

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2016 at 1:00 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:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Maria Villagomez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Chief of Police</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military Affairs</i> ; Anthony Treviño, <i>Assistant Chief of Police</i> ; Karen Rolirad, <i>Deputy Director of Military Affairs</i> ; Arthur Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Sonie Gaetu, <i>Sr. Management Analyst</i> ; Joe Frank Picazo, <i>SAPD</i> ; Andrew Solano, <i>Office of the Mayor</i> ; Andrew Trexler, <i>District 1</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present	Council Member Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> ; Council Member Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> ; Mycah Harris, <i>Bexar County</i> ; Abigail Moore, <i>CEO, SACADA</i> ; Marcus Kavanaugh, <i>SACADA</i> ; Tracy Talavera, <i>SACADA</i> ; Vickie Adams, <i>Circles of San Antonio</i> ; Boyd Baxter, <i>Circles of San Antonio</i> ; Al Hartman, <i>Circles of San Antonio</i> ; James Winston, <i>Circles of San Antonio</i> ; Brian Lemons, <i>Texans Standing Tall</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of June 15, 2016

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes of the City Council Governance Committee Meeting for June 15, 2016. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on Items considered by City Council Committees between June 16, 2016 – August 17, 2016

The Report was reviewed and no action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on a Council Consideration Request by Councilman Medina, Council District 7, relating to a Faith-Based Community Liaison

Ms. Maria Villagomez reported that best practices had been reviewed and that the purpose of the Faith-Based Community Liaison would be to serve as the point of contact for both faith-based and secular organizations in order to better provide services to the community. She stated that based on research of other cities; City Staff recommended creating the position in the Human Services Department where the individual would coordinate the work of the Human Services Department and Delegate Agencies. She added that the item could be included as part of the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Councilmember Viagran stated that the position could serve both secular and faith-based organizations as a one-stop shop for social services and social justice issues. She moved to forward the item to the full City Council for review and consideration for inclusion in the FY 2017 Proposed Budget. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for detail regarding the type of services provided. Ms. Villagomez replied that the position would coordinate multiple organizational services and help increase accessibility of City Services. They would also conduct outreach and education to the community regarding different services offered by City Departments.

Councilmember Krier noted that faith organizations were well organized in District 9 and were repeatedly called on for assistance. He highlighted volunteerism offered through local churches.

The motion by Councilmember Viagran and seconded by Councilmember Krier to forward the item to the full City Council for consideration carried unanimously.

4. A Briefing and Possible Action on a Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Rey Saldaña, District 4, on a Proposed Social Hosting Ordinance to reduce Underage Drinking on Private Property

Police Chief William McManus reported that the Council Consideration Request (CCR) submitted by Councilmember Rey Saldaña would hold adult property owners accountable for underage drinking on their property. He stated that a violator could receive numerous citations and noted underage alcohol-related offenses. He mentioned that City Staff was reviewing best practices from other cities and would present recommendations in September.

Councilmember Saldaña reported that other cities had addressed the issue. He noted that currently, minors could be cited for underage consumption of alcohol but not adult property owners. Mr. Tom Moreno of the San Antonio Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA) reported that the CCR would hold adult offenders accountable and help reduce tragedies caused by underage drinking. Councilmember Saldaña added that the Proposed Ordinance would supplement current law enforcement efforts.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern for underage drinkers who might choose to leave the City Limits and return intoxicated. Chief McManus replied that the Proposed Ordinance would help close the gap for property owners and would not significantly impact Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or (Driving Under the Influence) DUI Offenses.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed the need for public outreach before enforcement went into effect. He asked how the Proposed Ordinance would impact DWI Traffic Stops. Chief McManus replied that Police Officers would return to the establishment in order to investigate. He added that the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission would take subsequent action. Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward the item to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and Possible Action on a Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Rey Saldaña, District 4, to recommend Measures addressing Mobility and Safety at Intersections in San Antonio

Mr. Art Reinhardt provided an overview of the Don't Block the Box Campaign Initiative which, along with existing Transportation Code and State Law, seeks to regulate traffic actions at intersections. He stated that there were signs posted around the City and Traffic Programs underway to improve driver education. He noted that the CCR could be included in the Vision Zero Campaign and reported that staff recommended forwarding the item to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee and the Technology, Transportation, and Utilities Council Committee. He explained that a Pilot Program could be developed in order to identify key traffic areas to post signage and perform data collection. He added that if traffic issues continued to exist, enforcement would follow.

Councilmember Saldaña reported that the CCR was a result of an incident that occurred outside Lackland Air Force Base when crosswalks were being covered. He explained that jaywalking had resulted in dangerous incidents with pedestrians.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the item to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee and the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee in order to discuss a Pilot Program. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion.

Councilmember Krier reported that the City of Austin had previously adopted a similar program and asked if results had been researched. Mr. Reinhardt replied that the campaign in Austin was launched last year with mixed results. He noted that the proposed Pilot Program would be a different approach as it was focused on education. Chief McManus added that results would be reviewed through the course of regular police patrols.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for detail regarding data collection. Mr. Reinhardt replied that data collection would focus on the middle days of the week and would entail a temporary camera being mounted during peak traffic hours.

Councilmember Gallagher asked for detail regarding the "Don't Block the Box" Slogan. Mr. Reinhardt replied that the slogan was a national tag line.

The motion by Councilmember Viagran seconded by Councilmember Gallagher to forward the item to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee and the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee to discuss a Pilot Program carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on a Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Roberto Treviño, District 1, and Councilmember Mike Gallagher, District 10, relating to a Memorial recognizing San Antonio Area Recipients of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor

Gen. Juan Ayala reported that there were many organizations such as Gold Star Mothers that had requested memorials recognizing San Antonio Service Members. He stated that the Office of Military Affairs would collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Department in order to create a Memorial. He highlighted the four stages of creating a Memorial recognizing the San Antonio Recipients of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor:

- ❖ Establishing a design of the Memorial
- ❖ Determining a location for the Memorial
- ❖ Funding the construction of the Memorial
- ❖ Maintaining the Memorial

Councilmember Treviño stated that the Memorial was important for San Antonio's History and reputation as Military City, USA.

Councilmember Gallagher highlighted the importance of recognizing the sacrifice of Service Members. He moved to forward the item to the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee for review and possible action. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. Councilmember Krier reported that the challenge was to determine who to honor.

The motion by Councilmember Gallagher and seconded by Councilmember Krier to forward the item to the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee for consideration carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm.

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Yacsek, TRMC/OMC/MMC
City Clerk



Ivy R. Taylor
Mayor