

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2018 at 12:00 PM
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM

Committee Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Kevin Barthold, <i>City Auditor</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Shannon, <i>Development Services Director</i> ; Melissa Ramirez, <i>Development Services Assistant Director</i> ; Camila Kunau, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Tina Flores, <i>Compliance Auditor</i> ; Lina Rodriguez, <i>Executive Assistant to the City Clerk</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Caitlin Krobot, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Brandon Smith, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> ; Chrissy Q McCain, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Susy Romero, <i>District 3 Staff</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>District 4 Staff</i> ; Rebecca Podowski, <i>District 10 Staff</i> ; Alina Kesl, <i>Govt. & Public Affairs Department</i>
Others Present:	Sarah Olivarez, Alvaro Arreola, Jessica Brunson, Connie Gonzalez, Louis Boffa, Christopher Victoria, Michael Garcia, & Casey Whittington; George Peck; Andres Peña, <i>Kaufman & Killen</i> ; Emilie Christian, <i>Brown & Ortiz P.C.</i> ; Domonique Mireles, <i>Citizen</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes for City Council Governance Committee Meeting of January 17, 2018.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes of the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of January 17, 2018. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of At-Large Appointments to the Planning Commission (4 Slots) [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

City Clerk Leticia Vacek presented background information for the consideration of At-Large Appointments to the Planning Commission. She reiterated that there are four slots available with terms of office to expire October 6, 2019. Mrs. Vacek stated that on December 14, 2017, the Planning Commission City Council Subcommittee convened and recommended nine applicants to be interviewed by the Governance City Council Committee. Additionally, Mayor Nirenberg requested Christopher Victoria and Councilmember Viagran requested Connie Gonzalez to be added to the slate for interviews.

Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez provided the Committee with a map denoting the District where each interviewee resides. He recognized the Chair of the Planning Commission, George Peck. Mayor Nirenberg asked all interviewees to step outside of the meeting room and be called individually to be interviewed. He explained each interviewee would be given three minutes for prepared remarks and then his colleagues would ask questions. He added that the Committee would recess into Executive Session to discuss the applicants and return with a recommendation for the four available slots.

The following applicants were interviewed:

1. Sarah Olivarez
2. Alvaro Arreola
3. Jessica Brunson
4. Connie Gonzalez
5. Louis Boffa
6. Christopher Victoria
7. Michael Garcia
8. Casey Whittington

Mayor Nirenberg announced that Coda Rayo-Garza had withdrawn from consideration. Mrs. Vacek added that Paola Fernandez was not present and Mycheryl Russ was unable to attend, but referenced her written statement for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 1:20 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberate the appointment, evaluation and duties of public officers and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 1:44 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the recommendation of Jessica Brunson, Connie Gonzalez, Michael Garcia, and Casey Whittington to full Council. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 28, 2018.

Mayor Nirenberg reported that the next Governance City Council Committee Meeting would be held on February 28, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:47 pm.

ATTEST:

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor

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