GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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:	Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager;* Andy Segovia, *City Attorney;* Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager;* Peter Zanoni, *Deputy City Manager;* Maria Villagomez, *Assistant City Manager;* Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk;* Mike Frisbie, *Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements;* Juan Ayala, *Director of Military Affairs;* Bernadette McKay, *Deputy City Attorney;* Jim Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney;* Edward Gonzales, *Assistant Director of Human Services;* Robert Blanton, *SAPD;* Andrew Solano, *Office of the Mayor;* Andrew Trexler, *District 1;* Don Vosser, *District 3;* Leticia Cantu, *District 7;* Chris Stewart, *District 8;* Charles Mazuca, *District 9;* Paul Jimenez, *District 10;* Alexander J. Pytel, *Office of the City Clerk*
Others Present:	Council Member Roberto Treviño, *District 1;* Council Member Rey Saldaña, *District 4;* Rocio Guenther, *Rivard Report;* Joey Palacios, *TPR;* Josh Baugh, *SA Express-News;* Laura Allison, *OFT;* Amanda Weber, *WOAI-KABB;* Gustavo Sandoval, *Telemundo News*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

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

Councilmember Viagran asked for an update on Chapter 33 (Vehicles for Hire) of the City Code. Mrs. Sheryl Sculley stated that the topic was scheduled to be discussed in a future briefing.

3. **A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, District 8, relating to a Proclamation Honoring Filipino WWII Veterans**

Councilmember Nirenberg reported that there was a Resolution under consideration by the Federal Government to establish a Gold Medal Act to recognize Filipino Veterans that served during World War II. He noted that 200,000 Filipino Soldiers fought for the United States in World War II. He added that the Item had broad support in the Legislature.

Maj. Gen. Juan Ayala reported that he had served alongside many Filipino American Soldiers who had performed bravely and honorably. He stated that it was important to honor this population of Service Members as there were several thousand currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Retired Col. Nonie Cabana highlighted service contributions provided by other groups of American Soldiers and mentioned that he had spent over 70 years waiting for Filipino recognition.

Councilmember Nirenberg noted that the Philippines host the most Americans buried outside of the United States. Councilmember Gallagher expressed his support for said Resolution and noted that it was important to recognize this part of American History. Councilmember Viagran thanked the Filipino Veterans for their service and dedication.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward the item to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Mike Gallagher, District 10, on Panhandling Ordinance**

Police Chief William McManus provided a background of solicitation throughout the City and examples of citations issued. He stated that SAPD was looking to increase the availability of shelter for the Homeless Population and looking to treat At-Risk Individuals as a means to mitigate Aggressive Panhandling. He added that efforts would include raising public awareness, discouraging street donations, and considering Restitution or Community Service for repeat offenders. He mentioned that Municipal Court Judge Bull had confirmed that similar programs existed in the Parks and Recreation Department. Chief McManus recommended a presentation be provided to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee in the future.

Councilmember Gallagher highlighted safety concerns and mentioned that professional panhandlers have been seen and added that it would be necessary to review best practices by other cities.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to forward the item to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee for further examination and to gather input on how to address the issue. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Krier provided examples of panhandlers in District 9 and highlighted the impact of mental health issues in the community.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked what strategies would be implemented. Chief McManus stated relative to the mental health issue; that Public Education would be increased and allow the Municipal Court to commit individuals to access and receive treatment.

Councilmember Viagran discussed San Antonio's History as a compassionate city and suggested that the item be forwarded to the Economic and Human Development Council Committee (EHDCC) in order to partner with

the Department of Human Services. Councilmember Gallagher amended his motion and Councilmember Krier his second to include the EHDCC. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Taylor, Viagran, Krier, and Gallagher
NAY: Nirenberg

5. **A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Roberto Treviño, District 1, regarding a Design Competition to make the East Entrance of City Hall accessible**

Mike Frisbie presented a Power Point noting that currently there was Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Access at the west entrance of the basement of the building at City Hall. He added that Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Staff, which would ordinarily oversee design and construction, were currently engaged in a Public Process for the 2017 Bond Program and managing other Capital Projects. He noted that staff did not recommend moving forward with this request at this time due to the time commitment involved and the lack of available staff and funding.

Councilmember Treviño reported that the CCR was seeking adherence to the spirit of the ADA Law by allowing everyone access through the same entrance. He stated that the intent of the CCR was to find a Process to generate great concepts and solutions before defining the scope of the project.

Mayor Taylor asked of the opinion of the Disability Access Officer. Mr. Frisbie stated that the Disability Access Officer agreed that this was not an issue regarding ADA Compliance. Councilmember Treviño stated that the item was a Civil Rights issue. Mr. Andrew Segovia noted that requiring someone to enter through the same entrance was not an ADA Requirement. Councilmember Treviño expressed concern for not meeting the spirit of the law and highlighted the need to find innovative solutions to this issue.

Councilmember Viagran suggested a thorough assessment of all the needs at City Hall including any deferred maintenance and improvements to include said CCR by Councilmember Treviño.

Councilmember Viagran moved to have staff perform a thorough evaluation of City Hall to include any additional suggestions by the Committee and to present recommendations at a later meeting. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sculley stated that the budget for the Frost Tower included a thorough examination of the City Hall Building and how the offices were organized. She suggested that the assessment be conducted after the Bond Program.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that there was a concern that persons with disabilities were not being treated the same as everyone else. He added that he would like to know how much a design competition would cost. He asked what mechanisms were available to conduct a design competition. It was stated that a design competition could be conducted in association with the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Councilmember Krier highlighted the architectural value of City Hall and expressed support for more entrance options. He asked for detail on how to complete the design competition. Councilmember Treviño replied that the majority of the work completed by the Stinson Tower and River Barge Design Competitions was completed by a contractor. Councilmember Krier moved to approve this request subject to the provision of a cost-effective proposal and further review before the committee. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran amended her motion to include Councilmember Krier's suggestion and moved to direct City Staff to conduct a holistic, full and thorough assessment of City Hall including reviewing multiple

options and to return to the Committee with recommendations. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion.

Councilmember Treviño expressed concern for a delay of the issue. Mrs. Sculley reported that the issue could not be addressed quickly or without incurring significant cost. She mentioned the need to consider the issue in a review of the entire building and added that the budget for the Frost Tower included an examination of City Hall. She mentioned that the issue would also entail a Historic Design Process.

Councilmember Krier's motion to direct City Staff to review cost-effective options and provide recommendations to the Committee failed by the following vote:

AYES: Nirenberg and Krier
NAYS: Mayor Taylor, Viagran, Gallagher

Councilmember Viagran's amended motion to include Councilmember Krier's suggestion and direct City Staff to conduct a holistic, full and thorough assessment of City Hall including reviewing multiple options and to return to the Committee with recommendations carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.

ATTEST:

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

Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor