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City Council 6:00 PM [Closed Session Starts at 5:15 PM]

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Item

30. Ordinance Adoption: Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management (Passed for Publication on 6-22-10, published on 6-25-10)

Comments

Terry Farmer, Citywide, Sacramento, CA, 95814

Position: Support

Comment: The Northern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society strongly urges the adoption of the above proposed ordinance which appropriately addresses the issues related to the proper disposal of home generated sharps. As users of sharps on a regular basis to administer medically prescribed drugs, persons with Multiple Sclerosis, many of whom have problems with mobility; seek ways to conveniently, safely and lawfully dispose of accumulated sharps. Improperly disposed sharps result in work related injuries to waste disposal personnel as well as potential injury to the public at large. Passage of the above measure will greatly reduce problems connected with improperly disposed sharps, with the costs associated with their disposal being born by the retailers responsible for their distribution. The Multiple Sclerosis Society would like to acknowledge and thank Marty Strauss and the staff of the Integrated Waste Management Department for their work in preparing this ordinance.

Item

32. Estimated Time: 1 hour Redevelopment Agency-owned properties in the 700 and 800 Blocks of K and L Streets [To Be Delivered]

Comments

Benjamin Ilfeld, District 4, Sacramento, CA, 95816

Position: Neutral

Comment: Please take some time and consider the impact of your vote on this issue. The residents of the central city - every single one - seem to have their eyes on the council tonight. Whatever plan is chosen please make sure it gets started and completed as soon as possible. I am one of the owners of The Sacramento Press and we have rarely seen such interest in a topic. Do what you think is best but please make sure that whatever your vote we all see progress and completion as soon as possible.

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Comments

Janet Elliott, District 1, Sacramento, CA, 95814

Position: Neutral

Comment: I am the owner of Downtown Mail and Shipping located at 1017 L Street, across from the State Capitol. Downtown Mail has been a part of downtown for almost 30 years and we know the K Street mall very well. I urge the city council to endorse the Rubicon plan. Of all the proposals it is the only one that says "world class city". Let's seize this opportunity to create something beyond the ordinary. Thank you, Janet Elliott

Item

33. Estimated Time: 30 minutes Ordinance Amendment: Relating to the Humane Treatment of Animals Performing in Travelling Commercial Animal Exhibitions (Passed for Publication on 6-22-10, published on 6-24-10)

Comments

Jessica Marler, District 3, Sacramento, CA, 95841

Position: Support

Comment: Animals need our help! The description of this ordinance is incorrect in stating that these animal exhibitions are fun and family friendly. They teach children how to disregard other living beings, and how to not be compassionate towards other living beings. These animals are put through nightmarish conditions to arrive at any destination, and the least we could do for them is to grant our city the ability to protect them. Please help the animals and support this item.

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Comments

serena sanchez, folsom, ca, 95630

Position: Support

Comment: This is a very modest and common sense proposal that will help protect public health and safety and help prevent cruelty to animals. While many people associate the circus with "safe, wholesome, family fun" - the truth often is much darker. Government inspection reports reveal ongoing mistreatment of animals in circuses, as well as failures to provide the basic minimal standards. In addition escaped animals can cause major property damage and can place local residents at risk. In 2002, in Sacramento a tiger refused to return to his cage following a performance prompting the evacuation of patrons from the arena. Both Sacramento police and SWAT teams were called to the scene. The tiger was eventually tranquilized and returned to his cage. Once again, I urge the City Council to support this common sense proposal that will help make our community safer and a more humane place for animals.

Kim Gardner, Sacramento, CA, 95815

Position: Support

Comment: Strongly support this. Would really like a ban of all exotic animal travelling acts.

Susan McDaniel, Citrus Heights, CA, 95621

Position: Support

Comment: I support an ordinance to adopt Humane investigations for Animal Acts and Traveling Shows -- to ensure operators are complying with the Animal Welfare Act. Sacramento does NOT have such a provision at this time. Along with PAWS I support this measure. We would like complete ban of all animal act traveling shows.

Charlie Sammut, Multiple Districts, Salinas, CA, 93908

Position: Neutral

Comment: International Animal Welfare Assoc. (IAWA) was disappointed to realize our earlier comments were not included in the staff report. We first question the need to fast track this process. What happened to require this? We are still concerned with #10's tack/equipment language for it is extremely vague. The last draft mentioned a list of tack that was unacceptable to SAC. Our request to see this list still remains unanswered. Responses from others that did make the report seem to share this concern

Item

Comments

Jeanne Larsson, District 3, Sacramento, CA, 95816

Position: Support

Comment: On behalf of the Sacramento Alliance of Collectives and business leaders in the field of medical cannabis, I encourage you to support a fair and equitable Business Operations Tax (BOT) for medical cannabis and its nonprofit collectives. Sacramento Alliance of Collectives recognizes its responsibility to the city and to the patients we serve. We support a fair and equitable tax that does not force dispensary owners to pass on excessive costs to patients. SAC Allaince supports 0.50% BOT for MCDC

Thomas Burruss, District 8, Sacramento, CA, 95823-6207

Position: Oppose

Comment: The BOT is definately in need of revision but not at this time and not in this manner. The tax needs to be equitable to all businesses not excluding a select few who are considered influential, while the remainder of us are just trying to survive. If it is necessary, and it probably is, to raise the tax, don't kill business in doing so. A 100% increase for some businesses in 3 years will put them out of business and the city loses. Please wait for the economy to improve and we will approve.



CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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February 23, 2010

Mr. Ray Kerridge, City Manager
Mr. John Dangberg, Asst. City Mgr., Economic Development
City Manager's Office
City of Sacramento
915 "I" Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Messr. Kerridge and Dangberg:

This letter is to express California Farm Bureau Federation's support for the Boqueria California concept and the California World Agriculture Center. We believe the idea of a permanent daily farmer's market in Sacramento will generate much interest to Sacramentans and visitors alike. In particular the opportunity to exhibit the produce from all of California regions will help educate visitors and consumers to California's first and lasting heritage.

The California Farm Bureau Federation is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership organization. Its purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the issues facing agriculture and rural communities. Farm Bureau is California's largest farm organization, comprised of 53 county Farm Bureaus currently representing approximately 81,000 members in 56 counties. Farm Bureau strives to protect and improve the ability of farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship of California's resources.

Sacramento is a natural area to exhibit the importance of agriculture as it relates to the economy of our state. California is the fifth largest agricultural economy in the world. A Boqueria California concept, located in our state's capitol, is an ideal venue to show our local, national and international consumers of the great diversity of foods we grow. The Boqueria California will help us to communicate the value of fresh food served from local California farms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. Wenger".

PAUL J. WENGER
President

PJW:sll

cc: Kipp Blewett, Rubicon Partners, Inc.
Michael Ault, Downtown Sacramento Partnership
Leslie Fritzsche, RDA

CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME

March 1, 2010

Mr. Ray Kerridge, City Manager
Mr. John Dangberg, Assistant City Manager, Economic Development
City of Sacramento, City Manager's Office
915 "I" Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Kerridge and Mr. Danberg:

I am writing in response to an expressed interest by the City of Sacramento and Rubicon Partners regarding a potential collaboration with The California Museum, in particular the California Hall of Fame.

The California Hall of Fame was conceived by First Lady Maria Shriver to honor legendary individuals and families who embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on the history of our great state. We hold an annual ceremony inducting distinguished Californians into the Hall, and present an exhibition that showcases over 100 historic and original items representing their lives and legacies. These efforts work to honor and showcase the California spirit.

The California Museum has been at its current location, 10th and O Street, since its founding in 1998. The Hall of Fame premiered in 2006. We are interested in exploring any opportunities for greater visibility for the Museum and in contributing to the redevelopment of downtown Sacramento. Several ideas have been discussed, including a California Walk of Fame. We look forward to exploring this and other creative ideas that would be of mutual benefit to the City and the Museum.

I would be very interested in meeting to discuss this further.

Thank you so much for your interest and support of The California Museum.

Kind Regards,

Claudia Dawn French
Executive Director

cc: Kipp Blewett, Rubicon Partners Inc.
Michael Ault, Downtown Sacramento Partnership
Leslie Fritzsche, RDA



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April 22, 2010

Ms. Beth Tincher
City of Sacramento
Economic Development Department
915 I Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: K Street Properties-Response to City RFQ

Beth
Dear Ms. Tincher:



BAGATELOS
DEVELOPMENT, LLC

As the City reviews the various proposals submitted by development teams for the 700/800 & K Street Blocks in Downtown Sacramento, the BRIDGE Team would like to highlight a few key considerations about the team and its conceptual proposal. We encourage you to take a moment to read the attached summary regarding some of these important points.

When the proposals are considered in their totality, the BRIDGE Team is confident our proposal will be found to be the most comprehensive, reality based approach that ensures a strong base of housing complimenting existing and future retail. The BRIDGE Team is the only team with a combination of extensive experience developing successful transformative multi block urban projects; award winning residential property management for urban mixed use projects; a major Sacramento regional retail developer and a track record of tapping multiple financing sources to complete projects.

We hope to join the City in this singular opportunity to further revitalize K Street and continue the momentum of downtown redevelopment efforts by offering a team with a proven track record in delivering urban mixed use developments.

