

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

DECEMBER 8, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 7:03 p.m. on the above dated in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Serna

9.0 **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

10.0 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10.1 Coral Business Center - early policy review (ER98-001). (D-1)

A motion was made by councilman Waters, seconded by Councilwoman Hammond to continue this item to January 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote.

11.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

11.1 Red Light Camera Enforcement System. (D-All)

- A. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with U.S. Public Technologies (USPT) for the installation of an automated red light camera enforcement system;
- B. Increase the Police Department's Traffic Safety Fund revenue budget \$625,121 to reflect the projected additional revenue to be received in FY 1998-99;
- C. Increase the Police Department's Traffic Safety Fund expenditure budget \$408,914 to provide for the projected FY 1998-99 citation processing costs; and
- D. Direct staff to develop annual budget proposals for these new funds based on equal allocations to the following Traffic Safety Fund eligible expenditure categories:
  - Enforcement - One-third allocated to the Police Department
  - Engineering - One-third allocated to the Public Works

This item was continued to December 15, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

#### WORKSHOP

- 11.2 *Master Plan for Park Facilities and Recreation Services* (continued from 2 p.m. meeting, item 4.1)  
[Phase I, Parks and Recreational Facilities; Phase II, Land Park Study]
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Gary Little, Area Manager, stated that staff was available to answer questions from Council.

Councilman Cohn commented that Council priorities needed to be discussed. He felt that development fees needed to be in-line with other cities such as Roseville and Folsom. He asked if the City could charge the State the same fees that were charged to commercial accounts.

Sam Jackson, City Attorney, replied that his staff was currently researching that issue.

Mr. Cohn confirmed that property leased by the State could be taxed.

Mr. Jackson replied that was correct.

Mr. Little recommended separating the fee issue/discussion from the rest of the study.

Mr. Cohn stated that the City had been criticized for its lack of planning on the issue of parks. He stressed the importance of park acreage and said that fields were needed throughout the City for soccer teams. The school fields were often brown from the lack of water. In conclusion, he said he felt what was being presented today was a list of issues, not a master plan. He urged staff to move forward with this issue.

Councilman Yee stated that he needed a breakdown on the impact fee.

Tina-Lee-Vogt presented the second phase of the discussion - the William Land Park Study. She said this park was approximately 240 acres, of which 160 acres were developed as lakes, outdoor gardens, athletic fields and picnic areas. The Park also contained the Sacramento Zoo, Fairytale Town, Funderland, pony rides, an amphitheater and an executive (9-hole) golf course.

Ms. Vogt spoke next of the scope of the Land Park Study. She said an analysis had been done of existing facilities; public workshops had been conducted for community input; maintenance operations had been reviewed and analyzed; and development and program fee policies had been evaluated.

According to Ms. Vogt, the Land Park Planning Committee, which consisted of representatives from City departments, Sacramento City College (SCC), and the Land Park Community Association, focused on four basic priorities: public safety, traffic and parking, event coordination, and general park use.

Ms. Vogt stated that the Planning Committee recommended prohibiting alcohol consumption in the Park as a public safety issue. Recommendations related to traffic and parking included identifying and permitting additional parking in the park during peak use times and special events; organizing parking through a striping program; discouraging Sacramento City College student parking in the Park; and limiting parking on 13<sup>th</sup> Street to one-way traffic to enhance parking on both sides of the street.

Ms. Vogt said the recommendation for event coordination was the development and construction of another regional park with features comparable to Land Park. To assist with general park use, the committee recommended developing and constructing a 2-loop pedestrian trail system. They also agreed that the review and recommendations for changes to park operations should be the responsibility of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Serna asked if there had been any discussions with SCC regarding their parking needs; Ms. Vogt replied yes, there had been discussions. She added that staff was considering posted parking and working with the college and students for viable solutions.

Mayor Serna stated that Land Park was more of a regional park and he questioned how staff planned to deal with this issue.

Ms. Vogt replied that staff would try to offer other large parks for community events.

Mr. Yee thanked staff for continuing the workshop to this evening to accommodate the public. He spoke to each of the issues raised by staff. He said he felt it might not be a good idea to prohibit alcohol, as family picnics and baseball games often served beer as a beverage. He urged the Los Rios district to work together with staff to help solve the parking problem which he described as "huge". He said he felt the City had become better at event coordination, but that more needed to be done. On the issue of traffic and parking he recommended looking at parallel parking as a solution. He also recommended that staff consider re-opening the closed loop section of the park.

Councilwoman Hammond agreed that parking was a huge problem. However, she said she did not think that it was a big priority for the Los Rios district.

Councilwoman Fargo recommended using Lighting and Landscaping district funds for pedestrian trails, and partnering with the Los Rios district by building a parking garage as a revenue generating project. She also recommended placing parking meters in Land Park, allowing free parking only on week-ends.

Ms. Vogt replied that parking meters were suggested by the consultant, but most people were against the idea, especially because of aesthetics.

Mr. Little informed the Council that staff was looking for Council's input and would return with recommendations to implement Council's ideas.

Mr. Cohn said he would like staff to report back on either parking meters or a system of paid parking for the Park.

Councilman Waters stated that he would also like to hear about parking charges.

Mayor Serna also requested a report back on paid parking for the Park and the concept of a jointly-owned parking structure. He also recommended applying pressure to the Los Rios School district.

Mr. Waters inquired if there was a lack of parking for the golfers. Mayor Serna replied sometimes, but not usually.

Mr. Yee suggested that meters on the east section of the Park would move the students farther west.

Steve Kahn, representing the Land Park Community Association, spoke about the importance of Land Park for its local residents. He said public safety had long been a problem due to unlit parking at night. According to City Police, most crime, including car thefts occur within the park. He felt this would not occur if the park were well lighted.

Mr. Kahn said tripping the pavement for park was not popular with the neighbors. However, most of the dialogue has been very positive.

Mayor Serna asked if the jogging path would be a CIP; Ms. Vogt replied yes, it would be.

Kevin Donally recommended that the smaller parks in the downtown area needed more amenities.

This information was received and filed.

12.0 SHRA

None

13.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

13.1 Councilwoman Hammond announced that there would be a Winterfest 1998 at Ethel Phillips Elementary School, 2930 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, off Franklin Boulevard, on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be there as well as snow!

13.2 Mayor Serna made the following nominations to the Oak Park Project Area Committee: Kevin Brown, Sharon Chandler, Edenausageboye Davis, and Lamont Harris.

13.3 Mayor Serna requested the City Manager to respond to an recent newspaper article involving a citizen from Oak Park, a U.C. Med Center police officer and a Sacramento police officer.

City Manager Edgar replied that, by Charter, the Chief of Police would be handling this incident initially, with final action by the City Manager. He said he would brief the Council when the investigation was complete.

Mayor Serna expressed great concern about what he had read in the paper.

13.4 Councilman Waters requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sandy Larson, a veteran Sheriff's officer, who had been killed in an auto accident this date.

13.5 Councilwoman Hammond thanked Mayor Serna for his request to the City Manager regarding the Oak Park resident.

13.6 Councilwoman Pannell invited the Council to attend "Santa Sam" festivities at the Pannell Community Center, on Thursday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

13.7 Mayor Serna announced that there would be a multi-cultural holiday celebration at the Sacramento Theater Company on Friday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>. He would be reading "The Night Before Christmas"

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

None

15.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

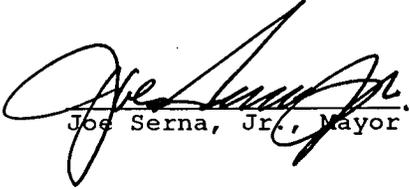
—re being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. in memory of Sandy Larson, Sacramento Sheriff's officer.

Submitted



Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved



Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor