

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

ROOM 139, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION/500 WEST TEMPLE/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012/625-3611, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 1972
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 864 Hall of Administration

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Vice-Chairman
John Byork
James Cunningham
Roc Cutri
Jerry Epstein
Leo Epstein
Milton Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Joseph Lederman
Leo Majich
Rudy Munzer
Robert Olin
Bill Torrence

Members Absent:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Dr. John Bollens
Dixon Harwin
Harlan Loud
Ferdinand Mendenhall
George Shellenberger
Gus Walker

Robert Mitchell,
Chairman

Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
John D. Byork
Maurice Rene Chez
James J. Cunningham
Roc Cutri
Jerry Epstein
Leo D. Epstein
Milton G. Gordon
Dixon R. Harwin
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Joseph A. Lederman
Harlan G. Loud
Irvin Mazzei
Ferdinand Mendenhall
R. J. Munzer
Robert A. Olin
George Shellenberger
William Torrence
Gus A. Walker

Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

In the absence of Committee Chairman Robert Mitchell, who was out of town, Maurice Chez, Vice-Chairman, presided at the meeting which he called to order at 9:35 a.m. As Chairman of the Charter Study task force, Mr. Chez made a brief progress report. He reported that the Board of Supervisors had approved five amendments to be placed on the November ballot. The task force had recommended to the Board an amendment which calls for open competitive examinations for top level executive positions. This amendment will be placed on the ballot as Proposition E. The other four amendments were proposed by County management and Mr. Chez briefly reported their contents.

Mr. Leo Majich, who was recently appointed to the committee by Supervisor Schubarum, was introduced and asked to give a brief history of himself. He was born in Boyle Heights, educated at Loyola High School and Loyola University, and served in the military during World War II. After working in the construction business for 21 years, he sold his business to become the administrator for the Operating Engineer Trust Fund. He is married and has five children.

Mr. Chez next asked Burke Roche to report on a recent action by the Pasadena City Council in which it requested a study by the County on the effects of annexation by Pasadena to the Consolidated Fire District. Mr. Roche reported that he was invited to the Pasadena City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, by Pasadena Fire Chief James Shearn. At the meeting, Chief Shearn made a presentation which very accurately summarized the Committee's report on Fire Protection Services in Los Angeles County. Chief Shearn ended his report with a proposal for the Pasadena Fire Department to take over and operate the four fire stations in Altadena, which as unincorporated area are now under the jurisdiction of the County Consolidated Fire District. Mr. Roche reported that he had spoken briefly to the City Council and advised them that the Committee's report suggested that the cities

should study all practical alternatives to operating their own fire department. He recommended therefore that the Pasadena City Council request a study by the County of the alternative of joining the Consolidated Fire District. The Council voted unanimously to continue its review of this matter and, as part of this review, to request the Board of Supervisors to provide such a study. Mr. Roche stated that the Committee's report indicated that if Pasadena joined the Consolidated District at the present District tax rate, it would reduce its fire costs by approximately \$900,000.

Mr. Chez then asked Rudy Munzer, Chairman of the Construction Projects task force, to make his presentation of the Committee's report on Management of Construction Projects in Los Angeles County. Mr. Munzer stated that he would make a brief oral presentation since the Committee members had been sent a draft of Volume I of the report. He said that Volume I contained a summary of the entire report as well as a summary of each of the 18 recommendations proposed by the task force. Volume II contains all supporting detail and analysis. He said that the task force had held numerous meetings during the course of the study--at least two per month--and that attendance by the members had been excellent. Mr. Munzer also expressed the thanks of the task force to Los Angeles Technical Services, Inc., the Chief Administrative Office, the County Engineer, and Burke Roche for their assistance in preparing the report. At the request of Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Munzer read the seven-page summary in Volume I. Mr. Munzer concluded with a statement that a total of 5,200 man hours of study was involved in the production of the report, including the hours of task force members, the technical staff, and County personnel.

Mr. Chez then opened the meeting to discussion and questions by committee members. After a discussion and question session, on motion by Bill Torrence, second by Mary Jane Kidd, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Volume I for submission to the Board of Supervisors. On motion by Roc Cutri, second by Bill Torrence, the Committee also voted unanimously to approve Volume II.

Joseph Lederman proposed that the task force not be dissolved, but recommended that it should meet again in two or three months to see what progress was being made on its recommendations. It was agreed that the task force would meet again within three months.

Mr. Chez said that both Mr. Mitchell and he will be out of town when the Committee's report is submitted to the Board of Supervisors. He said that Mr. Roche will introduce Mr. Munzer, who will make the presentation to the Board, and he hoped that as many members as possible can attend the meeting to support the proposals.

Mr. Chez adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.