

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.
EMBASSY SUITES
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was hosted by the City of San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle presided over the proceedings and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Present: Council Members Jan Howell Marx, Dave Romero, Vice Mayor Ken Schwartz, and Mayor Allen K. Settle

Absent: Council Member John Ewan

MORRO BAY

Present: Council Members Bill Peirce, Dave Elliot, and Mayor Roger Anderson

Absent: Council Members Colby Crotzer, Janice Peters

GROVER BEACH

Present: Council Members Ron Arnoldson, Peter Keith, and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neufeld

Absent: Council Member Dee Santos and Mayor David Ekbon

ATASCADERO

Present: Council Members Wendy Scalise, George Luna, Jerry Clay, and Mayor Ray Johnson

Absent: Council Member Mike Arrambide

PASO ROBLES

Present: Council Members Tom Baron, Frank Mecham, and Mayor Duane Picanco

Absent: Council Member Walt Macklin and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Swanson

PISMO BEACH

Present: Council Member Rudy Natoli, Mayor Pro Tem Marian, Mellow, and Mayor John Brown

Absent: Council Members Mary Ann Reiss, Terry Henlin

ARROYO GRANDE

Present: Council Members Tony Ferrara, Jim Dickens, Thomas R. Runels, Steve Tolley, and Mayor Michael Lady

Absent: None

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Present: Supervisors Harry Ovitt and Katcho Achadjian

Absent: Supervisors Michael Ryan, Shirley Bianchi, and Chairperson Peg Pinard

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard D. Greek, County of San Luis Obispo Agricultural Commissioner, presented an overview of the Olive Fruit Fly infestations in the County of San Luis Obispo and reported on the measures the County is taking to monitor the pest and combat their spread.

STUDY SESSION

1. Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF). (30 minutes)

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Ken Schwartz introduced Steven Woodside, County Counsel for Sonoma County. Mr. Woodside addressed the issue of the pending lawsuit initiated to seek reimbursement for lost ERAF funds and the role cities, counties and special districts play in taking back ERAF funds. Discussion followed.

2. Reconsidering state property tax take-aways of the early 90s: Exploring alternative ways to allocate property taxes. Senate Bill 1982 (Alpert) tax reallocation. (30 minutes)

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Schwartz introduced Dwight Stenbakken, League of California Cities Director of Legislation. Director Stenbakken provided a summary of current local government reforms in the State of California. He stated that although the state surplus is over \$12,00,000 (and climbing), local government is still not receiving relief. He also noted that recent polls indicate voters would be supportive of an increase in local sales tax but not increases in vehicle registration or property taxes. He urged local governments to organize and unite in seeking relief. Discussion followed.

San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle called a break at 8:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

3. Senate Bill 402—Binding Arbitration. (45 minutes)

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Ken Schwartz introduced Clancy Farla, President of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC). Mr. Farla spoke in favor of Senate Bill 402. He stated that Senate Bill 402 includes all matters relating to employment conditions and community relations and described how three-a member binding arbitration

committee functions. Additionally he noted that the bill has a five-year sunset. Discussion followed.

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Schwartz introduced Rich TerBorch, Arroyo Grande Police Chief, who spoke in opposition to Senate Bill 402. Chief TerBorch asserted that this law if passed will be an unfunded mandate and recommended that the voters decide the issue of binding arbitration. Discussion followed.

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Schwartz introduced Alan Davis, author of Senate Bill 402 who spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Davis pointed out that binding arbitration is not a new concept and has been in effect by many cities since the late 1960's. He noted that most large cities in northern California have binding arbitration as well as cities in Nevada, Oregon and Hawaii. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Jason Berg, President of the San Luis Obispo Police Staff Officers Association, and Tony Perry, President of the San Luis Obispo County Deputy Sheriff's Association, spoke in favor of Senate Bill 402.

4. Assembly Bill 2838 (Hertzberg) – Equalizing the development performance standards between cities and counties. (30 minutes)

San Luis Obispo Vice Mayor Schwartz introduced Council Member Peter Herzog of the City of Lake Forest. Lake Forest Council Member Herzog reported that Assembly Bill 2838 changes the structure of the Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO). If passed, the bill shifts funding for LAFCO by assessing a percentage of the operational budget of each city. The bill also shifts state-mandated county costs to cities. He urged each city to carefully analyze this bill. Discussion followed.

San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen Settle announced that this meeting would be broadcast on local television stations as follows:

Falcon Channel 6		
Wednesday	June 28 th	9:00 p.m.,
Friday	June 30 th	9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 5 th	9:00 p.m.
Charter 6		
Tuesday	June 27 th	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	June 28 th	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	July 2 nd	6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the cities, San Luis Obispo Mayor Settle adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

The City Council of San Luis Obispo adjourned to Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.



Mary Kopecky
Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY COUNCIL: 6/20/00
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