meeting, recalling that there were two motions, which differed in tons per day. He suggested each motion contained a moratorium for processing or citing of any permitting of future transfer stations.

Deputy City Attorney Archibald responded that he understood there was approval of the applications with only minor amendments.

Mr. Steinberg asked for clarification as to whether every City Council member directed staff to propose a moratorium. He asked if there were any exceptions currently filed with the City, to which Mr. Archibald responded negatively.

Mr. Steinberg established with Mr. Stonehouse that this applicant had amended its application several times. Mr. Steinberg asked whether, given the number of amendments, the applicant had a complete, legal application. Mr. Archibald replied that it was incomplete, due to the number of revisions and changes.

Council member Kerth asked whether the document now before the City Council was legally complete. Mr. Archibald replied that he couldn't be sure because with the continual changes it might be considered a new project.

Mr. Kerth asked whether the application today was complete. Mr. Stonehouse advised that there was a green waste issue and he had questions on their intent to modify it.

Mr. Brown responded that green waste composting would affect the application for permit. The EIR was completed with several applications. He said they had two projects. One, already approved, was to sort dry waste, including a Plan Review for structures. Mr. Brown had applied for a building permit. Because of the "lose or use" stipulation, they filed an appeal. Mr. Stonehouse agreed to reissue the permit.

Mr. Brown stated he believed they already had the 500 ton permit, and questioned it being affected by the moratorium. This also affected the 4,000 tons per day.

Mr. Kerth asked whether these were facts. Mr. Stonehouse conceded that the 500 ton permit was complete, and could be processed. Mr. Archibald commented that when the term of the Special Permit expired, in lieu of an appeal it was suggested that Florin-Perkins apply for a renewal. If a modified Special Permit were pending, it would be heard by the Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Brown was concerned about the moratorium affecting their re-application and perhaps delaying it another 7 months.

Mr. Kerth suggested that with the Special Use Permit expired, Council should amend the Ordinance to allow the 500 ton permit to be heard by the Zoning Administrator .

Council member Waters asked whether he had voted no on the Cal Waste program. City Clerk Val Burrowes advised that he had, along with Mrs. Pannell. Mr. Waters observed that this was not an emergency situation now. He stated that no permit should take this long. Mr. Brown's company had been in the process for three years and had spent \$450,000. Mr. Waters said Florin-Perkins should be exempt from the moratorium.

Mr. Steinberg reviewed the details of the voting on October 20, 1998 stressing that every Council member voted for a moratorium of one form or another. He also established that the original permit had been issued in 1993. There was also a special permit to process 500 tons which was never implemented.

Mr. Steinberg questioned the three-year delay. Mr. Brown commented that the original permit was issued under Zoning Ordinance 34.1 and there was no limit on it.

Council member Yee recalled the delays: in processing the permit; working with a new planner; and a public outcry resulting in the City Council determining that an EIR would be needed. Mr. Yee was sympathetic to Mr. Brown's problem, saying he would support any future permit moratorium, but believed that this one should be exempt.

Council member Pannell commented that time and money were invested by the applicant; she felt he should be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Waters asked Mr. Archibald about Zoning Ordinance Section 34.1, which required special permit modification. Mr. Waters felt that there was an

erroneous perception that Mr. Brown had not been pursuing this situation. Mr. Waters wanted it fast-tracked so that it could be agendized.

Council member Cohn commented that the primary concern was not that there be a moratorium of specific length, but to allow policies to be developed, rather than hear the issues case-by-case. Mr. Cohn inquired as to what was a realistic time frame. Mr. Stonehouse felt that even more time than six months might be needed.

Mr. Steinberg stated he felt that the staff recommendation was reasonable and was confirmation of City Council's action on October 20, 1998. He stated that many amendments had already been made, and there was no evidence that the City had delayed the applications. He questioned the need for the rush. Mr. Steinberg stated he did not want the project to drive the policy. He and Mr. Kerth discussed how to change the wording to make this a workable resolution.

Mr. Archibald suggested language for the proposed change. The exception would read: Paragraph A shall not apply to the processing of, and issuance of a final decision upon, Application Z-98-114, for a minor deviation to the existing special permit to establish a 500 ton facility, consisting of 8 tons of transferable materials and 492 tons of recyclable materials.

Mr. Brown questioned the tonnage percentages, to which Mr. Archibald responded that he could take out the exact numbers, or rework the figures if needed.

Reina Schwartz, Solid Waste Manager, commented that this was a recyclables permit. She explained that recyclables were not always "clean", so the percentage deviation was allowed to handle those putrescible elements. Mayor Serna asked whether this was a State permit issue, to which Ms. Schwartz replied that it was not.

Mr. Steinberg observed that there would be no District 6 Council member available to represent the District until March, 1999. He wanted a delay of the City Council call-up option of this issue until there was a District 6 Council member. Mayor Serna agreed and commented that this issue would be a controversial issue. Mr. Steinberg remarked that the constituents in his district would be watching. They would look for a moratorium until a policy was in place. Today's pending applications could have non-solid waste heard by the Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Cohn supported the motion as defined by Mr. Steinberg with a decision by the Zoning Administrator within thirty days, and appeals dealt with only when District 6 was represented.

Councilmember Hammond reviewed her understanding of the issues. She stated that she would agree to delay the issue until there was a City Council member for D-6. Mr. Steinberg suggested that the new City Council member from D-6 should have a chance to become familiar with the issues first. Mr. Archibald warned there must be language presented for the record regarding the call up decision.

Mr. Cohn and Mr. Steinberg discussed the call up and the affects with no representative in the district.

Mayor Serna asked Mr. Jackson how to handle this.

City Attorney Jackson stated that the Council needed to suspend the rule related to call-up with a simple two-thirds vote.

Mr. Cohn wanted clarification of this issue before the close of this afternoon meeting. To allow time to arrive at the correct language, he suggested this item be continued until the last item on the agenda.

Mr. Steinberg proposed that the Mayor was the representative of District 6 until the seat was filled. He would agree to the right to call-up, with the proviso that it would not be heard until the new representative in District 6 had been seated for a reasonable length of time.

A motion was made by Council member Steinberg, seconded by Council member Kerth, to adopt Ordinance 98-049 as amended. The motion carried with a 9-0 roll call vote.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 98-049

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL PERMITS OR OTHER DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OR PROCESSING STATIONS IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO

****Note: Item 4.2 was heard out of sequence after Item 1.8, prior to Item 4.1.

- 4.2 General Produce business retention, located at 1330 N. B Street, Richards Boulevard Redevelopment Area (D-1)
- A. Recognize the importance of retaining industrial business, like General Produce, within the City of Sacramento, as a part of the City's overall economic development strategy;
 - B. Authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for the sale of 5+ acres of Agency-owned land with General Produce, and the purchase of 1.5 acres of land owned by General Produce; and
 - C. Modify/reaffirm previously adopted policies related to the development of a consolidated social service complex in the Richards Boulevard Redevelopment Area.

Paul Blumberg, Senior Management Analyst, Downtown Department, presented the report.

With this action, the City Council and Agency would avert the loss of a major industrial firm from the City of Sacramento's industrial base. The resolution authorized the City Manager to negotiate the sale of Agency-owned land, as well as the purchase of General Produce-owned properties, in order to facilitate consolidation and expansion of General Produce's main warehouse facility, located at 1330 North B Street. By facilitating General Produce's business needs at its existing location, the City would provide an alternative to that firm's stated intention to relocate outside of the City limits. Because the sale of land would utilize property previously approved for a consolidated social service complex, this report also recommended modifications to the approved complex program. This report only authorized the negotiation of a land sale/purchase with General Produce, and staff would return to Council within the next 120 days to recommend approval of a Disposition Development Agreement which would implement the business points.

