

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE NAME: LAW AND LEGISLATION
MEETING DATE: March 7, 1995
MEETING TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 915 I STREET, 2ND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

PRESENT: Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson, Committee members Steinberg and Cohn

ABSENT: Committee member Fargo

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON BY ONE MOTION. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR STAFF MAY REQUEST AN ITEM TO BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 Proposed Schedule of Parking Penalties

Mike Melvin Chief of On Street Parking walked the Committee through the changes that were being proposed.

Councilmember Cohn asked that a notice be put in the City Utility Bill that would outline the increases for the parking penalties. He explained that because of the aggressive enforcement that the City has been pursuing, it would be a good idea to let City residents know what the new fine will be.

Councilmember Cohn also asked about the Denver Boot. Mike Melvin explained that the Denver Boot was working quite well.

Councilmember Steinberg agreed with Councilmember Cohn regarding the Utility Bill idea. He stated that he had recently gotten a lot of calls regarding violations for parking on unimproved property and vacant lots.

Chairperson Ortiz stated that different types of violations were causing a lot of constituent calls. It is our new aggressive image. We are now enforcing ordinance provisions that have always been in effect. She feels that it is important to make sure that people are given a notice first before the citation.

Mike Melvin stated that the yearly increase in revenues from the increase in fines would be \$200,000 a year and for the remainder of this year we could expect to see \$50,000.

Mike Melvin also stated that Parking will do a survey regarding not having metered parking on the weekends in certain targeted areas. The study will include lost revenue for the City.

Chairperson Ortiz was concerned about no parking in the alleys. In some places in Curtis Park, there is no street parking available and the only parking would be alley parking. Mike Melvin explained that the enforcement officers do not usually go into alleys unless they have gotten a specific complaint from a neighbor.

This item was unanimously approved to be forward to the City Council.

2.2 Ordinance Relating to Dangerous Building and Historic Buildings.

Dick Hastings of the Planning Division presented this item to the Law and Legislation Committee. He discussed the changes that were being suggested and the reasoning behind the changes. He explained that this was Phase I. That within the next few months the entire ordinance should be revised. The reason they were doing this in Phases was because they did not want any historic building torn down.

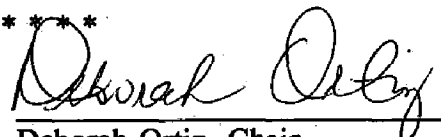
Chairperson Ortiz commented that it was very important not to lose any historically significant properties. This amendment will allow building to be rehabed in an easier manner than previously.

Roxanne Miller, member of Board of Directors of the Heritage, Inc., explained that this was a quick fix - Phase I. She explained that public input process that this ordinance went through as well as the discussion by the Design Review Board. This ordinance will provide a higher level of coordination.

Chairperson Ortiz acknowledged a letter that was received from the President of SOCA.

This item was moved by Steinberg and seconded by Ortiz. Councilmember Cohn was not absent. The vote was unanimous to forward this item to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.


Deborah Ortiz, Chair

ATTEST:


Marti Flores, Secretary