

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

OCTOBER 13, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:05 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council member Fargo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Serna

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 Resolution honoring Ken Morton, Sr., for being selected as the 1998 PGA Golf Professional of the year and the 1998 PGA Merchandiser of the Year.

Mayor Serna presented the resolution to Ken Morton, and recognized him for forty years of service at the Haggin Oaks Golf Course. He also commented on the facility at Land Park, which would soon have a youth component: "Say Golf."

Ken Morton accepted the award and stated it was an honor and privilege to be the City's golf pro.

- 9.2 Resolution recognizing and congratulating Ron Radigonda, former City staff member for plus 25 years who has accepted the position of Executive Director for the American Softball Association in Oklahoma City.

Ron Radigonda accepted the resolution and spoke of his involvement in softball and his twenty-five years+ with the City.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

11.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 11.1 Midtown Neighborhood Preservation Transportation Plan (PN:TG86) - Temporary closure of C and D Streets, restriction of traffic through alley bounded by

27th, 28th, D and E Streets (Restriction of Traffic Proceeding No. RT98-01) and project status report - area bounded by 16th Street, Alhambra Boulevard, C and L Streets. (D-3)

- A. Make certain findings of fact required for the restriction of traffic through the D and E alley between 27th and 28th Streets; and
- B. Approve the temporary test closure of C Street near Blue Diamond Growers.

Ken Grehm, Public Work Senior Engineer, presented the amended resolution. He informed Council that staff would bring back the closure of C Street at a future time. He focused on alley restrictions, the alleys having been affected by the previously implemented traffic calming project. He also spoke about future signal modification.

Mr. Grehm stated that a report to Council on the findings of "before" versus "after" data would be made in February. At that time staff would explain closure options and probable outcomes and would request direction from Council on whether to pursue/study closure options.

At this time one alley restriction was being requested: the alley bounded by 27th and 28th Streets, and D and E Streets.

Council member Cohn reported that he had heard from one constituent who objected to the gate. Most responses had been positive, and one suggestion had been for one-way traffic on the alley. He stated that overall, most people liked the idea. Mr. Cohn stated that he met once a month with neighborhoods to discuss ideas. He clarified that the truck route on C Street and the Blue Diamond test would be brought back at a later date. He was interested in any additional concerns.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Christi Root, resident of 415 27th Street, lived in a house that backed up to the alley. She complained that there was a lot of traffic through the alley and she couldn't use her yard for lack of privacy and excessive dust. She also voiced concern about safety, with the traffic driving at excessive speeds. She spoke in support of the alley closure.

John Leffingwell stated that the alley closure was necessary because of the half street closures. He argued that the half street closures did not work, they simply diverted traffic problems to other streets.

Dan Root spoke in support of the closure. He spoke about the safety issue and thanked Mr. Grehm for the proposal.

Mayor Serna established with Marty Hanneman, Public Works, that there would be signage at the entrance of the alley.

Debra Madison spoke against the proposal. She had a list of signatures who did not want the gate. She said it would send more cars down D Street. She objected to the use of a key for the gate in emergencies, and claimed it was a \$2000 band-aid. She did support the one way alley concept.

Council member Cohn suggested that this was a temporary closure to test how it would work, and that the final decision would be made in February. Ms. Madison did not wish to have even a temporary closure.

Rick Vallejo stated the problem was the half street closures, and wanted to see the money spent for removal of the half street closures.

Buck Wilson supported the alley closures, but not at this time. He said Mr. Grehm was an engineer, not a traffic planner. He believed the D Street residents would not be placated.

Mr. Cohn stated that with the substantial controversy, he was not prepared to move the item at this time.

Mayor Serna suggested that the neighborhoods initiated this project and that it was grass roots from the beginning. He said the fight was not with Council but with each other in the neighborhood. He warned that the constituents needed to work out the conflict themselves.

Council member Cohn commented that the facts would be presented in February and that a better decision could be made then.

Council member Hammond stated that she had lived at 27th and E and that perhaps some of the folks were not aware of how severe the problem had been. She said the traffic was really brisk. She had read over 300 letters in support of the traffic calming before it began.

A motion was made by Council member Cohn, seconded by Council member Steinberg, to table the item indefinitely. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote, with Council member Fargo being absent.

12.0 **SHRA**

None

13.0 **COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS**

13.1 Councilman Waters requested a report back on the problems with the Chamber video equipment. Valerie Burrowes, City Clerk, explained that the camera robotics had ceased working and were being repaired.

13.2 Councilman Waters requested a report back on the downtown hotel at 13th and J Streets. Bill Edgar, City Manager, replied that a report was scheduled for Council on October 27th.

13.3 Councilman Steinberg announced for Councilwoman Fargo the end of summer clean-up in the downtown area on Wednesday, October 14th from 8:30 to noon. Volunteers are to meet in St. Rose of Lima Park. A barbeque in Cesar Chavez Park will follow the event.

13.4 Councilman Steinberg stated that he would be contacting Union Pacific again about the unsafe condition of the railroad crossing at 21st and Power Inn Road.

13.5 Councilwoman Pannell thanked everyone involved with the clean-up in Meadowview last Saturday.

14.0 **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL AGENCY OR AUTHORITIES BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE OR TELEPHONICALLY ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

14.1 Virginia Murray addressed the Council about graffiti on her property in East Sacramento. Councilman Cohn assured her that the volunteer graffiti squad in East Sacramento would assist her with its removal.

14.2 John CALLED in to speak against the traffic calming patterns in mid-town. He said they made it difficult to get around the City.

15.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

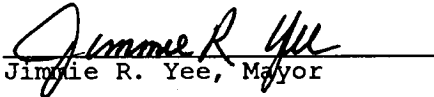
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. in memory of Myrna Moll, Mother-in-law of Councilwoman Fargo.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved



Jimmie R. Yee, Mayor