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				NEW OR UPDATED ITEMS			
2.07.2	Amend City Code to Address Vacant Lots	CM Hammond/ Code/ Max Fernandez	**This item will be removed from the next version of the log**	Staff sent an off-agenda memo to the L&L committee on October 27, 2008 confirming a verbal update provided to CM Hammond. At the Feb 6, 2007 L&L meeting, CM Hammond requested that staff research bringing forward an amendment to code requiring that vacant lots are fenced.	TBD	TBD	Code Enforcement
2.08.7	Banning plastic bags and Styrofoam cups in the City	Council Members Tretheway and Pannell/Solid Waste	**This item will be removed from the next version of the log**	Staff sent an off-agenda memo to the committee on September 2, 2008 with reagrd to City support of a Statewide ban on plastic bags and Styrofoam cups.	TBD	TBD	TBD
8.08.4	Discussion Paper: Requirements for Menu Labeling	CM McCarty / CMO	**This item will be removed from the next version of the log**	Staff sent an off-agenda memo to the L&L committee on November 4, 2008 indicating that the adoption of statewide legislation in this area preempts local ordinances; therefore, no further action is required at this time.	TBD	TBD	TBD
10.08.3	Shovel-Ready Sites Program Funding	Planning / Desmond Parrington	**2-Dec-08**	This would amend the zoning ordinance to allow the use of funding from two little-used CIP project funds in order to fund the Shovel-Ready Sites Program. The Program is designed to encourage economic development at key locations in the city by addressing major obstacles to infill development.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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09.08.1	Development Impact Fees	Transportation / Azadeh Doherty	**6-Jan-09**	Staff would like to draft an ordinance to establish development impact fees for Measure A transportation improvements for Citywide benefit district area.	TBD	TBD	TBD
10.08.2	Economic Incentive Plan: Permit and Entitlement Extensions	Development Services Dept / David Kwong	**6-Jan-09**	Amend City Ordinances to extend building permit, plan check approvals, special permits and land use entitlements for projects within the Natomas Basin affected by FEMA mapping restrictions.	TBD	TBD	TBD
10.08.1	Ordinance Amendment: Tree Permit Appeals	Transportation / DSD / Sandra Yope	**20-Jan-09**	Amends Title 12 of the City Code relating to the appeals of decisions on tree removal and maintenance permits.	TBD	TBD	TBD
5.05.2	Housing Trust Fund Nexus Study	Planning Dept/ Carol Shearly	**Pending**	Staff is preparing an off-agenda memo for Nexus study and will be bringing the Housing Trust Fund portion forward in early 2009 for minor technical revisions. Item heard by Council on April 18 as part of the Affordable Housing Workshop. Based on the recommendations by Council, staff will bring this item to L&L.	Possibly	To Be Determined	Dev Svcs

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7.06.1	Ordinance Banning Cart Vendors	CM Pannell/ Finance/ Brad Wasson	**Pending**	An off-agenda memo on this subject was distributed on 10/22/08. A staff report is being crafted in conjunction with the Revenue Division and will be presented to this committee shortly. As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff will be providing a joint report back in the near future on both Items 7.06.1 and 4.07.1. On 7/18/06, CM Pannell requested that staff bring forward	TBD	TBD	TBD
09.08.2	Parking in Central City	Transportation / Chris Dougherty and Howard Chan	**Pending**	This item would amend Title 17.64 of the City Code, relating to parking in the Central City. The proposed Zoning Code amendments implement the recommendations of the Central City Parking Master Plan adopted by City Council in September 2006.	TBD	TBD	TBD
				LAW AND LEG COMMITTEE ORDINANCE & REPORTS - DATE SCHEDULED			

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1	1.04.2	Update on Sign Ordinance and Sign Program	CM Waters/DSD/ Joy Patterson / CAO / Rich Archibald	Early 2009	Staff is doing a citywide study and will come back to the committee when it is completed. Staff has been holding several council workshops to get feedback and direction before returning with a comprehensive proposed ordinance for committee consideration in early 2009. Committee provided feedback and directed staff to report back. CM Cohn asked that staff review the City of Portland's program for A-Frame signs and report as to whether this program can be implemented in the City as a pilot program.	Yes	Significant	Dev Svcs/ NSD
2	4.04.1	Solid Waste Facility Inspection Fee	Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	Pending	Ordinance to establish inspection program for solid waste facilities. The Law & Leg Committee heard a staff report on this issue on November 4, 2004 and directed staff to get input from an advisory committee and report back to the L&L Committee with recommendations on fees.	TBD	To be Determined	Solid Waste/ Code/ DSD

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3	1.05.2	Amend Tree Ordinance	Parks & Rec/Joe Benassini	Jun-09	Minor changes were approved by L&L April 2008 and by City Council June 2008. Revised draft ordinance and outreach efforts underway. Item will be brought back to L&L by June 2009. Amend the City's Tree Ordinance to add section to: allow assessment of fees; prohibit topping of trees; and amend the tree permit appeals process.	TBD	TBD	Parks & Rec
4	8.05.1	Amend Ordinance Relating to Illegal Dumping Conviction Reward Program	CM Waters / Utilities / Edison Hicks	Pending	Amend ordinance relating to reward program to allow payment of reward at arrest and prosecution for illegal dumping.	Unlikely	Limited	Utilities
5	4.06.1	Ordinance to Regulate Valet Parking Operations	DOT/Howard Chan	Winter 2008	Draft Ordinance passed by the CAO Internal Review Committee. DOT doing outreach to stakeholders (Valet Vendors and businesses). Item to be heard by Fall 2008. Any valet parking operator who performs valet parking services at a restaurant or other place of public assembly will be required to have a valet parking permit.	TBD	TBD	DOT