Sincerely,

Randall M Schaber

THE BRIDGE PROPOSAL & TEAM

April 14, 2010

Briefly, the BRIDGE Team has proposed a mixed-use concept that will introduce 360-plus units of housing, 48,000 square feet of professional office space, 33,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 34,000 square feet of open space. Housing is our primary focus as it will improve the downtown jobs-housing balance and bring people to support surrounding retail on nights and weekends thereby helping the City realize its dream of a vibrant 24-hour downtown. The housing will also capitalize on the close proximity of light-rail transit. The BRIDGE Team brings a unique and experienced team to collaborate with the City. Team facts are:

- The BRIDGE Team is the only team that has extensive experience with completing multi-block, mixed-use, urban infill projects. Completed projects have either been the cornerstone for transforming neighborhoods or have been transformative outright.
- The BRIDGE Team is the only team to have built 1,000 housing units during 2009. The BRIDGE Team has put forward a mixed-use, mixed-income concept that is financially feasible today. The project is not dependent on one financial entity; rather, BRIDGE offers a financing plan that will tap multiple sources of financing.
- The BRIDGE Team is the only team to have major multi-tenant retail ownership and management in Northern California that includes 1 million square feet in the Sacramento region. Our vision is to bring vibrant retail tenants that complement the existing base of retail without demanding extensive City subsidy.
- The BRIDGE Team includes local Sacramento general contractors who contributed to preparing the financing plan. Otto Construction and Sunseri & Associates have a wealth of urban infill construction experience. Both general contractors also have increasing experience with green building.
- The BRIDGE proposal includes a majority of the housing as market-rate units. The BRIDGE Team is the only team with extensive mixed-income residential experience in urban settings. The mixed-housing targets young professionals in a range of incomes— such as teachers, nurses, college students and entry level government workers— with a product where market-rate and affordable units are indiscernible from one another.
- The BRIDGE Team is the only team proposing to save and re-use the Bel Vue, 700 K Street Building, Kress Building, and the 700 K Street storefronts leveraging extensive historic rehab and historic tax credit financing experience.
- The BRIDGE Team is the only team with years of green building experience in urban settings. We believe that green building is not only a community amenity but is a powerful marketing tool for housing, as well as for retail and office uses. BRIDGE Housing began green building its developments starting in 2001.



Bridge to everywhere

Housing builder rolls; funding clouds loom

BY BLANCA TORRES

San Francisco Business Times

With more than 1,000 units under construction and 1,000 more in its pipeline, affordable housing developer Bridge Housing is enjoying a booming 2010.

Last fall, Bridge completed two condo developments in San Francisco, including the \$60 million, 124-unit Armstrong Place Townhomes in the Bayview and the \$63.5 million, 131-unit Mission Walk in Mission Bay, bringing for-sale homes to neighborhoods with limited options for affordable homeownership.

It also finished the 99-unit, \$41.4 million

Ironhorse apartments in West Oakland, adding a crucial piece to a major overhaul of a former industrial area.

Bridge has four projects under construction in Colma, Palo Alto and San Francisco and plans to start three more this year totaling more than 650 units. That doesn't include eight developments fully entitled and ready to go.

"We're fortunate that we're going to be able to start as many projects this year as we are," said Lydia Tan, executive vice president of Bridge. The firm also appointed Cynthia Parker as president and chief executive to replace Carol Galante, who left to work for President Barack Obama's administration.

Yes, Bridge is keeping busy, but like many affordable housing developers, executives at the firm are wondering how to keep up the pace or any pace at

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March 4, 2010

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Mr. Kerridge and Mr. Danberg:

California's Tourism Industry generates nearly \$100 billion annually to the State's economy. The Farm to the Plate movement and Agri-tourism are growing components of this important sector of the State's financial profile. The California World Agricultural Center, and specifically The Boqueria California, would be an asset to Sacramento's tourism industry, enabling the City to differentiate itself. We would be happy to help in any way to its design and success.

The California Travel and Tourism Commission works in partnership with the entire California travel and tourism industry to promote the entire state. CTTC additionally serves industry partners by providing outreach opportunities to maximize funds that may otherwise be restricted to local and regional marketing efforts. CTTC works closely with convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, individual businesses and other tourism organizations throughout the state to supply stakeholders with the most up-to-date research and information on CTTC programs and events, as well as supplying a variety of Web, print and personnel resources.

Please let this letter serve as a letter of support for the Boqueria and its potential to impact the local Sacramento tourism industry.

Best Regards,



Caroline Beteta
President & CEO, California Travel & Tourism Commission
National Chair, US Travel Association

cc: Kipp Blewett, Rubicon Partners Inc.
Michael Ault, Downtown Sacramento Partnership
Leslie Fritzsche, RDA

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May 11, 2010

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Obispo

The Honorable Ray Tretheway
Councilmember, District 1
City of Sacramento
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Councilmember Tretheway:

On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, it is with great interest that we had the opportunity to hear about the proposed Boqueria California and the California World Agriculture Center as part of the redevelopment efforts of 700/800 K Street. Connecting communities to this state's agricultural heritage is vital to the continued prosperity and sustainability of our food system.

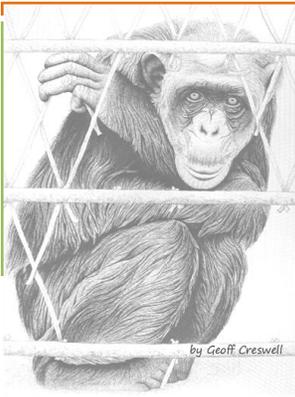
California produces more than 400 different agricultural products – we have more than 550 certified farmers' markets and approximately 81,500 farms. As interest in our food system becomes more locally based, having a premiere showcase of our agricultural diversity within the state capital would be a unique and valued contribution to Sacramento's urban landscape.

We appreciate your commitment and dedication to the redevelopment of the K Street corridor. Any efforts that include community involvement and education on our agricultural industry are a benefit to this state.

Sincerely,

Alfred G. Montna
President





Dr. Mel Richardson, Veterinarian

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July 8, 2010

Subject: Ordinance Amendment: Amending Sections 9.44.020, 9.44.215, Subsection B and Adding Article X, Sections 9.44.810 through 9.44.840 to the Sacramento City Code, relating to the humane treatment of animals performing in Commercial Animal Exhibitions.

As a veterinarian with more than 40 years of experience caring for captive wildlife including elephants and the full range of performing species, as well as domestic animals, I read with interest the article in the Sacramento Bee on July 4, 2010 concerning requiring performing animals coming into Sacramento to obtain permits and meet minimum care standards. I have read the draft of the Staff Report dated June 15, 2010, which includes the Rules and Regulations for Humane Treatment of Animals in Commercial Animal Exhibitions. I would like to add my full endorsements to the changes being proposed and would encourage the City Council to adopt the proposal for the sake of the animals.

These proposed Rules and Regulations are needed and are necessary for the welfare of the animal entertainers.

Sincerely,

Henry Melvyn Richardson, DVM
California Veterinary License #16049



PAWS

PO Box 849~ Galt, CA 95632 ~ www.pawsweb.org

PAWS Statement to the Sacramento City Council regarding the Ordinance Amendment relating to the Humane Treatment of Animals performing in Travelling Commercial Animal Exhibitions:

Since 1984 PAWS has been at the forefront of efforts to rescue and provide appropriate care for captive wildlife. PAWS is recognized internationally -- providing leadership on the complex issues surrounding the care of captive wildlife. In addition to our excellent reputation with national facilities and organizations, PAWS is often called-upon to provide expert testimony or consult on legal cases and issues with regulatory agencies, as well as assisting lawmakers to develop and write appropriate legislative policy.

PAWS' operates three sanctuaries and cares for over 100 animals – 9 elephants, 33 tigers, eight bears, cougars, primates, African lions, and other exotic species. The animals at PAWS have been rescued from horrendous captive wildlife situations -- ranging from bankrupt circuses and travelling shows to breeding facilities to drug seizures, and in the case of a number of our elephants, retired from zoos – due to inadequate environments.

PAWS has an excellent record of animal health, maintenance, disease prevention, behavior enrichment and round-the-clock monitoring of all animals. PAWS' sanctuary management personnel and keepers are trained in specific operational protocol that are followed at all times to maintain the health and happiness of all PAWS animals, in addition to adhering to proper captive wildlife sanctuary safety measures.

With specific regards to Ordinance Amendment relating to the Humane Treatment of Animals performing in Travelling Commercial Animal Exhibitions:

This is a fair and reasonable ordinance which will assist Animal Care Service in enforcing State and Federal Humane Laws.

Too often, travelling shows display animals in inadequate housing and unsafe conditions that compromise the welfare of the animal and the safety of the public.

For further information, contact Pat Derby @ (209) 747-4886

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange opposes Council Item 34 to increase the Business Operations Tax by 75% and increase the annual cap businesses pay from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Our members, which include small and large commercial construction companies, cannot afford to pay dramatically more in taxes in the worst economic climate since the Great Depression. Many of our members are struggling to make ends meet in this harsh economy, and this proposal would effectively put them out of business. The building industry can be a driving influence in Sacramento's economic recovery, and we strongly encourage you to not place this burden on our businesses. We strongly oppose this item.

Sincerely,

Scott Whyte