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Joint Budget and Finance/
Transportation and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Sacramento Sports Commission

SUMMARY

This report provides information related to formation of the Sacramento Sports Commission. Further, this report recommends that City Council, by resolution, approve five individuals to serve on the Sacramento Sports Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 11, 1987, the City Council, at the suggestion of Councilman Joe Serna, directed the City Manager to research the possibility of establishing a professional baseball commission. Staff of the Department of Parks and Community Services began this task by contacting cities which were known to have some form of baseball or sports commission whose intent was to bring professional baseball to their communities. Thirteen cities in the nation and Canada were contacted. Staff also met with representatives of local groups interested in the concept. On the basis of the information gathered, staff was prepared to recommend to the City Council the formation of a task force to evaluate the feasibility of a "baseball commission."

On October 13, 1987, the City Council concurred with staff's recommendations and by resolution, established a task force. The appointed task force members were David Dowell, Controller for the Sacramento Sports Association; Grantland Johnson, County Supervisor for District 5; John Jones, President of Commerce Savings Bank and representative of CHAMPS; Catherine MacMillan, President of the Board, Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Joe Serna, City Councilman for District 5. Staff of the task force consisted of David Gross, Director of

Economic Development, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce; Mike Seward, President, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce; and Robert P. Thomas, Director of Parks and Community Services.

The task force held six meetings for the purpose of gathering public input and to evaluate the structure, purpose, and financing of the commission. As a result of these meetings, a viable tool was produced that could be used to attract professional sports franchises and major professional and amateur sporting events to the Sacramento area. The task force's final report recommended that the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors adopt companion ordinances establishing the Sacramento Sports Commission, and this was accomplished on June 8 and June 14, 1988, respectively.

In accordance with those ordinances [City Ordinance No. 88-039, Section 60.152 (a) (1) through (5) and County Ordinance No. SCC 0732, Section 2.125.030, (a) (1) through (5)], the Commission will consist of seven members, five of which are to be recommended by their respective agencies and appointed by the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Their recommendations are as follows:

Sacramento City Council: Joe Serna, Jr.
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors: Grantland Johnson
Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau: Catherine MacMillan
Sacramento Sports Association: David Dowell
Committee to Help Attract Major Professional Sports (CHAMPS): John Jones

Upon their approval by City Council and Board of Supervisors, the five commission members shall interview candidates for the two at-large commission positions and recommend two of the candidates submitting applications for appointment and will make recommendations to the City Council and Board of Supervisors for approval. [City Ordinance No. 88-039, Section 60.152 (a) (6); and County Ordinance No. SCC 0732, Section 2.125.030 (a) (6)]. Recruitment of, and receiving applications for at-large candidates is the responsibility of the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors.

FINANCIAL DATA

No City funds are required.

Sacramento Sports Commission members are not compensated for their time. Parks and Community Services staff support for the Commission will be absorbed by the department budget. Should the Sports Commission be successful in attracting a professional baseball club to Sacramento, it is expected that such an amenity would have a positive economic impact on the community through creation of jobs, increased spending, and tax revenue.

October 13, 1988

RECOMMENDATION

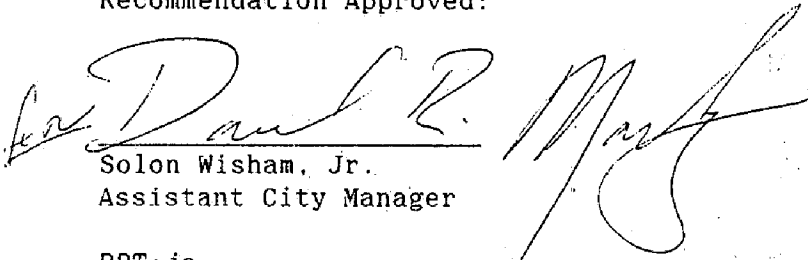
It is recommended that the joint Budget and Finance/Transportation and Community Development Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, approve the five individuals recommended by their respective agencies to serve on the Sacramento Sports Commission according to the by-laws of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert P. Thomas, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:



Solon Wisham, Jr.
Assistant City Manager

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October 25, 1988
All Districts

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

RESOLUTION NAMING CITIZENS TO SERVE ON THE SACRAMENTO SPORTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Ordinance No. 88-039, added Article XII of Chapter 60, Section 60.150 through 60.154 to the Sacramento City Code, thereby approving the formation of this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk for the County of Sacramento solicited and received representation from the five adopted agencies set forth in the previously mentioned guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following named appointees are herewith appointed to serve without compensation on the Sacramento Sports Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Joe Serna, Jr.	Sacramento City Council	1989
Grantland Johnson	Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	1989
Catherine MacMillan	Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau	1989
David Dowell	Sacramento Sports Association	1989
John Jones	Committee to Help Attract Major Professional Sports (CHAMPS)	1989

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK