

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2004

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission met this fourth day of August, 2004, at 5:30 P.M. in Board Chambers, Sacramento County Administration Center, 700 H Street, Sacramento, California

PRESENT: Illa Collin, Chair; Lauren Hammond, Vice Chair; Commissioners Charles Rose, Elliot Mulberg, Christopher Tooker, Muriel Johnson; Alternate Commissioners John Jachens and Gay Jones.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sophia Scherman.
Not Present: Steve Miklos, Jimmie Yee, Don Nottoli.

STAFF: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer; Donald Lockhart, Assistant Executive Officer; Nancy Miller, Commission Counsel; and Marilyn Ann Flemmer, Commission Clerk.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.. A motion to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2004 and Claims dated July 30, 2004 was made by Commissioner Tooker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and passed unanimously.

CITY OF ELK GROVE: Incorporation Mitigation Measures

On a motion made by Commissioner Tooker, seconded by Commissioner Mulberg and unanimously passed, this item was continued to the meeting of September 1, 2004.

FREEPORT REORGANIZATION (08-04)

Annexation to City of Sacramento; Detachment from CSA #1, CSD #1, Sacramento County Water Agency, Zone 13 [CEQA: City of Sacramento Certified Negative Declaration]

The Assistant Executive Officer reviewed the staff report, recommended approval of the proposal, and outlined the protest procedure. There was Commission discussion regarding the availability of municipal services with and without annexation as well as the financing mechanism, cost and future date upon which services might become available from the City of Sacramento. LAFCo staff and City of Sacramento staff answered Commission questions. Commission Counsel clarified that the Commission must make findings regarding the availability of services in the unincorporated, inhabited area of Freeport.

Mr. Robert Thomas, City Manager, City of Sacramento, addressed the Commission. Mr. Thomas stated the City's policy regarding annexation, which is supportive of grassroots initiated proposals, and spoke to the advantages of annexation for the residents of Freeport.

Mr. Hector Barron, Traffic Department, City of Sacramento, addressed traffic issues and Freeport, the future development of Delta Shores, and the potential cost of extending water and sewer to the Freeport residents at that time.

Mr. Steve Peterson, Principal Planner, City of Sacramento, addressed zoning issues for Delta Shores and preservation of the town of Freeport.

Mr. Julius Joe Cherry, Fire Chief, City of Sacramento, addressed fire protection issues and emergency services [45 calls for emergency services in 2003]. Chief Cherry stated the City of Sacramento has the closest stations and fastest response time to Freeport; the town is not currently paying for either fire service or police service.

Mr. Neal Shleffar, Freeport Improvement Association, addressed the Commission. Mr. Shleffar stated the Association was formed in 2000; for four years, he stated, they worked with County officials to provide public water and sewer service and "it just was not feasible, so we have been working very hard with the City of Sacramento to work this out. I see no reason not to complete the annexation," stated Mr. Shleffar, "I think the analysis cost is as close as possible at this time."

Mr. Tracy Oto, Freeport Business owner, addressed the Commission. Mr. Oto stated he opposed the annexation of Freeport to the City of Sacramento and stated he had submitted protest signatures from Freeport residents. "We believe the City has failed to come up with a plan for costs for sewer and water," stated Mr. Oto. Mr. Oto suggested the Commission take the proposal under submission until such time as the City can come up with more detailed water and sewer costs. There was discussion concerning newly released costs to residents for water and sewer. Mr. Oto stated, "Today is the first time we have been given these figures; we keep getting different figures every time we meet."

Protest procedures were reviewed; the accuracy of the number of registered voters in the community was discussed. Free fire and police services were pointed out to Mr. Oto by Commissioner Hammond. Mr. Thomas stated the City can sit down with residents and talk about a hookup rate and what inflation will be when the service is available however, residents cannot obtain public sewer and water cheaper from anyone than from the City of Sacramento. There was discussion concerning the implication of Delta Shores development to the community's ability to obtain City services.

Mr. Bob Lake, Freeport Improvement Association, requested information from the Commission regarding how he could get back to the citizens of Freeport to share the City's new figures for estimated cost hookups with them. The Commission and staff outlined the procedures for a protest hearing and the City of Sacramento offered to meet with the citizens of Freeport.

Approval of Freeport Reorganization

Commissioner Tooker moved approval of the Freeport Reorganization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose and unanimously passed.

LAFCo FY 20024-05 Budget

Commissioner Mulberg addressed the issue of special districts' loss of property taxes to the State. He stated that the Executive Officer has revised the figures for the budget and that he would return to the Special District Advisory Committee regarding suggestions for year end carryover funds.

Monthly Budget Report

Peter Brundage stated the budget carryover from last fiscal year is higher than initially estimated. He stated he would give a full report at the next Commission meeting.

Draft Herald Fire Protection District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update

The item was continued to September 1, 2004.

Resolution Honoring Roberta MacGlashan

Commissioner Rose moved adoption of Resolution No. LAFC 1282 honoring Roberta MacGlashan for her service on Sacramento LAFCo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously passed.

Work Status Report

Peter Brundage briefly touched upon work load, and discussed upcoming Agenda management.

Legislation

Don Lockhart gave a brief overview, legislation was still pending in various committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Marilyn Ann Flemmer
Commission Clerk

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