

SPECIAL MEETING
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 1953

FLUORIDATION

The Honorable City Council met in Special Session on this date at hour of 7:35 o'clock P. M. Mayor Wood presiding and roll call was answered by the following members: Councilmen Azevedo, Bahnfleth, Geisreiter, Hendren, Hicks, Sayre, Wood. ABSENT: Councilmen Seymour. Councilman Culjis arrived later.

Executed copy of the call for the meeting issued by the Mayor was presented by the City Clerk and ordered filed.

675

Foregoing call stated purpose of the meeting to be a public hearing on fluoridation of the domestic water supply of the City of Sacramento and to consider any other official business coming regularly before the City Council or presented by the City Manager.

In addition to the members of the City Council the following officers were also present: Acting City Manager Fairbairn, City Attorney Glenn, Health Officer Dr. Church, Water Superintendent Hoskinson and Assistant Superintendent Jones.

There were approximately 65 persons in attendance.

Mayor Wood announced the purpose of the meeting and stated it was the desire of the Council to fully hear the presentation by both sides of the question of fluoridation; that those favoring fluoridation would be granted one hour and those opposed the same, that the privilege of a one-half hour rebuttal would be granted each side, and that the communications for and against would also be read, proceeding respectively, the proponents and opponents, and upon request of the Mayor to ascertain the number desiring to address the Council seven raised their hands on each side of the subject.

Upon order of the City Council to present all communications heretofore withheld pending the hearing, the City Clerk then proceeded to read those favoring fluoridation as follows:

676

Sacramento Council of Parent-Teacher Associations	Filed 3/5/53
Sam G. Grosch	" 5/22/52
Petition bearing 55 names	" 5/8/52

The following communications requesting that matter be submitted to the Vote of The People were read:

677

Julia Haas, 3240 - 24th Street	Filed 5/15/52
Mrs. Sam Morse, Sr., 4332 - 52nd Street	" 5/22/52
Mrs. Keith E. Walker, 3611 E. Curtis Park Drive	" "
Sarah E. Burnham, 3205 - 11th Avenue	" "
Mrs. Vivian Howard, 1216 - 47th Street	" "

Jack Hicok, Chairman of the Citizens Committee for Fluoridation, addressed the City Council and announced the panel of speakers the committee desired to present and submitted the following for the record:

678

Survey of cities using fluoridation throughout the United States,	Filed 5/18/53
List of organizations endorsing fluoridation of Sacramento water supply	" "
Pamphlet entitled "Fluoridation Facts" published by American Dental Association, February 1953,	" "
Analysis of the Congressional Delaney Committee Report,	" "
A list of the speakers the committee desired to present to the City Council.	" "

The Mayor thereupon ordered that foregoing documents be ordered filed.

The following thereupon were introduced and addressed City Council in favor of the fluoridation of the Sacramento domestic water supply.

Dr. Richard G. Soutar, School Physician, Sacramento City School District;
Dr. John E. Hines, practicing dentist in Sacramento, Sacramento District Dental Society;
Dr. Charles E. Grayson, speaking for Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement;
Dr. Sidney Epstein, San Francisco dentist, representing the California State Dental Ass'n;
Dr. Henry M. Leicester, Professor, speaking on the biochemistry of fluoridation.

At the expiration of the hour, Chairman Hicok yielded the floor to the opposition.

The Mayor then announced that one hour would be granted opponents of fluoridation and the City Clerk thereupon presented communications from the following in opposition to fluoridation of the Sacramento domestic water supply:

679

L. M. Riggs, 3741 - 2nd Avenue	Filed 5/22/52
Mrs. Ada M. Bardone, 3625 - 2nd Avenue	" "
Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain, 732 - 35th Street	" "
Mrs. Leola F. Rowell, 3230 - 24th Street	" 5/15/52
Perne M. Scott, 3240 - 24th Street	" "
Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton, 541 Santa Ynez Way	" "
Mrs. V. Robinson, 1528 - 35th Street	" "
P. D. Robinson, 1528 - 35th Street	" "
Mrs. C. B. Poppe	" "
Fred & Myrtle Hildreth, 2943 - 22nd Street	" "
Hazel D. Johnson, 1821 - F Street	" "
Mildred and Frank M. Ritz, 3111 Perryman Way	" "

Mrs. Addie Hilliard, 834 - 56th Street	Filed 5/8/52
Mrs. Clarence Johnson, 2306 Capitol Avenue	" "
Mrs. Addie Hilliard, 834 - 56th Street	" "
Mrs. W. S. Hartley, 4449 North Park Drive	" 5/15/52
Mrs. Evelyn Scrivener, 2243 Shaw Street	" 5/8/52

The City Clerk also then read the following communications requesting that the City Council delay action pending further study and investigation:

Mrs. Julia B. Gray, 2425 Eye Street	Filed 5/8/52
Mrs. George D. Mekeel, 1001 - 45th Street	" 5/15/52
Mrs. Theo Sweatt, 4981 Del Norte Boulevard	" 5/8/52

680

A communication was also read from Marion S. Alderton with reference to article by Hastings College of Law with reference to legal phases of the issue and miscellaneous other articles attached to communication.

681

A communication from John J. Cowin, 2575 Land Park Drive attaching a copy of extract from Christian Science Monitor and "Commentary on Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies" published by the University of Arizona.

682

Mr. Albert J. McDonald, Chemist, Lodi, California, in opposition to fluoridation who presented photostat of letter from University of Arizona and a copy of Dr. Ginns petition of Worcester.

683

Rex Thomas, Nutritionist, 2209 - 9th Street, addressed Council in opposition.

Councilman Culjis arrived.

Glen Fishback, 823 1/2 - J Street, Sacramento, addressed Council requesting said body to oppose fluoridation.

W. R. Woock, Chemist, Lodi, California, addressed Council appealing for opposition to fluoridation of city water and presented photostats of communications to and from University of Cincinnati re \$17,355.00 prize awarded a student, which was ordered filed.

684

Mrs. Golda Franzen of San Francisco, California, addressed City Council in opposition and present pamphlet on the subject which was ordered filed.

685

Dr. E. L. Dryden of the City of Sacramento, addressed Council in opposition to fluoridation.

The Mayor in closing the hour allotted to the opposition, then granted a recess at hour of 9:50 o'clock P. M. which was taken until hour of 10:00 o'clock P. M. at which time to Council re-assembled with the eight members present and hearing proceeded.

The Mayor then turned back the floor to proponents for the one-half hour rebuttal and the following upon being introduced by the Citizens Committee Chairman participated therein, viz:

E. Taylor Dykes, D.D.S., Public Health Dental Officer, State of California Dept. of Public Health, stating the Public Health aspect and experience in California with fluoridation;

Mr. W. S. Hyde, Wallace & Tierman Sales Corporation, speaking on technical aspects of fluoridation.

The Mayor then invited opponents to answer in a one-half hour rebuttal and the following addressed the Council.

Mrs. Golda Franzen, San Francisco, California.

Councilman Culjis was excused from the meeting.

The Mayor again offered the floor to the proponents whose arguments were summarized by Jack Hicok and the following concluded the presentation in favor of fluoridation.

Dr. Henry M. Leicester, Professor, College of Physicians and Surgeons;
Dr. E. Taylor Dykes, Public Health Dental Officer.

With the privilege granted by the Chair, the following opponents also again addressed the City Council.

Mr. Rex Thomas, Nutritionist;
Mr. Albert J. McDonald, Chemist;
Mrs. Golda Franzen;
Mrs. A. R. Malcolm, Auburn, California;
Riley Clements, Natural Health Clinic, 1017 J Street.

At hour of 11:40 o'clock P. M., the Mayor declared the hearing closed and thanked all those present for the orderly manner in which cooperation was extended the Chair and that the City Council was supplied with very valuable information on the subject.

686

Councilman Hicks moved that hearing be declared closed and the question of fluoridation be taken under advisement. Seconded by Councilman Azevedo and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Azevedo, Bahnfleth, Geisreiter, Hendren, Hicks, Sayre, Wood.

ABSENT: Councilmen Bahnfleth, Seymour.

Council adjourned at hour of 11:45 o'clock P. M.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF
MAY 21ST, 1953

Leslie Wood
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paul H. Manby
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK

(Soundsciber Records #83 to#90, entire meeting recorded)