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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, October 2, 2003
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
John L. Lewis
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Annie E. Cho
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente

G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Joanne Baltierrez
Tony Tortorice

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the September 4, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the September 4, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sylva introduced Ms. Andrea B. Kune, Deputy Director Management Relations of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. Ms. Kune gave a short presentation on the upcoming half day California Small Business Economic Summit to be held at the Bonaventure Hotel.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian announced that Commissioner Anderson has been reappointed to this Commission.

Chairman Philibosian announced that a former commissioner, Mrs. Louise Frankel, has been appointed to the City Fire Commission.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth stated that he had nothing to report.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

No liaison was present to make a presentation

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill reported that the Q&P Commission had a successful seminar on September 22nd with a 140 plus attendance at the "Empowering Commissioners" event. The focus was on the change in culture and the way of doing business in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Lewis noted that he was impressed with the quality of the speakers at the seminar. Commissioner Sylva also had positive comments since she had spoken to several commissioners that thought that this was a very informative event that should be held again next year.

Commissioner Hill described the purpose of the program as being able to communicate, educate and advocate for Los Angeles County. The County is planning to have another seminar like this one next spring. Currently the Q&P Commission is moving forward on their October 29th Awards Luncheon to be held at the Music Center.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Commissioner Thompson was not present. Commissioner Fuhrman confirmed that there was nothing to report.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill mentioned that she had spoken to the Grand Jury, and they had a number of questions about the Commission. She is looking forward to speaking to the Grand Jury again as a follow up to some suggestions that arose from the first meeting.

Commissioner Hill pointed out an article concerning the State streamlining the jury process and to raise the pay from \$5 to \$15 dollars and the mileage to 33¢ a mile after the first day of service. Los Angeles County needs to call an average of 10,000 individuals per day to accommodate the court's need for jurors.

As an aside to Commissioner Hill's report, Chairman Philibosian requested that Commissioner Lewis attend the November Commission meeting to receive a scroll in recognition of his service on the Commission.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes, while mentioning the issues that were discussed by Tyler McCauley concerning shared services, recognized that with thirty-seven county department administrative structures, there may be opportunities for improvement.

Commissioner Oaks commented on the draft Workman Compensation report outline and staff responded that the focus has been placed on employee fraud in an attempt to develop a project that was doable. Chairman Philibosian asked Commissioner Theierer to be a member of the Organization and Accountability Task Force, since the Grand Jury had been so involved in the Workers Compensation issue. Chairman Philibosian also recognized that Commissioner Theierer should also be a member of the Grand Jury Task Force.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva informed the Commission that the Chief Administrative Office is pursuing the Economic Development Agenda. This Economic Development Group is continuing to target small businesses, with the objective of cutting the cost in doing business and making it easier to do business by establishing one stop permitting centers. Effort is also underway to streamline the procurement process and to identify contracting opportunities. This group is also trying to clarify how the County can provide more training to employees on promoting small business in the County. The County is targeting January 2004 to hold a County-wide Economic Development Summit.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson mentioned that the Task Force has a meeting scheduled today with several members of the court system that have experience with video conferencing and transportation for the purpose of arraignment.

Asset Management

As part of the deliberative session, Commissioner Oakes noted that he had reviewed an article that pointed out that the Los Angeles City Auditor found that the City mismanaged its real estate holdings by spending millions to lease office space, while taxpayer owned property sits idle. Another issue was that the City doesn't have a centralized database of all City owned property. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that three or four years ago, the City real estate operations were held up as being the gold standard. It is strange that suddenly no one seems to know what is going on within the system. Commissioner Hill proposed having a task force meeting since there has been a huge turnover of personnel in this area.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Andrea Kune noted that she wanted to share some of her resources with the Commission. One of them was a web site for businesses that need information for all the permits required to do business in a specific locale (Federal, State, City, and County permits). The site is www.calgold.co.gov. She stated that she would be available to assist the Commission in any appropriate area.

X. DELIBERATION SESSION

In furtherance of the concept of reviewing Commission activities and operations, Chairman Philibosian turned over the floor to Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Oaks to discuss how the Commission has been conducting its business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:50

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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