

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 30, 2016 at 12:30 PM
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM

Committee Present:	Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, <i>Chair</i> Council Member Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Council Member Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Council Member Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i> Council Member Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Staff Present:	Leticia M. Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Maribel Garcia, <i>District 5</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present	Robert Puente, <i>President of SAWS</i> ; Lester Bryant; Marc Harrison; Carl Morgan; Douglas Poneck; Steven Hussain; Ntando McIntosh; Will McLeod; Bradley Parscale; Patricia Rodriguez; Roberto Rodriguez; Ana Sandoval; Susan Segura; Sheryl Silvas

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2016

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2016. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on Items considered by City Council Committees between February 12, 2016 – March 25, 2016

Councilmember Nirenberg requested an update regarding the Sunset Review of City Boards and Commissions and asked that the SAHARA Student Group be recognized at a future meeting. Councilmember Viagran provided an update on the appointment of Municipal Court Judges and noted that the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee would provide a recommendation to the full City Council before the end of April.

3. Consideration of Applicants to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

The following applicants were interviewed:

Lester Bryant
Douglas Poneck
Will McLeod
Roberto Rodriguez
Sheryl Silvas

Marc Harrison
Steven Hussain
Bradley Parscale
Ana Sandoval

Carl Morgan
Ntando McIntosh
Patricia Rodriguez
Susana Segura

Executive Session

Mayor Taylor recessed the Governance Council Committee into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 1:46 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the appointments of Patricia Rodriguez and Steven Hussain for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Additionally, she moved to forward the re-appointments of Lester Bryant and Carl Morgan to the full City Council for consideration and to re-advertise for the union vacancy. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Briefing and Possible Action on a Council Consideration Request from Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8, regarding Council oversight of changes to the Vista Ridge Agreement

Mr. Ben Gorzell provided background to the Vista Ridge Agreement. He noted that the City Council approved the Contract and delegated the authority to make future changes to the SAWS Board of Trustees with the exception of changing the amount of water being delivered and payment calculation. He added that on November 19, 2015 the City Council approved a Rate Plan to provide financial support to the Vista Ridge Project and that on November 25, 2015 parent company Abengoa filed for pre-bankruptcy and pre-insolvency proceedings in Spain. He added that on March 23, 2016 it was announced that Garney Construction proposed to purchase 80% of the Vista Ridge Project equity, thereby reducing Abengoa's role to a 20% silent partner. He explained that, if approved, Garney Construction would retain 100% decision-making authority and that the Risk Profile of the Project would remain unchanged. He mentioned that the proposal would require consent of the SAWS Board of Trustees.

Mr. Robert Puente added that the SAWS Board had received several informal briefing on the proposal and would receive a formal briefing at the next upcoming Board meeting.

Mayor Taylor commented on the importance of strategic communication and public outreach.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated the need for Due Diligence in evaluation of the proposal for the Citizens of San Antonio.

Councilmember Krier asked for information regarding Garney Construction. Mr. Puente reported that Garney Construction was one of the largest firms in the country. Councilmember Krier asked if the City Attorney's Office had reviewed the proposal. Ms. Martha Sepeda confirmed that the City Attorney's Office had reviewed the proposal. It was stated that a presentation would be made before the full City Council at today's B Session Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

ATTEST:

Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor

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