GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2016 at 1:00 PM
CITY HALL, MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM

Committee Present:	Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, *Chair* Council Member Rebecca Viagran, *District 3* Council Member Ron Nirenberg, *District 8* Council Member Joe Krier, *District 9* Council Member Mike Gallagher, *District 10*
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager;* Peter Zanoni, *Deputy City Manager;* Lori Houston, *Assistant City Manager;* Leticia M. Vacek, *City Clerk;* Martha Sepeda, *Acting City Attorney;* Ben Gorzell, *Chief Financial Officer;* John Peterek, *Assistant to the City Manager;* Jeff Coyle, *Director of Government and Public Affairs;* Rod Sanchez, *Director of Development Services;* Debbie Racca-Sittre, *Interim Director of Culture and Creative Development;* Kathy Bruck, *Chief Executive Officer, Pre-K 4 SA;* Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney;* Maribel Garcia, *District 5;* Justin Renteria, *District 9;* Alexander J. Pytel, *Office of the City Clerk*
Others Present	Council Member Roberto Treviño, *District 1;* Council Member Cris Medina, *District 7*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of March 30, 2016**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of March 30, 2016. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Report on Items considered by City Council Committees between March 25, 2016 – April 22, 2016**

Discussion not held and no action required for Item 2.

3. **Deliberation and action regarding the reappointment to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors of the even-numbered City Council District appointed members whose terms end on May 31, 2016 and the appointment of a new member for City Council District 10 Board seat**

Mr. Peter Zanoni recognized Ms. Kathy Bruck for her years of service and upcoming retirement. He provided background on the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors and introduced the appointed members of the even-numbered City Council Districts:

City Council District 2:	Pamela Ray
City Council District 4:	Richard Perez
City Council District 6:	Lucy Hall
City Council District 8:	Shari Albright
City Council District 10:	Linda Foster*
*To be replaced by Phillip Thomson	

Mr. Zanoni stated that all even-numbered Board Members were to be re-appointed with the exception of Dr. Linda Foster who recently retired from the Alamo Heights High School and expressed a desire to step down from the Board of Directors. He noted that Mr. Phillip Thomson was selected to serve as the District 10 representative on the Board.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Ms. Kathy Bruck for her years of service.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to forward the list of re-appointees to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Roberto C. Trevino, District 1, for provision of a Spanish-language Interpreter at Certain Meetings and Public Hearings**

Mr. Rod Sanchez provided background on the Spanish Language Interpreter Contract currently utilized by the City of San Antonio. He reported that the Building Standards Board had utilized the Contract Services 14 times in 2015 for a cost of $2,800. He stated that the Contract Policy had been revised to require a translator to be present at all meetings of the Building Standards Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment as of March 1st and to advertise the service for the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, and the Historic and Design Review Commission. He added that the Contract services were provided by World Wide Languages and that the Contract would be monitored and adjusted as necessary to meet future needs. He explained that anticipated policy changes would result in an additional $14,000 being spent for Contract Services.

Councilmember Treviño highlighted the ongoing need to provide access to Spanish Language Services in order to assist members of the community in understanding complex issues. He provided City Council Meetings as a current example of the need to expand community access to Local Government. He requested that Spanish Language Services be expanded and noted that the addition of a full-time Interpreter would significantly expand access and demand for Translation Services. Councilmember Viagran stated the need for the service as a means to welcome community input to City meetings. Councilmember Viagran moved that the Spanish Translation Service be presented to the Neighborhoods and Livability City Council Committee for further discussion and consideration. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that translation services could have legal implications for cases that proceed to litigation. He noted that in all previous cases brought before the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the affected family provides their own translators. He added that they are usually family members that translate their concerns; thus, there is no concern regarding misrepresentation. Mr. Erik Walsh reported that there were a number of Boards that regularly require Translation Services and a number that utilize Translation Services as needed. He stated that a Translator would be present at all Development Services Board Meetings moving forward and added that previous technology investments had provided the necessary equipment for Translation Services at City Council Meetings.

Mrs. Leticia Vacek explained that currently, at City Council Meetings, citizens register to speak at Citizens to be Heard online or in person and, for regular City Council Meetings, citizens may sign up to speak on a specific

item. She added that there are opportunities to denote on the registration that citizens would require translation services.

The motion by Councilmember Viagran to present the Spanish Translation Service to the Neighborhoods and Livability City Council Committee and seconded by Councilmember Nirenberg carried unanimously.

5. **Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Cris Medina, District 7 for the creation of a Live Music and Entertainment Division of the City of San Antonio**

Mrs. Lori Houston provided background and examples of live music and entertainment services the City of San Antonio offers and facilitates through the Center City Development and Operations Department. She stated that the Department of Culture and Creative Development could further review the Council Consideration Request and present findings to the Economic and Human Development Council Committee. She explained that further review would entail looking at Best Practices from other major cities such as Nashville, Seattle, Austin, and De Moines. She noted that the Due Diligence, Best Practices, and presentation of the Item would likely occur in the Fall of 2016.

Councilmember Medina discussed the role of major music and entertainment events as significant economic drivers for cities as Seattle, Nashville, and Austin. He reported that major music and entertainment events brought in $2 billion to the City of Austin and $10 billion to the City of Nashville last year and noted that San Antonio could be the next major American Music City.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the Item to the Economic and Human Development Council Committee for further discussion and review. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

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

Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor