

Board Aims To Slow Carnal Businesses

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A "Detroit spacing ordinance" was approved by county supervisors Tuesday afternoon with the aim of stopping the concentration of unlicensed massage parlors and adult bookstores and movies in a single neighborhood.

Its provisions require that 1,000 feet separate new

"carnally-oriented businesses" from each other, but are more restrictive on bookstores and movies with a further requirement they be at least 500 feet from schools and residential areas.

The 500 foot restriction was stricken from the massage parlor ordinance after the board was told by County Counsel Clair Carlson that it would be unconstitutional to simply ban the businesses and Supervisor Gary Patton noted that a

500 foot separation from residential areas could amount to a ban through zoning.

Supervisor Phil Baldwin brought the issue to the board, stating that concentrations of massage parlors in the Portola Drive area threatened to turn it into "a skidrow", but he also supported Patton's concern, noting, "We have lousy strip zoning throughout the county which often is within a football field of residential."

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Watsonville Annexation Plan Fails

The "West Side Annexation" to the City of Watsonville — 680 acres involving agricultural lands — went down to defeat at the Local Agency Formation Commission level late this morning.

It was defeated on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner John Dixon being the sole supportive vote.

At issue was whether agricultural lands should be moved in a municipality. Voting against the annexation were Commissioners Ed Borovatz, Gary Patton, Robley Levy and Joe Ghio.

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A motion by Patton to strike the 500 foot restriction from the bookstore and movie ordinance was dropped by supervisors in their final flurry of motions to prepare the ordinances for adoption next week.

Carlson told the board that spacing restrictions were first imposed in Detroit in 1972 and have been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The board also ordered council to prepare an ordinance to ban the showing of X-rated movies in drive-in theaters—a ban that in 1975 was not upheld by the supreme court in a case involving action in Jacksonville, Fla.

Supervisors also ordered that the use permit of the Cinema Soquel be reviewed by the county planning department to determine if the X-rated movie house is in compliance. The planners were told to come back to the board in four months with recommendations from the review.

As Baldwin's spacing ordinance was presented to the board it included provisions for licensing parlor owners and their masseuses and masseurs.

The licensing procedure was challenged at two public hearings by a number of masseuses and parlor owners who argued that its provisions of disclosure and requirements for training were discriminatory.

However, a large number of residents in the mid-county area—1,000 on one petition—protested that licensing and other regulations should be brought down on the parlors with the implied belief they are fronts for prostitution.

At a prior hearing District Attorney Chris Cottle asked for some controls, and Tuesday Al Noren told the board that there have been 26 incidents at the parlors and they "certainly" have prostitution in a number of parlors.

Noren said he was so certain

of that, he could cite prices and proceeded to tell supervisors "they are \$30 for sexual intercourse, \$20 for oral sex, and \$10 for a localized type of operation."

Wendy Polk, a masseuse, countered, "I'm not an ogre... I do not lure men in; I give massages, that's all I do, and I have as much right to give massages as others have the right not to."

Her remarks were applauded by 20 or so employees and owners of the parlors, but other testimony from those supporters indicated there was some prostitution in some parlors and that it was better kept there than driven out on to the streets.

A woman who identified herself only as Mrs. Burns said that putting the masseuses "on the streets, you will have them hustling and hassling you."

She and others said that if there was not a market for the trade, the businesses would fail. Others said that government restrictions could lead to Mafia control, and one masseuse spoke of "money being pumped in from L.A."

Noren also warned of the possibility of Mafia control.

In dropping county licensing and permit controls, the board was told by Edith Manchester, mid-county resident and petitioner against the parlors, "It seems the county wants to protect prostitution."

Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat warned that the neighborhood in the Portola Drive — 41st Avenue area "was up in arms" over the parlors.

Supervisor Cecil Smith chrysalized the issue by telling the board that if it found the parlors were in need of licensing (other businesses in the county are not required to have licenses), then it would have to "have findings to support that."

Smith said such findings would mean that known activi-

ty was occurring the parlors that already was against the law and the sheriff should move to stop it.

Chairman Ed Borovatz agreed, that short of such findings, the board would be "applying a double standard" against parlors.

His statement brought a heated response from Baldwin who said, "This also involves truth-in-advertising and if we're going to have a red-light zone, let's have one (in a way) so we can tax it."

His move toward permits and licenses was supported by Liddicoat, but defeated by Borova tz, Patton and Smith.

The ordinance does restrict persons under 18 years of age from being employed and requires parlors to display a list of services and prices and restrict their trade to only those services.

It also allows parlors to escape the 1,000 spacing requirement if they agree to license.

Further, it does not apply to existing parlors which were excluded by a "grandfather clause."

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