

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015  
1:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM**

Council Present:	Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Peter Zandoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Joe Niño, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Ed Guzman, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Camila Kunau, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; John Peterek, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ;
Also Present:	Cecilia Picazo, <i>SAWS</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of August 19, 2015 and August 26, 2015.**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 and August 26, 2015 Governance Committee Meetings as submitted. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Report on Items Considered by City Council Committees Between August 15, 2015 and September 11, 2015.**

Councilmember Gallagher commented that he was pleased that the establishment of Safe Exchange Zones would be considered.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the timeline for the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) proposed structure and Rate Increase. Sheryl Sculley presented the following timeline for the SAWS proposed rate structure and increase:

- Presentation of the Rate Restructure to City Council (today)
- Presentation of proposed changes to the Rate Restructure and any Rate Increase to the Transportation, Technology and Utilities Council Committee on October 7, 2015
- Presentation of the proposed Rate Increases at City Council "B" Session on October 14, 2015
- Presentation of the Rate Restructure and proposal Rate Increases by city staff at City Council "B" Session on October 21, 2015

- Presentation for consideration of Rate Restructure and proposed Rate Increases on October 29, 2015 by the full City Council

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if there was a public hearing requirement associated with the SAWS Rate Restructure and Rate Increase. Ben Gorzell replied that a public hearing would be held on October 29, 2015 in conjunction with City Council consideration of the Rate Restructure and Rate Increase.

Mayor Taylor asked of outreach to be performed by SAWS. Mr. Gorzell replied that SAWS would perform outreach to City Council Districts and Neighborhood Associations. He stated that the SAWS Board would meet on October 6, 2015 to present the Rate Restructure and Rate Increase followed by public discussion. Ms. Sculley requested that Mr. Gorzell contact Robert Puente to coordinate SAWS' public outreach with the City Council District Offices.

### **Individual Briefings**

#### **3. Briefing and Possible Action on a Request from Councilman Nirenberg, District 8, Regarding Permanent Stage 1 Water Restrictions. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer]**

Ben Gorzell stated that Councilmember Nirenberg submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) making Stage I water restrictions, defined in Chapter 34 of the Municipal Code, year round practice under normal conditions. He noted that Stage I water restrictions are declared when the 10-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to 660 feet mean sea level (msl) at the J-17 Bexar Index Well. He reported that Stage I water restrictions limit landscape watering to once weekly during certain times of the day. He stated that staff recommends further study analysis in conjunction with the Office of Public Utilities and Finance, the Office of Sustainability, Planning and Community Development and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) to develop a recommendation to be brought before the Transportation, Technology and Utilities Council Committee for consideration.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that without conservation the City would not reach its long-term projections in terms of the supply gap. He noted that comments on this item have been mostly positive.

Councilmember Gallagher suggested that revenue projections associated with this item be taken into consideration.

Councilmember Krier moved to forward said item to the Transportation, Technology and Utilities Council Committee. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Discussion on Evaluation Process for City Council Appointees.**

### **Executive Session**

**A. Discuss the Evaluation Process of City Council Appointees and Legal Issues Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).**

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. to deliberate the evaluation process for City Council Appointees 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 1:56 p.m. and stated that no action had been taken.

**Consideration for Future Meetings**

**5. Next Meeting Scheduled: October 21, 2015**

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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*Ivy R. Taylor*  
*Mayor*

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