

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR

To Council Members Wolfsheimer, Roberts, Hartley, Stevens, Behr, Stallings, McCarty, and Filner, members of the City Council of the City of San Diego, California:

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council is hereby called to be held in the Council Chambers, 12th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, California, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 1992.

Said meeting will be held for the purpose of continuing deliberations on the Fiscal Year 1993 City budget and to hold a Closed Session of the City Council to discuss potential litigation arising from the enactment of certain legislation relating to the State budget and to instruct the City's designated representatives concerning the "meet and confer" process under the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6.

Dated September 4, 1992.

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, MAYOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was recessed by Mayor O'Connor at 10:10 a.m. to meet in Closed Session in the 12th floor Conference Room to discuss potential litigation and the "meet and confer" process. The meeting was reconvened by Mayor O'Connor at 11:24 a.m. with Council Members Wolfsheimer, Roberts, Hartley and Behr not present. Mayor O'Connor announced the action that was taken on "meet and confer" was to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to look at early retirement for City employees and to continue to meet with the employee labor groups for concessions so the budget can be balanced with their help. Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
 - (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-excused by R-280802 (surgery)
 - (2) Council Member Roberts-present
 - (3) Council Member Hartley-not present
 - (4) Council Member Stevens-present
 - (5) Council Member Behr-present
 - (6) Council Member Stallings-present
 - (7) Council Member McCarty-present
 - (8) Council Member Filner-present
- Clerk-Abdelnour (so)

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

ITEM-1: ROLL CALL

Clerk Abdelnour called the roll:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
- (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-not present
- (2) Council Member Roberts-not present
- (3) Council Member Hartley-not present
- (4) Council Member Stevens-present
- (5) Council Member Behr-not present
- (6) Council Member Stallings-present
- (7) Council Member McCarty-present
- (8) Council Member Filner-present

ITEM-601: DISCUSSION HELD, DIRECTED CITY MANAGER TO RETURN WITH A REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1992. FINAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1992

Continuing deliberations on the Fiscal Year 1993 City budget.

FILE LOCATION: MEET

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A007-C265.)

MOTION BY FILNER TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY, THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR TO SHOW A SENSE OF URGENCY IN ASKING FOR \$11.95 MILLION FROM THE PORT DISTRICT, ASK THE PORT TO HAVE A DECISION MADE BY SEPTEMBER 29, 1992, ASK THE PORT TO CUT A CHECK PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1992 AND TO ACCEPT McCARTY'S MOTION TO AMEND TO SHOW THAT THIS MONEY IS TO BE APPLIED TO ALREADY KNOWN PORT DISTRICT NEEDS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND TO ANY OTHER REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY SERVICES THAT RELATE IN SOME WAY TO PROVISIONAL SERVICES TO THE TIDELANDS. Second by Stevens. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY McCARTY TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH MS. HAMILTON AND MR. GROOMES TO IDENTIFY AND REAFFIRM THE DIRECTION OF \$3.6 MILLION IN REDEVELOPMENT CUTS SINCE THE GENERAL FUND DOES NOT CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS. Second by Mayor O'Connor. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-nay, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

Motion by Stevens to suspend travel for all offices, including council offices, except at the discretion of the Manager and Council on matters affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of San Diego. Second by Mayor O'Connor. No vote.

MOTION BY ROBERTS TO REFER TO THE CITY MANAGER, AND ASK HIM TO RETURN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THIS CITY. Second by Behr. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY STEVENS TO DIRECT THE MANAGER TO SUSPEND MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE CITY'S BUDGET

CRISES. THIS NOT ONLY INCLUDES THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES BUT ALSO ENGINEERING GROUPS, ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS, CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, AND ALL OF THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT THE CITY BELONGS TO. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CALL ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPLAIN THE CITY'S FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. ASK SANDAG TO PRESENT ITS BUDGET AND SALARIES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND ASK THEM TO REVIEW AND REDUCE MEMBERSHIP FEES. INCLUDE THE SALARIES OF SANDAG'S TOP OFFICIALS. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE PARTIAL PAYMENTS TO SANDAG SO THE CITY CAN CONTINUE TO VOTE, AND RETURN WITH A REDUCED BUDGET FIGURE. FIND OUT HOW THE CITY CAN SAVE MONEY IN THE AREAS OF DUES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH SANDAG. APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP TO SANDAG CONDITIONED UPON ITS REPORT ON HOW IT IS GOING TO CUT BACK ON MEMBERSHIP FEES. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO DESCRIBE THE SERVICES SANDAG PROVIDES TO THE CITY. DIRECT COUNCILMEMBER McCARTY TO ASK SANDAG TO DOCKET THE QUESTION OF REDUCING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE BY-LAWS IN REGARD TO BEING A VOTING MEMBER OF SANDAG, WHETHER OR NOT ALL DUES HAVE TO BE PAID UP FRONT. ASK SANDAG IF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DECIDES NOT TO PARTICIPATE TO THE FULL EXTENT IN ITS ORGANIZATION, WOULD IT GET REIMBURSED? Second by Mayor O'Connor. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-nay, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY STALLINGS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER, BASED ON THE AUDITOR'S REPORT, TO COME BACK ON SEPTEMBER 21 WITH FURTHER CUTS TOTALING \$18 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE \$12 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX LOSS FROM THE STATE CUTS AND THE REVENUE AND PROJECTION ESTIMATES FROM THE CITY AUDITOR FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$6 MILLION THAT NEEDS TO BE CUT. FINAL ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1992. Second by McCarty. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY ROBERTS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW THE ELIMINATION OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND PLACE \$250,000 IN THE CUT CATEGORY. RECOMMEND THOSE ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM THAT NEED TO BE RETAINED, AND BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THINGS THAT ARE DONE THAT WOULD NOT BE COVERED ELSEWHERE IN CITY GOVERNMENT. ACCEPT FILNER'S AMENDMENT TO ASSESS THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND COSTS SPENT ON STAFF ON THESE COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE POSITION THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR.

RETURN WITH WAYS TO REDUCE THE HARD COSTS OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM BUT WITH KEEPING THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AS MEANINGFUL AS IT IS IN THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM. RECOMMEND OTHER WAYS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND MAKING SURE THERE IS ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC TO THE AGENDA THAT WOULD BE ELIMINATED IF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM WAS ELIMINATED. Second by Mayor O'Connor. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY McCARTY TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A CUT BACK LIST TO INCLUDE OFFICE FURNITURE. REFER TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REPORT BACK ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM PAYING BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND THOSE FUNDS THAT WERE A RESULT OF A CATASTROPHE INSURANCE PREMIUM. INCLUDE DIRECTION TO THE MANAGER TO REVIEW THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON OFFICE SPACE LEASES, IN TERMS OF FURNITURE AND FIXTURES, SO THERE ARE NO HIDDEN COSTS. Second by Roberts. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-not present, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY McCARTY TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER, WHERE POSSIBLE, AT ALL TIMES TO DO COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. NEGOTIATE WITH COMPETITION IN MIND. RETURN WITH SUGGESTIONS TO DO COMPETITIVE BIDS WITH NO AUTOMATIC RENEWALS FOR CONSULTANTS. Second by Mayor O'Connor. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-not present, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY ROBERTS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO RETURN WITH INFORMATION ON ELIMINATING THE USE OF ENGRAVED BUSINESS CARDS AND STATIONERY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS. Second by Mayor O'Connor. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-not present, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY ROBERTS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS WITH THE EMPLOYEE'S LABOR ORGANIZATIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT SHARING OF AN EXTENSION IN BENEFITS FOR SOME LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IF ANY EMPLOYEES

SHOULD BE LAID OFF. Second by Behr. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-not present, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

MOTION BY BEHR TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF CITY APPOINTED PORT AUTHORITY BOARD COMMISSIONERS NOT ACTING IN THE CITY'S BEST INTERESTS IN REGARD TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THIS CITY, IF THAT WOULD BE CAUSE TO REVOKE THESE MEMBERS AND MAKE NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR COMMISSIONERS THAT WOULD VOTE FOR US IN THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO NOTIFY THESE COMMISSIONERS. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-not present, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-not present, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor O'Connor at 1:08 p.m.

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