

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2017 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> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Ed Guzman, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Chris Hebner, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Camila Kunau, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Heber Lefgren, <i>ACS Director</i> ; Melody Woosly, <i>DHS Director</i> ; Shannon Sims, <i>ACS Assistant Director</i> ; Steven Baum, <i>SAPD Assistant Director</i> ; Andrew Trexler, <i>District 1</i> ; Jeb Maebius, <i>District 1</i> ; Don Vasser, <i>District 3</i> ; Paul Jimenez, <i>District 10</i> ; Jim Greenwood, <i>Office of the Mayor</i> ; Rebecca Podowski, <i>District 10</i> ; Chris Stewart, <i>District 8</i> ; Walter Ague, <i>Office of the Mayor</i> ; Andrew Trexlor, <i>District 1</i>
Others Present:	Council Member Roberto Trevino, <i>District 1</i> ; Marianne Kestenbaum, <i>SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being</i> ; Rudy Morales, <i>SAPFFA</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes of the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on Items considered by City Council Committees between December 5, 2016 – January 13, 2017.

Mayor Taylor stated that the Governance Agenda Item regarding the report on previous items by City Council Committees should be revised to reflect the A and B Session forecast, not past consideration items. Councilmember Krier asked of the River Barge Operator Selection timeline and if the item referenced Operators or the purchase of barges. It was confirmed that the item referenced Operators.

3. Update on Board and Commission Sunset Review Process [John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager]

John Peterek reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Board and Commission Sunset Review met three times to develop recommendations to sunset, consolidate, modify, or review the City's 92 boards and commissions. He stated that during this process, staff analyzed the legal basis of all boards and commissions, gathered data about vacancies and frequency, gathered staff input, and surveyed members of several boards and commissions. He noted that based on analysis and feedback from the Ad Hoc Committee, staff provided recommendation to sunset 7 boards/commissions and consolidation of 3 other boards/commissions into a new Diversity and Inclusion Commission to include the following:

Sunset:

- Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
- Community Development Authority Committee
- Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission
- SA2020 Commission on Education
- SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Convention and Visitors Commission

Consolidation into a new Diversity and Inclusion Commission:

- Affirmative Action Advisory Commission
- City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs
- Disability Access Advisory Committee

Mayor Taylor expressed appreciation to Staff and the Ad Hoc Committee for their work on said item. She referenced the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) and the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommendation for sunset and entertained discussion to restructure or provide a new charge for said boards.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their work spoke in support of restructuring the TAB. She stated that the TAB was primarily staffed by SAPD and that staff from Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and Sustainability should be included as well. She noted consideration of category composition to include Transportation Network Companies (TNC), cycling community, and pedestrians to address mobility issues and various Master Plans regarding transportation. With regard to the CEAC, she spoke of the redirection to a Sustainability Advisory Committee to address air quality issues, impervious cover, and dark skies preservation. Councilmember Viagran mentioned also reviewing the correlation between the SA2020 Commission on Education, SA Works, and SA Tomorrow for possible consolidation solutions.

Councilmember Nirenberg concurred that the CEAC had not outlived its purpose and cited its usefulness regarding sustainability issues. He stated that the charge of boards and commissions is to provide advisory support to City Council Committees and that many boards had not been redirected in restructuring of the Board Reporting Structure. Marianne Kestenbaum, SA2020 Commissioner, addressed the Committee regarding the SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being. She noted their agenda items and discussions and stated that the Commission was active and felt that their and accomplishments had been deemed mediocre. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that some aspects of the Sunset Review Survey were not indicative of the progress of the boards and commissions. He spoke in support of not sunsetting the CEAC and proceeding with remaining staff recommendations.

Councilmember Krier concurred that all boards and commissions have a clear mission statement and a clear reporting structure to provide advisory recommendations. He recommended that a new Citizens Bond Oversight Commission would be formed after passage of the 2017 Bond Election. With regard to sunseting the TAB; he proposed to consider, upon renewal of the City's financial obligation to the San Antonio Mobility Corporation (SAMCo), that they broaden their scope to provide multimodal advice in addition to highway advice.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to proceed with staff's recommendation with the exclusion of the CEAC and the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs. Councilmember Nirenberg requested that Councilmember Gallagher accept a friendly amendment to remove the TAB and the SA2020 Commissions on Education and Strengthening Family Well-being from the motion. Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of Councilmember Nirenberg's friendly amendment. Councilmember Krier requested clarification if staff would review the SA2020 Commissions for consolidation into the SA Tomorrow Volunteer Structure. Councilmember Gallagher agreed to the amendment.

Councilmember Gallagher redefined his motion to proceed with staff's recommendation with the exclusion of the following: 1) The Transportation Advisory Board for further review; 2) The SA2020 Commission on Education and the SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being for review for placement in the SA Tomorrow Volunteer Structure; and 3) The City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs from consolidation into a new Diversity and Inclusion Commission. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. A Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Roberto Treviño, District 1, regarding Strengthening the Animal Fastening Ordinance. [Maria Villagomez, Assistant City Manager; Heber Lefgren, Director, Animal Care Services]

Heber Lefgren reported that Councilmember Treviño requested that the City of San Antonio develop an ordinance adding or amending Section 5-20 of the City Code regarding the Strengthening of animal fastening. He stated that Animal Care Services (ACS) was in the process of updating and revising the ACS Strategic Plan and Chapter 5 of the San Antonio Municipal Code regarding animals. He noted that ACS will gather input from Community members and incorporate recommendations to this process. He added that ACS will provide an update to Chapter 5 and the ACS Strategic Plan to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee in June 2017 and to the City Council at a B Session in August 2017.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the alternatives to animal fastening. Mr. Lefgren responded that revisions to strengthen the current ordinance would include pre-emptive use of metal chains and to provide access to food and water. Councilmember Viagran extended an invitation to all to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Brooks Spay Neuter Facility.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward said item to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety and Services City Council Committee in June. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

ATTEST:



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



Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor