

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2014
1:30 PM
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, Chair Councilmember Diego Bernal, District 1 Councilmember Rey Saldaña, District 4 Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, District 8
Council Absent:	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, District 3
Staff Present:	Robbie Greenblum, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Judge Bull, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Liaison, Mayor's Office</i> ; Veronica Zertuche, <i>Asst. City Attorney</i> ; Leslie Haby, <i>Asst. City Attorney</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>District 4</i> , Ruben Lizarde, <i>District 3</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Special Projects Manager, City Manager's Office</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

Individual Briefings

- 1. A Briefing on the Appointment Process for Municipal Court Judges.**
John Bull, Presiding Judge; Fred Garcia, Municipal Court Clerk

Judge Bull provided a briefing and presentation of Municipal Court Judges Eligibility and Appointment Process as an overview to include the following:

- Minimum for Appointment Requirements
 - Must be a U.S. Citizen and Texas Resident
 - Must have two or more years experience in the practice of law in Texas
 - Must be a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding the judicial appointment
- Role of City Council
 - Appoints full-time and part-time Municipal Court Judges
 - Appointment is by full City Council action at an open meeting and by Ordinance.
 - Establishes the salary and benefits of each full-time Judge by Ordinance at the time of appointment
 - Salary of Full time Judges is currently \$101,290.00
 - Salary and benefits cannot be diminished during the Judge's term of office
 - Salary and benefits cannot be based directly, or indirectly, on fines, fees or costs collected

- The Presiding Judge is appointed by the City Council from among the associate full-time Judges
- Update
 - Presiding Judge advised the Mayor's Office of 2 vacancies and 7 Full Time Judges whose terms expire April 30, 2014
 - Vacancies were advertised and applications were due February 28, 2014
 - 32 Applications were received
- Governance Committee and Council Action
 - All applicants meet minimum qualifications
 - City Council appoints 2 Judges for the vacancies and reappoints current Judges, tentatively set for April 10 City Council Meeting

Mayor Castro recessed the Governance Committee Meeting into executive session at 1:48 pm pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 2:10 pm and announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to interview the following applicants: Lisa M. Gonzales, Mary Catherine Hayes, Branden Rey Lopez, Margarita S. Pol, Savita Rai and Veronica Rodriguez. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Next Meeting Scheduled: April 16, 2014

Mayor Castro announced that the next Special Governance Council Committee Meeting was scheduled for March 31, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. for interviews.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Julián Castro
Mayor

Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/MMC
City Clerk