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MINUTES OF LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 31, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chairman and Councilman Terry Kastanis. Also present were Councilmen Doug Pope, Bill Smallman, and Dave Shore.

1. Request for Opposition to AB 3578 (Duffy) and SB 247 (Ayala) Relating to Traffic Violation School for Traffic Violators. Lt. White of the Sacramento Police Department was present to discuss this matter. There was some discussion as to why the Police Department wished the Council to oppose this bill. Lt. White stated that it gave first offenders an automatic write-off if they choose to go to traffic school instead. He also stated the Police Department feels these bills are self-serving to private traffic schools, many of which have had their credentials questioned before. He explained some of the advertised traffic schools: Free lottery ticket upon completion; "less stress" traffic school; "lunch and learn" traffic school; etc.

Dave Shore moved, Bill Smallman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to oppose AB 3578 and SB 247, and the Committee will make that recommendation to the full Council.

2. Request for Opposition to AB 4058 (Vicencia) Relating to Concealed Weapons Permits. Lt. White of the Police Department also discussed this bill. He explained that 90% of the people would qualify for, and thus receive, a concealed weapon under this bill.

Bill Smallman moved, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to oppose AB 4058.

3. Request for Opposition to AB 3945 Establishing a New Account in the Penalty Assessment Fund Collected by the Courts for Criminal and Vehicle Code Offenses. Lt. White represented the Police Department on this matter also. He stated that the City receives funding at the present time from the Penalty Assessment Fund, and that this bill would cut into that "piece of pie", and that the money the City now receives from this fund isn't enough, as it is, for the necessary training.

Dave Shore moved, Doug Pope seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to oppose AB 3945.

4. Hazardous Materials Clean-Up Ordinance. Diane Balter, Deputy City Attorney, was present to discuss this matter on behalf of the Fire Department. There was considerable discussion regarding toxics disposal in the City. Doug Pope suggested that Attorney Balter send a copy of the proposed ordinance to American Environmental for them to review prior to Council action on the matter.

Doug Pope moved, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to enact the hazardous materials clean-up ordinance.

5. Legislative Update and Recommended Agency Position Statements, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Leo Goto, Kurt Findeisen, and Bill Edgar of the Housing and Redevelopment Agency were present to discuss this legislative update for their agency. Mr. Findeisen discussed at length and in detail the items his agency wished this Committee to act upon, using the data incorporated in the agenda packet as his guideline. Because of the broad range of information covered, the Committee members were unsure as to whether they were expected to take a stand on anything. Mr. Edgar informed the Committee members that he did in fact hope that they would take a position. Doug Pope felt that the issues were too broad to act upon after a five-minute discussion of them.

Dave Shore moved the staff recommendation, except for the tax reform section and Item D-4 relating to Social Security (both found in the Housing and Redevelopment Staff Report included in the agenda packet for this agenda item). There was no second.

Terry Kastanis moved that the Committee go along with staff's full recommendation, as he doesn't see how this Agency can operate without these recommendations. There was no second.

Terry Kastanis stated that there is no other motion at this time, and it was agreed to carry the matter to Council without recommendations.

6. Discussion of AB 1492 (Brown) Relating to Acquisitions by Bank Holding Companies. Bill Powers, a consumer advocate from Western Center on Law and Poverty, was present to discuss this matter. He stated he recommends opposing this bill in its current form. There was considerable discussion as to how this bill would affect competition among out-of-state and local banks. Mr. Powers feels that out-of-state banking institutions should be made to, and are willing to, pay for the privilege of locating in California. The bill now is to allow banks to come in without this requirement.

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Terry Kastanis moved to oppose AB 1492, unless amended to impose requirements on out-of-state banks as suggested by Mr. Powers. There was no second to this motion.

7. Request for Support for Water and Energy Conservation Measure. This item was an add-on, at the request of Mayor Anne Rudin, and involved limiting the use of removable restrictors in shower heads sold in California. Robert Larson of the Department of Public Works explained the petition filed by the City of San Jose and the East Bay Municipal Utility District regarding this matter.

Doug Pope moved to support the petition, Dave Shore seconded, and Terry Kastanis voted aye. Bill Smallman voted no, stating his opinion that there are many ways of conserving water, and that this is such a small amount being conserved compared to water being used by people watering their grass.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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