

MINUTES

OF THE

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
SACRAMENTO CITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Sacramento City Council was called to order by Mayor Serna at 2:00 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber located at 915 I Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cohn, Fargo, Kerth, Ortiz, Pannell, Steinberg, Waters, Yee and Mayor Serna

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Pannell, seconded by Councilmember Cohn, to waive the reading and adopt the Consent Calendar, Items 1.1 through 1.21 except items 1.13 and 1.18. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilmember Ortiz being absent.

Public Review Items - Informational Only

Ramona Garcia, Chair of the Board of Directors for Resources of Independent Living spoke about Item 1.9 regarding the Elevator Modernization Project saying she is supportive and commented Council should have included the disabled in the discussion process in the beginning.

Peggy Wedge spoke in favor of Item 1.21 about the Citizens Telecom's new rate structure, thanking Councilmembers Waters and Pannell in particular.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment

- 1.1 Amendment to the membership of the Community Advisory Committee for the Consolidated Social Services Complex - confirming alternate representatives. (D-1)

Council adopted Resolution 96-292 amending the membership of the Community Advisory Committee for the Consolidated Social Services Complex.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-292

AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMPLEX
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIRMING MEMBER
ORGANIZATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATE
REPRESENTATIVES

City Council

- 1.2 Annual debt service property tax override for General Obligation Municipal Improvement Bonds of 1965. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-293 regarding the annual debt service property tax override for General Obligation Municipal Improvement Bonds of 1965.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-293

RESOLUTION FIXING THE AMOUNT OF TAX TO BE
LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY
OF SACRAMENTO AND LEVYING THE SAME FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR OF 1996/97 FOR PRINCIPAL, INTEREST
AND FISCAL AGENT FEES ON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY BEFORE
JULY 1, 1978

- 1.3 Utility Users Tax Audit Program, authorize issuance of subpoenas. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-294 authorizing the issuance of subpoenas related to the Utility Users Tax Audit Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-294

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
SUBPOENAS FOR UTILITY USERS TAX AUDIT

- 1.4 Amend Title 42 (Taxicabs and Tow Cars) of the Sacramento City Code relating to taxicab vehicular permits and taxicab driver permits (PFP'd 6/11/96, item 1.2). (D-All)
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Council adopted Ordinance 96-035 amending Title 42 of the Sacramento City Code relating to taxicab vehicular permits and taxicab driver permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-035

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 42.01, 42.02 AND
42.03 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO
REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR TAXICAB
VEHICULAR PERMITS AND TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS

- 1.5 1995/96 Street Seal Coat Program Project (PN:RD13) - approve specifications and award contract to Valley Slurry Seal Company in the amount of \$970,832. (D-All)
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Council adopted staff recommendations and Resolution 96-295 for the 1995/96 Street Seal Coat Program Project approving specifications and awarding Contract No. 96-034 to Valley Slurry Seal Company in the amount of \$970,832.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-295

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$900,000
FOR THE 1995/96 STREET SEAL COAT PROGRAM PROJECT
(PN:RD13)

- 1.6 Extension of Auto and General Liability Claims Third Party Administration Services Agreement (95-056) with Gregory B. Bragg & Associates at the rate of \$18,614.68 per month, effective July 1, 1996 to September 30, 1996. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-296 extending the Auto and General Liability Claims Third Party Administration Services Agreement (95-056) with Gregory B. Bragg and Associates.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-296

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF AUTO AND
GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- 1.7 Renewal of Excess Auto and General Liability Insurance Coverage with Robert Driver Insurance Services for an annual premium of \$329,651. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-297 for the renewal of Excess Auto and General Liability Insurance Coverage with Robert Driver Insurance Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-297

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CITY'S
EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE

- 1.8 Renewal of All Risk Property Insurance Coverage with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company through Alburger Basso DeGrosz, Inc. at a premium of \$386,501. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-298 renewing All Risk Property Insurance coverage with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company through Alburger Basso DeGrosz, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-298

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CITY'S ALL
RISK PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE

- 1.9 City Hall Elevator Modernization Project (C110) - award contract to United Technologies-Otis Elevator in the amount of \$90,160. (D-All)
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Council awarded Contract No. 96-035 for the City Hall Elevator Modernization Project (C110) to United Technologies-Otis Elevator.

- 1.10 Truxel Road Interchange Project (PN:TH41/TH42/TH43), located at Interstate 80 - approval of cooperative agreement with SMUD and appropriation of funds. (D-1)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-299 approving Agreement 96-078 related to the Truxel Road Interchange Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-299

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
TO THE TRUXEL ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT
(PN:TH/TH43)

- 1.11 Franklin Boulevard and Calvine Road Traffic Signal Project (PN:SJ31) - approve plans and specifications, acceptance of bid, and award contract to M & M Electric in the amount of \$149,969. (D-8)
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Council awarded Contract No. 96-036 to M & M Electric for the Franklin Boulevard and Calvine Road Traffic Signal Project.

- 1.12 Grant citation authority to new Parking Division Employees in the Public Works Department. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-300 granting citation authority to new Parking Division Employees in the Public Works Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-300

RESOLUTION GRANTING CITATION AND ARREST
AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE
PARKING DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OR STATE LAW

- 1.13 Lease extension and modification, 926 J Street, Third Floor. (D-1)
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Mayor Serna stated staff would like to bring this item back before Council after the summer recess.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kerth, seconded by Councilmember Fargo to continue to July 23, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilmember Ortiz being absent.

- 1.14 City/County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning - approval of the FY 1996/97 Budget. (D-All)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-301 approving the FY 1996/97 Budget for the City/County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-301

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 1996/97 OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE CITY - COUNTY OFFICE OF
METROPOLITAN WATER PLANNING

- 1.15 Sump 34 Trash Rack (PN:WF56), located in South Sacramento on the east side of Freeport Boulevard, south of Meadowview Road - Change Orders 8 and 9 in an amount of \$9,450. (D-7)
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Council adopted Resolution 96-302 approving Change Orders 8 and 9 related to the Sump 34 Trash Rack (PN:WF56).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-302

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS 8 AND 9 FOR
THE SUMP 34 TRASH RACK (PN:WF56)

- 1.16 Midtown Neighborhood Preservation Transportation Plan (NPTP) (PN:TG86), bounded generally by C Street, L Street, 16th Street, and 29th Street: (D-3)
- A. Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - B. Adopt the Mitigation Reporting Program (MRP)
 - C. Adopt the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the NPTP
 - D. Approve the NPTP and its implementation
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Council adopted Resolutions 96-303, 96-304 and 96-305 related to the Midtown Neighborhood Preservation Transportation Plan (NPTP) (PN:TG86).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-303

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR THE MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
TRANSPORTATION PLAN (NPTP) PROJECT (PN:TG-86)

RESOLUTION NO. 96-304

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD
PRESERVATION TRANSPORTATION PLAN (NPTP)
MITIGATION REPORTING PROGRAM (TG-86)

RESOLUTION NO. 96-305

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD
PRESERVATION TRANSPORTATION PLAN (NPTP) PROJECT
(TG-86)

- 1.17 Ordinance amending Paragraph 11.07 of Section 16 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2550, Fourth Series) relating to City Council Authority to limit the types of projects within a Design Review District that are subject to design review. (D-All)
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Council passed this item for publication of title and continued it to June 25, 1996.

- 1.18 Amendment to lease Agreement 91-192 for restaurant services at Bing Maloney and William Land Golf Courses. (D-4,8)
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Councilmember Waters questioned Ms. Weaver about the specific changes being made. He asked about profits made in prior years, requested information about the current operating budget and stated he would prefer to see more information before making any decisions.

Ann Weaver, Golf Manager, outlined the proposed rent adjustments, and much needed capital improvements at Bing Maloney and William Land Golf Course restaurants.

Councilmember Pannell concurred with Councilmember Waters, saying the Council needs to see more information before amending this agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Pannell, to continue this item to July 23, 1996. The motion carried with a 6-0 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Ortiz, Steinberg, and Mayor Serna being absent.

- 1.19 Ordinance amending the districts established by the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance no 2550, Fourth Series, as amended, for property located at 1812 17th Street (*Crystal Ice Project*) by removing 2.35± acres from the Heavy Commercial (C-4) Zone and placing the same in the General Commercial (C-2) Zone (P93-126). (D-4)
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Council passed this item for publication of title and continued it to June 25, 1996.

- 1.20 A. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2550, FOURTH SERIES, AS AMENDED, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF Q STREET, NORTH OF S STREET BY REMOVING PROPERTY FROM EXISTING ZONES AND PLACING THE SAME IN NEW ZONES AS FOLLOWS: 0.59± ACRES FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (M-1) TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 46.12± ACRES FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL C-4 TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 5.88± ACRES FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-4) TO OFFICE BUILDING-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (OB(SPD)); 16.46± ACRES FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-4) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (C-2(SPD)); 10.9± ACRES FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-4) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (C-4(SPD)); 9.55± ACRES FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL-REVIEW (C-2(R)) TO OFFICE BUILDING-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (OB(SPD)); 0.7± ACRES FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 4.7± ACRES FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT C-2(SPD); 6.32± ACRES FROM RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 1.03± ACRES FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-5) TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 4.8± ACRES FROM RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE (RMX) TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT (RMX(SPD)); 10.6± ACRES FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL R-3A TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT R-3A(SPD). (M94-016) (D-1,3,4)
- B. AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 2.99 TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, RELATING TO THE R STREET CORRIDOR SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT. (M94-016)

Council passed this item for publication of titles and continued it to June 25, 1996.

- 1.21 Report back on Citizens Telecom's new rate structure and the establishment of a trial 800 number for City services. (D-7,8)
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This report was received and filed.

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2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

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4.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 4.1 Results of the City's First Citywide Customer Service Survey. (D-All)
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Patti Bisharat, Senior Administrative Services Officer introduced Jennifer D. Franz, Ph.D., of JD Franz Research.

Jennifer Franz gave a complete overview of the survey which was distributed to the Council in a book format. Ms. Franz took time to review the research methods used, the purposes of the survey in determining citizen customer satisfaction, concerns of the residents, and to determine citizens' reactions to recent City initiatives in such areas as neighborhood safety, economic development, and downtown revitalization.

Doctor Franz reviewed specific questions and responses with the aid of various charts and graphs. She pointed out that the survey was conducted with a random sampling of 400 residents and the 95.4% accuracy of the survey results. She mentioned a survey could be conducted on an annual basis with some areas being explored in more detail.

Doctor Franz commented there seems to be a general confusion about which entity is responsible for public schools, and the various levels of government in general.

Councilman Waters stated his disappointment in the quality of the printing and binding work associated with the pages that had been added to the end of the printed report.

Councilmember Fargo expressed her concern about the topic of neighborhood issues in Area 4 pursuant to the residents comments.

Councilmember Steinberg complemented the Doctor on her work. He reiterated the general public is confused about the various levels of government as stated earlier in the discussion. He said that if this is so, how could the survey responses accurately reflect city services. Doctor Franz replied that some cross over is certain because generally speaking the public does not understand the various jurisdictions.

Councilmember Steinberg said that if so many people think the city is running the public school system can we get an accurate evaluation of city services. Doctor Franz answered that more specific questions will result in more accurate and specific responses. Doctor Franz offered that the Thursday night market is more visible than sewer system services and that the public will be better able to respond to something they are familiar with.

Bill Edgar, City Manager, commented this survey coincides with staff's efforts to do business better, and re-do priorities. He stated staff has been measuring input but not output. Staff and Council need to work together. Doctor Franz said this is not an accurate measurement of city services because the public does not know details of the work being done. Mayor Serna commented this is part of the price of democracy, political and city participation, difficult to grapple with compared to democracy itself, people take various levels of interest.

Councilmember Pannell expressed his concern about the current state of public schools and said that the responses received on this topic indicates the City Council needs to make it a high priority. He said all citizens are touched by the school system, and this is a priority because it crosses every line. Mayor Serna concurred saying public schools are of interest to everyone. Councilmember Pannell also commented about the downtown deterioration discussed in the survey responses saying it should be considered a warning signal for City Council. Mr. Pannell asked Doctor Franz how much the survey cost, to which she replied \$17,000.

Councilmember Yee inquired about the process used in selecting participants. Doctor Franz said a system called random digit dialing was used, it utilizes known prefixes which are then combined with four remaining digits selected at random by computer.

Councilmember Kerth asked about answering machines, the question/response format, zip code breakdown, neighborhood areas, and the need for focus groups to obtain more specific information. Mr. Kerth stated he agreed with Ms. Fargos' concern about Area 4 responses.

Mayor Serna stated the next step would be to go into the neighborhoods and ask further questions. Doctor Franz agreed saying an annual survey is called for.

Councilmember Kerth said he felt a random sampling was inadequate.

Mayor Serna commented he wanted to know where the resources were being spent and agreed with his colleagues about the need for focus groups.

Councilmember Fargo said she would rather move forward with focus groups now and not wait until another survey is conducted. She asked how staff would use the information obtained through this survey.

Councilmember Cohn commented he concurred with his colleagues, and felt a good effort was made in conducting this survey. He asked what would the city do with the information.

Mayor Serna commended Doctor Franz on her work. He said as Mayor, He just wants the city to do the best job possible.

This item was received and filed.

4.2 Framework for the long range Planning and Community Outreach Process.
(D-All)

Betty Masuoka, Deputy City Manager commented about the connections between this item and the survey results discussed in Item 4.1. She talked about using the survey information in a community dialogue with the intent of engaging in a community process to close the projected eight million dollar shortfall. Ms. Masuoka said staff was requesting conceptual approval of this project from the City Council. Ms. Masuoka introduced Professor Ed Weeks, of Eugene Oregon.

Professor Ed Weeks began by distributing written material to the Mayor and Councilmembers. Mr. Weeks said the City of Eugene faced a similar situation with a budget shortfall about five years ago. He said it is just as difficult to reduce services as it is to increase revenue. Mr. Weeks said the city of Eugene began by asking the community "what do you want us to do?" Mr. Weeks commented this topic relates to the previous discussion about survey results in many ways.

Professor Weeks gave four basic observations, citizens are disconnected from the process; conventional avenues for public involvement do not work; public opinion is not a solid basis for making changes, and most research done by local government is not very well done. He said the core of their project began with distribution of a tabloid paper mailed to every home in the city to explain their budget situation and request public comments in return. The response rate was 71%. The respondents later came together in groups of seven and were asked to develop solutions to the budget deficit. People with nothing in common were actually solving common problems. The information obtained in the focus groups was sent on to council for review and discussion. The Council then prepared three scenarios, which were distributed to participants in a second questionnaire. Mr. Weeks said the city solved the budget problem and an old annual argument about the performing arts center funding; and for the first time many citizens realized they had been purchasing valuable services with their tax dollars.

Mayor Serna thanked Professor Weeks and said he had asked the City Manager that morning about expanding general public participation as opposed to specific groups. Mr. Serna said he liked the way the city of Eugene formed the focus groups. Mayor Serna asked about staffing the workshops, and the credibility of the facilitators. Professor Weeks replied volunteers had been trained by neighborhood organizations to conduct the workshops; and said they used "floaters" who were monitors going from one group to another, and dealt with individual problems in a graceful way. Mayor Serna asked if there were any audio or video tapes of these sessions. The Professor said there might be. Mayor Serna asked about how long the entire process took. Betty Masuoka said their process took about 18 months total. The Professor commented in his opinion the first six months were a false start.

Mayor Serna said that due to the recession the City of Sacramento's internal fixes have gone as far as they can go. He said we need to have a conversation with citizens about basic structural pieces of the budget, and that we need a lot of help. Mr. Serna said the next 19 million dollar cuts may be even harder to decide than the previous 43 million dollar cuts because there really isn't anything left to cut.

Councilmember Cohn commented that Eugene Oregon is a nice city, and that the Professor had done good work. He asked if the City of Eugene still uses this process or if it was for the one time only. Professor Weeks answered the city needed and got a sustainable solution. He said they even have a surplus now. He commented the community dialogue does continue about other issues.

