

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

ROOM 139, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Monday, August 13, 1973
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 739

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman
John Byork
Jerry Epstein
Milton Gordon
Joe Lederman
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Robert Ruchti
George Shellenberger

Members Absent:

George Bodle
James Cunningham
Roc Cutri
Dr. Robert Downey
Dixon Harwin
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
Leo Majich
Wm. S. Mortensen
Robert Olin
William Torrence

Maurice Rene Chez
Chairman

George E. Bodle
John D. Byork
James J. Cunningham
Roc Cutri
Jerry Epstein
Milton G. Gordon
Dixon R. Harwin
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Joseph A. Lederman
Harlan G. Loud
Leo A. Majich
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Robert A. Olin
George Shellenberger
William Torrence

Burke Roche
Executive Secretary

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. He announced that Mr. Laurence Greiner, the Grand Jury member of the commission, had submitted his resignation because he was moving out of Los Angeles County.

Mr. Chez asked Mr. Roche to comment on Proposition E, which was approved by the voters in the 1972 general election. The amendment authorized the County to hold open, competitive examinations for top level County positions.

Mr. Roche said that in the County the Proposition was being interpreted to mean that all top level positions would be filled from outside the County unless the Civil Service Commission found that particular circumstances warranted filling the position from inside.

He explained that the intent of the E & E Commission was that the County should promote from within wherever possible, and anyone in the County having the necessary qualifications should be allowed to compete for the position. Proposition E merely enabled the County to also recruit from the outside when necessary.

The members agreed that a letter of clarification should be written to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chez reported as follows:

The date for this meeting had been set so that the members could have a chance to discuss and take a stand on Supervisor Hahn's proposals for charter amendments. However, the Board of Supervisors had moved the date up one week for consideration of these proposals. Instead of discussing them on the 14th, they were discussed on the 7th.

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The staff had prepared a report on Supervisor Hahn's proposals for the Charter Study Task Force, and the Task Force met on August 6th to consider the report. At that meeting, the Task Force voted to send the report to the Board of Supervisors so the Board would have it before consideration of the issues. Because of the deadline, it was necessary to submit the report to the Board without the approval of the full commission.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 7th, the Board had voted 3-2 in favor of placing the proposal of an elected County mayor on the ballot. Supervisors Hahn, Ward, and Hayes had voted in favor; Supervisors Schabarum and Debs voted against. On the question of expansion of the Board of Supervisors the Board voted against placing it on the ballot. Supervisors Hayes, Ward, and Schabarum voted against; Supervisors Debs and Hahn voted for.

The Board of Supervisors had met in executive session to discuss the formation of the Facilities Department. It was his understanding that several supervisors had discussed removing the Marina and some concession functions from the new department. Mr. Chez talked to both Supervisor Hayes and Supervisor Schabarum and told them that the commission wished to be heard on this subject when it was discussed in a public meeting.

Mr. Chez asked Jerry Epstein, Chairman of the Construction Projects Task Force, to meet with the members of that task force immediately after this meeting. He said that he believed the task force should take a strong stand regarding any deletion or change of the original recommendations regarding the new Facilities Department.

Mr. Chez asked for the commission's approval of the report submitted to the Board on the charter proposals. Mr. Byork moved that the report be approved as presented to the Board; seconded by Mr. Lederman; carried unanimously.

Mr. Chez reported that he had read part of ^{the} draft on the Civil Service-Employee Relations report, and it was very good. He said that Harlan Loud, the Chairman of that study, was on vacation but should be returning on the 20th. A task force meeting will be called shortly after that date.

Mr. Chez said that he had waited to introduce the new member because he had also expected Mr. Mortensen, who had not arrived. He introduced Mr. Robert Ruchti and welcomed him to the commission. Mr. Ruchti is President of Ruchti Beef Packers.

Mr. Chez appointed Mr. Ruchti and Mr. Mortensen (a new member) to the Civil Service-Employee Relations Task Force.

Mr. Roche reported that Robert Olin had some very serious health problems and would not be able to participate for some time.

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Mr. Chez adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Jerry Epstein requested that the meeting be reconvened. He announced that he had conferred with the members present, and the Construction Projects Task Force wished to reaffirm its support of the original recommendations it had made for the formation of the Facilities Department and was recommending that no changes be made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.