Mr. Blumberg advised that at its meeting of August 20, 1998, the Social Service Complex Community Advisory Committee (CAC) unanimously approved the staff recommendation.

General Produce is a fresh produce distribution company serving the

Sacramento region for 65 years; it is the second largest private employer in the area, after Blue Diamond Growers. General Produce is a family-owned business, also known as C/J Warehouse. It announced its intention to relocate from the existing facility in the Richards Boulevard Area to a larger, more modern facility outside of the Richards Boulevard Redevelopment Area, located in the Power Inn industrial area. In the fall of 1997, negotiations to purchase the new facility had begun and City staff assumed that the loss of this business was unavoidable.

Mr. Blumberg advised that in the spring of 1998, General Produce's negotiations to purchase the new facility fell through. Its representative approached the City to inquire about purchasing a portion of SHRA-owned property previously designated for the social service complex. While General Produce was still considering alternative locations both inside and outside of the City/County limits, the owners have stated a preference to remain in the area if they could acquire 5 acres directly north of their existing facility.

Mr. Blumberg referred to adopted City Council policy regarding homeless services in the Richards Boulevard Area and explained location changes. The Day Use Center to serve winter overflow clients during the day was a proposed deletion from the program. An additional change from the original policy was the deletion of the 100 unit Single Room Occupancy Hotel.

Dan Chan, General Produce, explained that the expansion would allow consolidation of the company's work. He introduced his partners and commented on the history of three generations of family, and sixty five years with the City.

Consolidation of the business would: 1) allow expansion of the transportation/trucking facility; 2) allow large warehousing and easier unloading; 3) allow expansion of the administrative office; and 4) allow relocation of the truck repair terminal.

Mayor Serna established with Mr. Blumberg that A Street dead ended at 14th Street, and was abandoned at this point. He reviewed the map and clarified current use and plans for each area. Mr. Blumberg stated that the Redevelopment Agency Resolution must change so the authorizing agent would be the executive director of the Redevelopment Agency instead of the City Manager as currently listed.

Mayor Serna made supportive comments to Mr. Chan and commended staff on having done a good job. He expressed his desire to keep General Produce here.

A motion was made by Council member Fargo, seconded by Council member Waters, to adopt (A-C) City Resolution 98-559, and (A-C) Agency Resolution 98-055, as amended.

Ms. Fargo commented that staff's proposal was a creative solution to the problem.

Council member Yee agreed with Ms. Fargo's comments. He felt that the company had been a valuable, supportive part of the community. Mr. Yee expressed concerns about Union Gospel's intention to remodel. Ms. Fargo advised that it was not so much an expansion as a repair process that was planned.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Walter McDaniel, representing the Consolidated Social Services Complex

Advisory Committee as Chair, advised that seventeen members made up the committee and were representative of the diversity of the community. They unanimously supported this recommendation. They supported the relocation of beds and the expansion of social services. They supported the proposal in order to avoid the loss of two hundred jobs. There was no negative impact expected to plans for the social services complex.

Connie Miotiel representing the Capitol Station district, observed that this was a unique point in time, with all businesses, County, City, staff and agencies working cooperatively to facilitate an agreement. Ms. Miotiel expressed her support, saying she was happy to be able to keep General Produce.

Mayor Serna expressed his support to Cheryl Davis, County Director of Human Assistance.

The motion carried with a 9-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-559

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH
GENERAL PRODUCE AND MODIFYING THE SOCIAL
SERVICE COMPLEX POLICIES

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 98-055

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH
GENERAL PRODUCE AND MODIFYING THE SOCIAL
SERVICE COMPLEX POLICIES

- 4.3 Status of Sacramento's Comprehensive Alcohol Treatment Center (CATC), located at 700 North 5th Street, Richards Blvd. Redevelopment Area (D-1)
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Paul Blumberg, Downtown Development Group, presented the report.

As part of the City/County approval of the new public inebriate, or "detox" program, now referred to as the Comprehensive Alcohol Treatment Center (CATC), staff was directed to report back with an evaluation of the initial operation of the program.

This report back summarized information gathered from the Volunteers of America (VOA), the City of Sacramento Police Department ("City Police"), and Downtown Sacramento Partnership Guide Patrol ("Partnership") staff, all of whom had maintained statistics on program-related issues. Although the period of data gathering had been short, staff concluded that the program was effecting an improvement in the public inebriate problem and was achieving most of the original program goals and objectives. County, City, and VOA staff had identified a number of new program objectives to be implemented in the coming months in order to improve the overall effectiveness of the program.

On December 4, 1997, the CATC opened at 700 North 5th Street, in the County's Work Release Building. Concurrently, the former VOA-operated public-inebriate program ceased operation at 2700 Front Street. The availability of space in the County-owned Work Release Facility allowed the CATC to be implemented years in advance of when funding would be available to construct a new facility.

Mr. Blumberg advised that a "hard core" group of repeat inebriates had been identified by City Police with eighty people having been in the program ten times or more. These individuals followed a continuous

pattern of detainment consisting of three days in the CATC, release for one, then back in for three. While the program did keep this hard core population off the street, there was an urgency to find other solutions for their chronic behavior. There was an obvious urgency to open up the long-delayed VOA recovery program in the facility, but there was also a need to consider mental health options for individuals who were not competent to make decisions on their own.

Mr. Blumberg advised that the Central Downtown area was the source of 33% of detainees, followed by the Mid-town area, with 24%. While the downtown area may be a popular area for public inebriates to gather, Downtown Partnership Guides had reported a dramatic decrease in exhibitions of public drunkenness. The monthly facility capacity had been fairly consistent. There was an average of about 550 intakes per month.

The number of new clients had remained fairly consistent since the program commenced. Extreme weather and the seasonal operation of the Winter Homeless Overflow program had likely impacted the statistics. Statistics indicated that 90% of the public inebriate population were homeless.

Mr. Blumberg advised that an evaluation of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership Community Service Guide Program indicated that there had been a marked decrease in panhandling in the Downtown area. Arrests in the Downtown area were primarily within the vicinity of liquor sale locations. The Partnership staff had compiled a detailed data base and profile of the repeat offenders, which assisted the community service guides in tracking these individuals and intervening quickly when these individuals were found inebriated on the streets.

Finally, the City Police Department staff had prepared a draft ordinance under California Penal Code 397, which would make it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages to "identified" public inebriates. Code 397 allowed police to notify liquor store owners of the identity of chronic inebriates, and require the shop owner to stop selling liquor to these individuals under threat of sanction, such as was now being done in the City of Roseville. Those liquor store owners who continued to sell to identified inebriates would be committing a misdemeanor, and be subject to jail time and/or a fine.

Clint Irby, Project Director of CATC and an employee of VOA, commented that the expectation was to see basic, chronic, homeless alcoholics. Staff was seeing a fair number on one-timers who did not like the program, and did not return. Mr. Irby discussed the core group, reporting that there were close to one hundred people who were encouraged to get into the recovery program. There had been some success with that. Some participants were sober for 30-60 days, higher than the expected day or two. This information was offered to participants as hope that improvement was possible. Mr. Irby stated that there was push for more pick-ups, and his group was encouraging the public to contact them to refer family members.

Vice Mayor Cohn expressed surprise that over eighty individuals had been through the program ten or more times. He asked if the misdemeanor jail was the next step. Mr. Irby agreed that it was, adding that the police were working with that staff to set a court date.

Ryan Loofbourrow, Director of the Community Service Guides Program, Downtown Partnership, used charts to indicate call-ups for the inebriate wagon. He remarked that panhandling was way down. Vice Mayor Cohn inquired as to the number of incidents, to which Mr. Loofbourrow

responded that the chronic inebriate pick-ups occurred mostly around 10th and K Streets, and there had been some reduction in the number of calls.

Mr. Blumberg commented that staff had received calls from Oakland, Long Beach, and Los Angeles asking how we were doing with this program. He added that we were unique in California and statistics would be kept.

