

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2017 at 3:30 PM
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM

Committee Present:	Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Committee Absent:	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Camila Kunau, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Susan Guinn, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Lina Rodriguez, <i>Executive Assistant to the City Clerk</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Patrick Steck, <i>Special Projects Manager</i> ; Bridgett White, <i>Director of Planning</i> ; Michael Shannon, <i>Interim Director of Development Services</i> ; Karen Rolirad, <i>Office of Military Affairs</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Chrissy McCain, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Charles Mazuca, <i>District 9 Staff</i> ; Rey Lopez, <i>District 7 Staff</i> ; Paul Jimenez, <i>District 10 Staff</i> ;
Others Present:	Sonia Alvarado, <i>Elizabeth Dole Foundation</i> ; Mitsuko Ramos, <i>GRGTX Lobbying LLC</i> ; Monie Mondragon DeVoss, <i>NISD Council of PTAs</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes for City Council Governance Committee Meeting of March 22, 2017.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve the Minutes of the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of February 8, 2017. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on items to be considered at future City Council meetings and items considered by City Council Committees between March 17, 2017 and April 14, 2017.

There being no discussion on said item, the committee addressed item number three.

3. A Resolution that declares San Antonio a “Hidden Heroes City.” [Carlos J. Contreras, III, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs; Juan Ayala, Director, Office of Military Affairs]

Karen Rolirad stated that the Office of Military Affairs and the Veteran Advisory Committee were approached by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation for Hidden Heroes relating to San Antonio being declared a “Hidden Heroes City.” She explained that the foundation works with caregivers for wounded warriors. The Elizabeth Dole

Foundation requested three things in order to declare San Antonio a Hidden Heroes City: (1) Recognition and establishment in promoting the work they are doing and the purpose of the foundation; (2) Establish a committee or registry for a local network of caregivers; and (3) Establish a national network for caregivers. Ms. Rolirad stated the Office of Military Affairs has designated the Veteran Advisory Committee to promote and support the Elizabeth Dole Foundation for Hidden Heroes. She then introduced Sonia Alvarado as a Fellow of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation for Hidden Heroes and invited her to share her story.

Mrs. Alvarado explained she was only one of 5.5 million caregivers for wounded veterans involved with the foundation. She noted these caregivers were mostly loved ones and family of the wounded veterans. She also stressed that in a matter of seconds, these loved ones become caregivers.

She explained that her son, Sgt. Luis Alvarado, was injured in 2011 in Germany and his doctors said he would only survive 36 hours. His doctors have told her that he is alive now because of the care he receives from those that love him in his own home. She further explained that they relocated from Illinois to San Antonio after researching that veterans receive the best care in our city. She concluded by thanking the Committee and encouraging support of this resolution.

Ms. Rolirad stated that the infrastructure is in place to promote and support the Elizabeth Dole Foundation for Hidden Heroes, and the only thing lacking is a resolution to name San Antonio a “Hidden Heroes City.”

Mayor Taylor and all Councilmembers expressed their enthusiastic and unwavering support of the organization and said resolution.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to forward the resolution that declares San Antonio a “Hidden Heroes City” to the full City Council. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Cris Medina, District 7, regarding a resolution in support of “David’s Law” legislation and expressing solidarity with victims of bullying and their families. [Carlos J. Contreras, III, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle stated that Councilmember Cris Medina submitted said Council Consideration Request in response to a local high school student who took his own life as a result of intense online bullying. He noted that the frustration was with the lack of legal recourse. Bullying had been addressed in state law but cyber bullying had not. Thus, Texas Senator Jose Menendez and Texas Representative Ina Minjarez filed companion bills in order to address these concerns, SB 179 and HB 306.

Mr. Coyle explained if both bills pass as legislation they would address many issues, including: (1) cyber bullying would be codified as a misdemeanor crime; (2) courts would be allowed to issue subpoenas before a suit is filed in order to investigate if cyber bullying was involved that might lead to prosecution or a lawsuit; (3) require public schools to report cyber bullying cases they become aware of and intervene in those cases; and (4) families of cyber bullying victims would be able to file suit against parents of a cyber-bully if they could have intervened and did not.

He noted that a public hearing for HB 306 had already taken place prior to this meeting and they registered their official support of the bill. Staff recommended that this item be forwarded to the Inter-Governmental Relations Committee for a draft resolution to be forwarded to the full City Council.

Councilmember Krier moved to forward said item to the IGR Committee and then to the full City Council. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Alan E. Warrick II, District 2, regarding the review and update of the City's Unified Development Code's Neighborhood Conservation District Section including recommended amendments to the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Conservation District. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Department of Planning]

Bridgett White reported that said Council Consideration Request submitted by Councilmember Warrick is very similar to Councilmember Treviño's CCR concerning updates to the City's Unified Development Code. She specifically referenced the Conservation District Section of the code. She reported that this Committee voted to forward Councilmember Treviño's CCR to the Neighborhoods & Livability Council Committee. She added that the Planning Department and City Attorney's Office were working on reviewing the Code in light of these CCRs. Staff recommended this item be forwarded to the Neighborhoods & Livability Council Committee to supplement their review of the Code.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to have said item forwarded to the Neighborhoods & Livability Council Committee. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Next Scheduled Meeting: May 17, 2017

The next Governance City Council Committee meeting was noted for May 17, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 3:48 pm.

ATTEST:

Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor

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