City Council President Al Simon said today the Council might not be able to challenge USL President Ray Authement's nominations to a proposed 11-member commission to supervise the operation of the Cajundome and Municipal Auditorium.

The Council refused to appoint the commission Tuesday because the majority of Council members disagree with some of the nominations. The nominees' names were submitted by Authement, Mayor Dud Lastrapes, the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission and the Hotel-Motel Association.

Council members met behind closed doors yesterday afternoon with Authement and Lastrapes to try to hammer out some of their differences.

"We felt that perhaps we, the Council, did not have jurisdiction over his (Authement's) nominees," Simon said about the outcome of the meeting.

**Stands Firm**

Before the closed session yesterday, Authement said he will stand by his recommendation that Mario Mamalakis, Bill Broadhurst and Jim Caillier serve on the committee.

"I don't feel the agreement with the city requires that I compromise," he commented.

Authement added: "I think these are three outstanding individuals."

Lastrapes said today that the portion of the contract between USL and the city which concerns the commission appointments "does seem to indicate USL will have three nominees on it. There may be something to it."

City attorneys have been asked to review the contract and offer a legal opinion about that clause, he said.

**None Rejected Yet**

Lastrapes said that so far, none of the names of potential commission members have been rejected.

"At this point, the list is still intact," he said.

Other names which have been submitted include: Gloria Knox, Louis Mann, Willis Ducrest, Dr. Kenneth Brown and Jeannie Rush (nominated by Lastrapes); Bill Buck, (nominated by the Hotel-Motel Association); and Gerald Breaux (nominated by the tourist commission). Sid Ory was nominated by Authement and Lastrapes.

Although Lastrapes and some Council members contacted this morning were reluctant to discuss yesterday's meeting, all agreed that some progress was made.

"We did have a good meeting," he commented.

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