Council member Fargo expressed her thanks to staff and the VOA for getting the program up and running. Regarding the identified hard core group, work was being done to resolve that issue and Ms. Fargo wanted the misdemeanor jail opened. She added that if the County didn't do this, the City must explore an alternative. Ms. Fargo congratulated the VOA, the County, the City, and the Downtown Partnership.

Council member Hammond noted that the hard core individuals needed to be taken off the streets, but questioned how to go about that. Mr. Blumberg advised that the City would be working with the County to have competency hearings for the very ill core individuals who were unable to function on their own.

Cheryl Davis, Director, County Department of Human Assistance, commented that many were such long-term alcoholics that even if they didn't drink, the level of residual alcohol in their blood registered as that of an inebriated individual. Long-term alcohol abuse affected brain function and those individuals needed long-term care. Many were eligible for help from the Veteran's Administration.

Council member Steinberg commented that he was struck by the statistics. He asked what percentage of the people had serious mental health problems. Mr. Irby responded that a referral system was being set up with Sacramento Mental Health and about one per cent of the population was in crisis situations. Mr. Steinberg inquired about the competency hearings and what percentage had been deemed incompetent thus far. Mr. Irby responded that only one had, and regarding recidivism, individuals were urged to go into a recovery program. If they wouldn't go, they would eventually drink themselves to death.

Council member Kerth asked what the blood alcohol content for core offenders was after 72 hours. Mr. Irby advised that it was zero, but chronic alcoholics became inebriated faster. Their systems stopped removing alcohol from the body and their brain function decreased. Mr. Kerth asked whether people could be kept longer who had higher blood alcohol levels. Mr. Irby responded that couldn't actually be done, and it wouldn't change the behavior to keep them longer. He said chronic alcoholics needed to be in a recovery program. Mr. Kerth asked whether the facility was full. Mr. Irby advised that it depended on seasonal factors and that cold weather increased the numbers. Mr. Kerth determined with Mr. Irby that individuals were tracked through the Day Sergeant at the Sacramento Police Dept.

Connie Miotiel commented that the Richards Boulevard community appreciated the VOA and considered them to be good neighbors. Ms. Miotiel requested the City, the County, and the VOA to follow up on providing the beds, the van, and the misdemeanor jail.

For Council information; received and filed.

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5.0 SHRA

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6.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

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7.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL (MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA)

7.1 R.G. Stuter expressed concerns about a possible conflict of interest regarding a \$2.3 million SHRA grant to CADA. Upon being questioned by Council member Cohn, Mr. Stuter was uncertain about the location of the project in question. He promised to send a detailed letter to Mr. Cohn.

7.2 Alex St. James suggested that the Council raise a Blue Ribbon Committee to consider a pay increase for the City Council members. He urged that they become full-time employees.

Mr. St. James advised that he was just graduating from the City Manager's Academy, where he had learned about the street-flooding problems in Sacramento. He urged that concerned citizens in affected communities participate in clearing the drains and not depend entirely upon Utility crews.

Mayor Serna commented that some neighbors did help clear drains, some did not. The problem was a direct result of the voters' preference to allow the deposit of green waste at the curbside, which in turn clogged the drains.

Council member Kerth commented, regarding a pay raise for Council members, that voters must be shown that they got what they pay for. Mr. St. James responded that Council members should be paid at least what Waste Management employees received.

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8.0 RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:35 P.M.

8.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) for the following pending litigation matters:

- A. Joshua Thoreson vs. City of Sacramento, Sacramento Superior Court No. 97AS06413.
- B. Patrick Dowden vs. City of Sacramento, et al, Sacramento Superior Case Number 98AS04996.

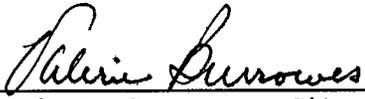
8.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 for personnel matters pertaining to the appointment of a City Manager

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved



Jimmie R. Yee, Mayor