Councilmember Cohn pointed out the City should avoid distribution of questionnaire materials when election materials are going out.

Councilmember Steinberg said he was intrigued by the proposed process, saying it educates the public as well. Mr. Steinberg expressed two concerns; first, creating an expectation of council "rubber stamping survey results" and second, inclusiveness of all segments of the population.

Councilmember Pannell said this council never wants to exclude a group, but can't force participation. He said he liked what was done in Eugene Oregon and agreed inclusiveness was important. Mr. Pannell commented he was increasingly disappointed in what turns out to be a "committee of one" coming before council. He also stated that for some people what goes on at city hall is far removed from their basic need to find their next meal, again making it difficult to obtain information from all segments.

Professor Weeks stated policy boards become empowered, have a chance to make decisions, provide input, horizontal communication is important, and that we do get fragmented by special interest groups.

Councilmember Pannell reiterated most people do not understand how government works.

Councilmember Steinberg stated he is in favor of this concept, and that it was important to distinguish between the elite and those who are so busy just trying to make ends meet.

Councilmember Yee asked what the process cost the City of Eugene. Mr. Weeks replied it had not been precisely calculated because they utilized internal staff, postage was a new expense and varies according to population size. He said the local newspaper printed material at cost and distributed it in the regular newspaper. Betty Masuoka said staff has not worked out any budget figures yet, staff was still working on the concept. Ms. Masuoka stated staff was looking at partnering with local media, local schools, colleges. She commented our cost will need to be absorbed in the existing budget and that staff will come back with a work plan and budget. Councilmember Yee stated he liked the concept.

Councilmember Pannell said the City of Eugene found a process that worked and he would like the City of Sacramento to do the same thing.

Councilmember Waters stated he likes the idea of utilizing the local media and direct mailings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cohn, seconded by Councilmember Pannell, to adopt staff recommendations. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilmember Ortiz being absent.

4.3 Report back on City tree services and State of the Urban Forest Task Force. (D-All)

Mike Hanamura Neighborhood Services Area Team Manager presented an overview of the divisions' delivery of services, and development of partnerships. He commented trees were one of the items citizens like most about Sacramento. The urban forest management plan is very important. Sacramento has 90,000 on its streets and parks, and has a tremendous number of large old trees. A pruning cycle of five to seven years was needed. Awareness was heightened in 1991 when the plan was written and since then this portion of the budget has been reduced by about \$500,000. All departments have experienced similar cuts. Many years ago a request for service took about six months, and now it is twelve to twenty-four months for the same request. Staff has become frustrated because they cannot do what they want and need to get done. A task force was formed, along with eighteen working committees to deal with these issues.

Ray Trethaway Executive Director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, spoke of a recent article in the Sacramento Bee about new the collaborative effort. He said resources had become available to the tree division by way of a grant from California Relief. He said recent aerial photos showed approximately six million trees in the area. Mr. Trethaway introduced Barbara Gammell of the Urban Forest Task Force.

Barbara Gammell informed the City Council that a report would be presented to Council in about two weeks from the 18 subcommittees.

Councilmember Fargo suggested looking into finding the best way to present information about the benefits of trees to the Air Quality Management District.

Mike Hanamura said he was glad to see this item come back to Council, saying the Mayor had requested information about services. He said they were setting aside one whole crew exclusively for routine maintenance which may have an impact on emergency services. Mr. Hanamura stated they were also looking at other cities like Stockton with similar troubles. He stated Barbara Gammell worked hard on the Elm Tree Disease Program. and has held meetings with SMUD and Regional Transit to work with them on these items. Mr. Hanamura commented staff was working with the Tree Foundation regarding issues such as a self help program and pilot programs like tree planting. The Sacramento Tree Resource Center was being considered as a visitation center for schools, etc. Staff was looking into obtaining financial support, and returning the responsibility for some trees to the private sector. He commented that specific information about how services are distributed throughout the various City Planning Districts was provided in the written report.

Mayor Serna said he spoke previously with Ray Trethaway about Sacramento's Urban Forest asking if they had reviewed how the City of Modesto handles their program in comparison to the City of Sacramento's program. Mr. Hanamura replied that staff had scheduled a trip to do just that. Mr. Hanamura commented our program was reactive not proactive.

Mayor Serna expressed his desire for Sacramento's program to be a model for the State of California or the U.S. Mr. Hanamura stated that was staff's goal, and that all levels of employees are included in the process not just management.

Councilmember Cohn agreed with the Mayor's comments saying it seemed like Sacramento was still dealing with ideas rather than concrete suggestions, like working with SMUD. Mr. Cohn asked for an explanation of the figures listed in the written report. Vic Edmisten replied that question would be better addressed in the evening meeting when staff presented its Lighting and Landscaping budget. Mr. Edmisten pointed out that different crews were responsible for either emergency efforts or regular maintenance.

This item was received and filed.

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3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1 12th Street Maintenance District, including properties adjacent to 12th Street from "C" Street to the alley between "I" and "J" Streets - adopt the budget for FY 1996/97 establishing the fees assessed on property within the district in the amount of \$13,771 and change the geographic boundary. (D-1)

Councilmember Fargo commented she would like to see this assessment district eliminated eventually with the district being handled the same way the City handles most other districts city-wide. She commented security issues were significant in the 12th Street District and may need to be addressed separately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pannell, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to adopt Resolutions 96-306 and 96-307. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilmember Waters being absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-306

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 1996/97 BUDGET FOR
12TH STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND
ESTABLISHING THE FEES ASSESSED ON PROPERTY
WITHIN THE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 96-307

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY OF
THE 12TH STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

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5.0 S.H.R.A., Public Hearing

- 5.1 Franklin Villa Acquisition/Rehabilitation Homeownership Program, located at Franklin Villa Estates Subdivision, bordered by Franklin Boulevard, Brookfield Drive, and Morrison Creek: (D-8)
- A. Transfer \$300,000 in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds and establish a revolving fund for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 70 housing units
 - B. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the 1996 Agency Budget and 1996 CDBG Comprehensive Plan to appropriate \$100,000 in 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Rural California Housing Corporation (RCHC)

- C. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into any and all necessary agreements, including contracts and amendments to loan documents, to carry out the Program
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Stanley Keisling, of the World Housing Corporation said there were opportunities here and thanked both the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pannell, Seconded by Councilmember Yee, to adopt resolutions. The motion carried with a 8-0 roll call vote with Councilmember Waters being absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-308

FRANKLIN VILLA: TRANSFERRING 1996 HOME FUNDS TO
THE FRANKLIN VILLA ACQUISITION AND
REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND AMENDMENT OF THE 1996
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN AND AGENCY BUDGET

6.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL (MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA)

None

(A Three minute time limit is imposed on speakers addressing the Council under this heading)

7.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

- 7.1 Councilman Pannell requested the City Attorney to report back on the feasibility of filing a lawsuit against the tobacco companies to recover costs to the City for smoking-related illnesses and injuries.
- 7.2 Councilman Steinberg requested a report back on the status of the Downtown Performing Arts Center study.

8.0 Recessed into CLOSED SESSION at 4:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) for the following matters:

- 8.1 Allstate/Walton vs. City of Sacramento, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 95AS03480
- 8.2 City of Sacramento vs. Sacramento Land Company, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 95AS00059
- 8.3 City of Sacramento vs. Kings County Ownership Company, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 95AS1046
- 8.4 Zamlich vs. City of Sacramento, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 95AS04068
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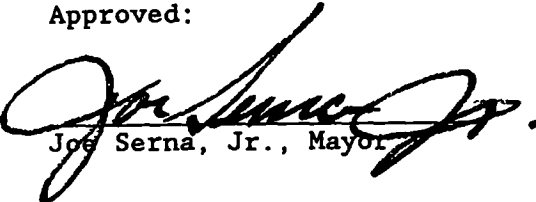
Councilmember Pannell moved and Councilmember Ortiz seconded a motion to approve staff's recommendation of a settlement in the amount of \$180,000. The motion passed 7-0 with Councilmember Fargo being absent and Councilmember Waters voting no.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Submitted


Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved:


Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor