

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015  
3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM**

Council Present:	Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i> ; Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Interim City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Bob Murdock, <i>Director</i> ; John Peterek, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Peter Zamora, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Lisa Gonzales, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Dan Kassahn, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Margarita Pol, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Carla Obledo, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Clarissa Chavarria, <i>Municipal Court Judge</i> ; Fred Garcia, <i>Clerk of the Court</i> ; Norma Morales-Arias, <i>Court Administrator</i> ; Kristie Blust, <i>Legal Administrator</i> ;
Others Present	Joe Hernandez, <i>Military Order of the Purple Heart</i> ; Bill Grumteet, <i>Military Order of the Purple Heart</i> ; Lorenzo Rodriguez, <i>Military Order of the Purple Heart</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of minutes from the February 18, 2015 Governance Committee Meeting.**

Council Member Krier moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Council Member Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.

**2. Report on items considered by City Council Committees between February 14, 2015 and March 20, 2015.**

Mayor Taylor reported that this item is to give the Committee Members the opportunity to view upcoming items in other Committee Agendas. There being no items discussed, Mayor Taylor addressed Item 6 at this time.

## **Individual Briefings**

Item 6 was addressed at this time

### **6. BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER, DISTRICT 10,, FOR A CITY PROCLAMATION THAT DECLARES SAN ANTONIO A “PURPLE HEART CITY”. [CARLOS CONTRERAS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER; JEFF COYLE, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS]**

Mr. Bob Murdock reported that on March 3, 2015 Councilman Gallagher submitted a Council Consideration Request requesting that the City of San Antonio City Council issue a proclamation that declares San Antonio a “Purple Heart City”.

Mr. Murdock stated that The Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded in 1932 and later chartered by Congress in 1958. The organization is comprised of military men and women who have received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although its Membership is restricted to the combat wounded, the Military Order of the Purple Heart supports all veterans and their families with a number of nation-wide programs by Chapters and Nations Service Offices.

Mr. Murdock reported that, San Antonio’s Purple Heart Membership is 765 and is home to the largest chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in the Nation. San Antonio also has the largest population of veterans and active duty personnel of any City in Texas and second only to San Diego, California.

Mr. Murdock stated that by proclaiming San Antonio as a “Purple Heart City” will honor those men and women who have suffered wounds and the families of those who gave their lives for their country. Mr. Murdock introduced special guests in attendance from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Lorenzo Rodriguez & Joe Hernandez.

Council Member Gallagher addressed the Committee asking for support of his request and mentioned that City Clerk Vacek recommended a Resolution of Support.

Council Members Krier, Viagran, Saldaña and Mayor Taylor all voiced their support of the request to issue a Resolution declaring San Antonio as a “Purple Heart City”.

Council Member Nirenberg moved to forward said item to the full Council as a Resolution. Council Member Krier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously prevailed.

**3. DELIBERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS SERVING ON THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. [BEN GORZEL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER; LORI STEWARD, INTERIM HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR]**

Ms. Lori Steward reported that the Human Resources Department is requesting that the Governance Committee interview applicants and recommend to the full City Council appointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Ms. Steward said the City Charter provides for the establishment of the Municipal Civil Service Commission to hear classified civilian employee disciplinary appeals for suspension, demotions, and termination, and to make recommendations to the City Manager regarding each appeal. The Commission consists of three regular members and three alternate members appointed by City Council for two-year terms. The Commission receives between thirty and forty appeals per year, and generally meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ms. Steward also said that there are two Commissioners and two alternate Commissioners currently serving, and two vacancies, one each for Commissioner and alternate Commissioner. All of the current terms have expired.

Ms. Steward introduced each Commissioner/Candidate to the Governance Committee:

Mr. Joseph Tartell – Appointment as Commissioner  
Ms. Delia Trimble – Appointment as Commissioner  
Mr. Lee Wingert – Appointment as Commissioner  
Mr. Richard Lee – Appointment as Commissioner  
Mr. Leon Coe – Appointment as Alternate Commissioner

The above candidates were interviewed at this time. It was the consensus of the Governance Council Committee to move forward to full Council the above 5 Candidates for approval.

**4. DELIBERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL COURTS [MARTHA G. SEPEDA, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY]**

Ms. Martha Sepeda reported that the re-appointment of the Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Courts is approved by City Council for a two-year term that is staggered from the remaining Municipal Court Judges. The City Council originally appointed John Bull as Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Courts on April 22, 2004. He has been reappointed four times, most recently on March 21, 2013. Judge Bull's current term commenced on May 1, 2013 and expires on April 30, 2015.

Ms. Sepeda stated the qualifications for the Presiding Judge which are the same as other Municipal Court Judges: (1) a Texas Resident; (2) a United States Citizen; (3) a Licensed Attorney in good

standing; (4) have practiced law in Texas for a minimum of two years; and (5) a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding appointment.

Judge John Bull was interviewed at this time.

**5. DELIBERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE PRE-K4SA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT AND THE FIVE ODD-NUMBERED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS MEMBERS WHO TERMS END ON MAY 31, 2015 [PETER ZANONI, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER; DATHY BRUCK, CEO, PRE-K4SA]**

Mr. Peter Zanoni reported that the Mayor and City Council Members for City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 have each recommended reappointing the existing Pre-K4SA Board of Director Members to serve their respective Districts. The new term for the Mayor's appointee and appointees of Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 will begin on June 1, 2015 and last through May 31, 2017.

Mr. Zanoni said the following list is the City Council District Member's reappointment and the recommended Pre-K4SA Board of Directors Member:

Mayor – Elaine Mendoza  
District 1 – Dr. Richard Middleton  
District 3 – General Josue “Joe” Robles, Jr.  
District 5 – Gloria A. Ramirez  
District 7 – John M. Folks  
District 9 – Comelia A. Black

Mr. Zanoni stated that Pre-K4SA recommends that the Governance Committee approve to reappoint the existing Mayor's Appointee and the appointees for the City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 as outlined to the full City Council for consideration of approval. It was the consensus of the Governance Committee to forward the recommendation to full Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, evaluation and duties of the Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Courts and the other Public Officers listed above and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 4:32 p.m. and stated that no action had been taken.

Council Member Saldaña made a motion to move forward with Items Number 3 and 4 which include the existing and alternate applicants that were interviewed for the Municipal Civil Service

Commission as well as the Reappointment of Judge John Bull. Council Member Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Items for Future Meetings**

#### **6. Next Meeting Scheduled:**

Mayor Taylor announced the next Governance Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

---

*Ivy R. Taylor*  
*Mayor*

---

*Leticia Vacek, TRMC/MMC*  
*City Clerk*