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6	9.06.1	Ordinance Repealing, Amending and Reenacting Sections of City Code Related to Encroachment and Excavation Permits and Street and Sidewalk Use Regulation	Trans Dept/ Jon Blank	Pending	As of 7/8/08 DOT staff working to reach consensus on regulatory concerns raised by SMUD. Approve and forward to the City Council Ordinance amendments to Title 12 of the City Code.	No	TBD	Transportation Dept
7	3.07.4	Campaign Finance Ordinance Review	L&L Committee and Council/ Attorney's Office/ Eileen Teichert	Pending	Report back to Council following November 2008 election. At the March 20, 2007 L&L meeting the Committee directed staff to redraft the current campaign finance code to simplify the language, making the code easier to read and understand.	No	TBD	TBD
8	4.07.1	Discussion Paper on Amendment Options to the Home Occupation Permit	L&L Committee/ Finance Dept./ Brad Wasson	Pending	As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff will be providing a joint report back in the near future on both Items 7.06.1 and 4.07.1. At the 4/17/07 L&L meeting the Committee directed staff to come back with options to amend the home occupation permit.	TBD	TBD	Finance

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4.07.3	Discussion Paper on Portable Gas Leaf Blowers	CM Waters / Code Enforcement & CMO	Pending	Off Agenda memo sent to City Council on July 15, 2008 recommending no further action. At. Th 08/19/08 Committee meeting, CM Waters asked that this item remain on the log and that staff report back to the committee regarding noise complaints and their responses.	Yes	TBD	Code Enforcement
5.07.4	Regulation of Check Cashing and Pay Day Loan Stores	CM Sheedy/ DSD Joy Patterson	Fall 2009	Staff met the 2nd week of August, 2008 to determine possible course of action. At the May 15, 2007 Council Meeting, Councilmember's Sheedy, Hammond, McCarty, and Pannell requested that the CAO explore the issue of regulating Check Cashing and Payday Loan Stores. On Oct 2, 2007, staff brought forward an emergency moratorium ordinance for the committee's consideration. On 10/16/08, Council approved an extension of the emergency moratorium for 1 year. Staff ewxpects to retrun with an ordinance regulating these stores for the committee's consideration in one year's time.	Yes	TBD	TBD

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1	9.07.3	Discussion Paper: Land Use and Liability Insurance Regulations for Gun Dealers	CM McCarty/ Police / CAO / DSD	Pending	Per email received from SPD (June 12, 2008), this item has been withdrawn by the sponsor. At the request of Councilmember McCarty, staff will bring forward a discussion paper relating to land use regulations of firearms' dealers' locations and requiring dealers to obtain liability insurance.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2	10.07.2	Ordinance: flood insurance for new homes without 100-year protection	CM Tretheway / Planning / Carol Shearly	Pending	Requesting City Ordinance for Natomas development with the condition of approval that homeowners pay the first 2 years of flood insurance for new homes without 100-year protection.	TBD	TBD	Planning
3	5.08.2	Establishment of Administrative Fee for New Utilities Accounts	Utilities / Karen Lane	Pending	Creates a structure for a new fee for opening accounts, provides for a public forum via commission hearing and pfp, and amends current ordinance and budget information accordingly.	TBD	TBD	Utilities

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4	5.08.6	Review of Allowable Uses in Special Planning Districts That Overlay Commercial Corridors	Planning Dept/ Carol Shearly	Late 2008	Zoning code fixes are listed as a priority 2030 General Plan implementation program. Staff will bring forward more details about the scope of that effort to Council at some point prior to General Plan adoption which is anticipated to occur by the end of 2008. Report will help facilitate staff proposals for encouraging retail and other revenue-generating development along the City's commercial corridors.	TBD	TBD	TBD
5	6.08.1	Tobacco Retailers	Code Enforcement / David Paul	Pending	This item was heard on 05/06/08, where the committee directed staff to return in order to provide additional, clarifying language to incvlude further sanctions. The City Attorney's Office is working on a meo to this effect. An Ordinance amending Chapter 5.138 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the expiration of tobacco retailer licenses.	TBD	TBD	TBD
6	8.08.1	Ordinance Amendment: Scavenging City Garbage Cans	CM Sheedy / Utilities / Edison Hicks	Pending	At the 08/07/08 CM Sheedy asked the Solid Waste Division to craft ordinance amendments that would make it illegal to scavenge City trash receptacles in addition to recycling bins.	TBD	TBD	Utilities
7	8.08.3	Discussion Paper: Sale of Card Clubs	CM McCarty / CM Sheedy / Finance / Brad Wasson	Pending	Review the regulations that disallow card clubs to sell.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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