

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Members Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>City Manager</i> ; Carlos Contreras III, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Lori Houston, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Veronica Soto, <i>Director, Neighborhood Housing & Services Department</i> ; Tina J. Flores, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Aurora Perkins, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meetings on January 6, 2021.

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2021 Governance Committee Meeting. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Sandoval entered the meeting at this time.

2. A Briefing and discussion of a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to examine the feasibility of creating a Food & Beverage Worker Relief Program. [Carlos J. Contreras III, Assistant City Manager; Alejandra Lopez, Director, Economic Development]

Alex Lopez, Director of Economic Development introduced the Council Consideration Request (CCR) submitted by Councilmember Treviño.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he would like to see the item move as quickly as possible. He asked for the Committee's support and to direct staff to connect to other resources and funds as it is the workers who are suffering.

Councilmember Courage questioned where the funds would come from and asked if there was a plan on how the funds would be allocated.

City Manager Erik Walsh stated that he and staff would review the COVID-19 Recovery Resiliency Plan, all monthly budgets, and budget projections at February 18, 2021 the meeting; thereafter, staff would provide recommended budgetary adjustments to City Council.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if demographic data obtained from programs such as Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) or Workforce Development Program could indicate geographic areas where residents had been laid off.

Veronica Soto, Director of the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department, stated that the programs had mostly assisted hospitality industry employees.

Alex Lopez reported that the Workforce Development Program tracked 37% of the participants from the Hospitality, Retail, and Food and Beverage Industries.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve the CCR with the recommendation to include the Hospitality Industry in the proposed Relief Program; thereafter to forward the CCR to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee for further consideration. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Ready to Work Advisory Board (9 seats) [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]

Mayor Nirenberg announced that the Committee would interview half of the Applicants for the Ready to Work Advisory Board today, without deliberation. He stated that the remaining Applicants would be interviewed on February 19, 2021, followed by a full deliberation.

Mayor Nirenberg announced that the Committee would offer a three-minute opening statement for each Applicant, followed by questions from the Committee. The following applicants were interviewed:

1. Sheridan Chambers
2. Dr. Cynthia Teniente Matson
3. Rosa Santana
4. Aaron Asel
5. Karen Bryant
6. Sonia Garza
7. Peter J. Holt
8. Amanda Keammerer
9. Ben Peavy
10. Juan Solis III
11. Ann Islas

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm.

ATTEST:

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor

*Tina J. Flores, LPEC
City Clerk*