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# Councilmen Delay Desert Inn Talk

Mayor Says Program Must Be  
Discussed at Formal Meeting

A prohibition against receiving plans or discussing specific future planning requests other than at formal city council meetings prevented progress on the proposed Desert Inn development at a dinner meeting last night, according to

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## Carlin Stand Gets Blast By Mitchell

"When Mary Carlin accuses her fellow councilmen of bad ethics in gathering informally to study a civic problem she is guilty again of an emotional, unthinking outburst such as characterized her actions as a council member in the past," write-in candidate John L. Mitchell told The Desert Sun today.

"Furthermore, if she were sincere in her belief and not just hollering for political effect, Mrs. Carlin should have made her charges in the open council meeting last night instead of privately to a reporter for an out-of-town newspaper who habitually acts as her mouthpiece.

"I believe that councilmen have a right, legally and ethically, to give some study to complicated problems before they reach the council floor," Mitchell declared.

"I believe such studies not only are a right but a duty and I intend to fulfill that duty if elected," he said.

"Such a study was made earlier yesterday when the council met to consider preliminary budget proposals by city departments," Mitchell said. "Perhaps because there was little political drama, just work, in this session, Mrs. Carlin neither objected nor attended."

## State Facing Immigration of New Prostitutes

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — State Sen. Richard J. Dolwig, R-San Mateo, said Monday California is facing a new migration of prostitutes.

Dolwig, a GOP attorney general hopeful, said that the recent Carol Lane decision of the State Supreme Court had attracted painted ladies from eastern cities.

But, he said, Democratic Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk "has adopted a dangerous 'let things take their own course' attitude" and done nothing to help local police in tracing the girls from one city to another.

The Lane decision overturned a Los Angeles local ordinance prohibiting "resorting" among unmarried persons.

Mayor Frank Bogert.

Bogert made this disclosure following a dinner with developer George Alexander attended by members of the city council Monday evening.

"A generalized discussion of plans of the magnitude of the Alexanders' between them and your city council is vital to a successful solution of the problems involved," Mayor Bogert said.

"There are many pros and cons on this plan which will have to be worked out and that was the purpose of the discussion tonight.

### Right-of-Way Vital

"For example," Bogert continued, "The tentative offer of Alexander to cede a right of way across the Desert Inn property to extend Belardo Rd., if adopted, could go a long way toward solving the traffic congestion problems of Palm Springs.

"On the other hand," Bogert said, "This plan to build a high rise hotel would find the city with inadequate fire fighting equipment such as ladder units to reach the higher floors of such a structure. To buy and maintain such equipment would be costly. It might, however, not be prohibitive in relation to the potential benefits.

### No Decision Asked

"Similarly," Mayor Bogert continued, "The council must consider the effect such a high rise hotel would have on the investments of existing large hotels in Palm Springs to whom a multi-story building was impossible.

"It's the job of your mayor and your council to consider all the pros and cons of a deal like this. In that study tonight, no definitive positions were made and none asked for. The whole thing was definitely legally and ethically right by the Brown Act . . . and besides, the dinner was excellent," Mayor Bogert concluded.

### Ordinance Required

Alexander called members of the council asking them to dine with him at the 1350 Ladera Circle home of his son and business associate, Robert. He wanted to discuss plans for the multi-million dollar development, including a 1,000-person auditorium. Alexander had previously indicated plans to build a six-story portion of the new Desert Inn. The six-story structure would require either a city ordinance change or a high-rise variance from current height restrictions. Alexander returned to his Los Angeles home Monday night. Robert Alexander told The Desert Sun yesterday the dinner was his father's plan.

### Height Limit Studied

The Palm Springs Planning Commission and the council has worked on plans for revamping the city height limits, to ease restrictions on use of expensive mid-town property.

The rule of thumb now under study — at planning commission suggestion — is for a height limit which would permit the same sight-

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