

# GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2017 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> ; Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Shannon, <i>Development Services Director</i> ; Camila Kunau, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Ed Guzman, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Krista Cover, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Veronica Zertuche, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>TCI Assistant Director</i> ; Sarah Baray, <i>CEO of Pre-K4SA</i> ; Trey Jacobson, <i>Mayor's Chief of Staff</i> ; Lina Rodriguez, <i>Executive Assistant to the City Clerk</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Chris Callanen, <i>Assistant to the City Council</i> ; Patrick Steck, <i>Special Projects Manager</i> ; Jay Podjenski, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Chrissy McCain, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>District 4 Staff</i> ; Joseph Bravo, <i>District 7 Staff</i>
Others Present:	Jeff Webster ( <i>Chair</i> ), Francine Romero & Frank Garza, <i>Charter Review Commission Members</i> ; Dr. Gogi Dickson & Dr. Tracy Hurley, <i>Pre-K4SA Board Members</i> ; Mandy Adkins & Mary Japhet, <i>San Antonio Sports</i> ; Josh Baugh, <i>Express News</i> ; Erin Bley, <i>Kaufman &amp; Killen</i> ; Martin Gutierrez, <i>SA Chamber of Commerce</i> ; Rhett Smith, <i>Citizen</i> ; Patrick Von Dohlen, <i>Citizen</i> ; Ray Rodriguez, <i>Citizen</i>

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

### 1. Approval of Minutes for City Council Governance Committee Meeting of September 20, 2017.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes of the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of September 20, 2017. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

### 3. A Briefing regarding the status of the work of the Charter Review Commission. [Jeffrey Webster, Chair, Charter Review Commission; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager].

Chairman of the Charter Review Commission Jeff Webster provided a briefing regarding the status of the work of the Charter Review Commission. He discussed the process of creating sub-committees and the proposed

timeline to provide recommendations to the full City Council. He noted changes within City Hall as well as a revised charge given to the Commission by Mayor Nirenberg related to the new timeline for a potential May or November 2018 Charter Election. He stated the Commission held three public hearings to gather citizen input on various topics. Mr. Webster highlighted frequently mentioned topics from the public hearings: (1) Affordable Housing Bonds; (2) Changing the Form of Government to a Mayor/Council Government; (3) Increasing the Number of Council Districts; (4) Lengthening and/or Staggering Council Terms; (5) Changing the Election Date from May to November; (6) Ability of Mayor/Council to File Suit against Governmental Entities. Mr. Webster noted that other topics such as Financial Transparency and the Ethics Review Board were broader issues that required more discussion among the Commission. He requested more time for the Commission to hold additional public hearings, gather sub-committee recommendations, and finalize recommendations for full City Council consideration at a B Session.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Mr. Webster and the Charter Review Commission for their hard work and noted that he viewed the Commission as a standing committee that would continue discussion for years to come. He noted his desire for a deeper look into Ethics Review Board changes in conjunction with the ERB and Common Cause. He reiterated that the Commission was not on a deadline and that these wide ranging issues would be given proper time to be evaluated.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked the Commission and noted the need to thoroughly discuss all changes that could be made to the City Charter. He stated he was open to the concept of the Commission coordinating with the ERB and Common Cause when examining changes to the Charter.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the Commission and all citizens who participated in the public hearings. She noted the need for more discussion and citizen input for the Commission to make thoughtful recommendations.

Mayor Nirenberg clarified that Mr. Webster and the Charter Review Commission would come back to Governance with thorough recommendations agreed upon by the full Commission before presentation to the full City Council at a B Session.

No action was required for Item 3. Item 4 was addressed at this time.

**4. Staff recommendations regarding City Council Office policies concerning council aides and use of City Council Project Funds (CCPF) [John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Christopher Callanen, Assistant to City Council].**

Assistant to the City Council Chris Callanen presented the staff recommendations regarding Council Office policies concerning council aides and the Council's use of City Council Project Funds (CCPF). Mr. Callanen stated that the current Councilmember's operating budgets allow for each office to employ a maximum of 6 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) as council aides and that the current budget funded benefits for six FTEs, including parking allowance, car allowance, cell phone allowance, health care stipend, individual retirement account match, and tuition reimbursement. Staff recommended one additional FTE for a total of seven FTEs in Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Callanen noted a request that staff look into revising the CCPF guidelines, specifically regarding the Election Year Moratorium prohibiting any CCPF expenditure of funds for an event or activity that would occur during an Election Year beginning on the first day of the filing period and ending when the Mayor or Councilmember is sworn into office. He further noted that Councilmember Saldaña asked for specific examination of Wellness Events being funded through CCPF during the Election Year Moratorium because of the cancellation of several events under the current regulations. He stated that staff recommended a revision to

the CCPF Guidelines to include the use of CCPF funds for Wellness Events during the Election Year Moratorium.

Councilmember Treviño noted his support for the increase in the number of FTEs per Council District and the staff recommendation regarding the use of CCPF funds for Wellness Events. He stated he would like to see more freedom with Council operating budgets and that he did not see a reason to have a specific number of FTEs.

Councilmember Viagran inquired whether Arts and Culture Events or Educational Events would be added to the staff recommendation for the CCPF exception of Wellness Events. She suggested that CCPF funding of different events be approved if Councilmembers agree to remove their names from promotional or advertising materials for the event during the Election Year Moratorium.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed her support for other events being added to the CCPF event exception. She inquired about the number of FTEs and if the average salary of each FTE would be altered with the addition of this FTE. Mr. Callanen replied that the average salary would not be affected as they have already been given additional monies to supplement the new FTE in the approved FY18 Budget.

Mr. John Peterek clarified that the current CCPF staff recommendation is specifically for Wellness Events and does not include any other events. He suggested a return to the Governance Committee after more research has been done concerning the addition of other events to the CCPF exception.

Councilmember Saldaña noted thanked staff for their work regarding the Wellness Event exception and expressed support for the addition of other events and the staff recommendation for FTEs.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve staff recommendations as written and forward to full City Council. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 was addressed at this time.

**2. Deliberation and action regarding appointments to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Director Members for Council Districts 6, 9, and 10. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA].**

Deputy City Manager Peter Zanoni provided an overview of the Pre-K4SA Program and presented three recommended appointments to the Pre-K4SA Board of Directors for Districts 6, 9, and 10. He stated that Councilmember Brockhouse had recommended appointing Dr. Tracy Hurley, Councilmember Courage had recommended re-appointing Dr. Gogi Dickson, and Councilmember Perry had recommended appointing Elizabeth Stephens.

Mayor Nirenberg acknowledged Dr. Hurley and Dr. Dickson who were present. Dr. Hurley and Dr. Dickson thanked the Committee and expressed their willingness and excitement to move the Pre-K4SA Program forward with their knowledge and expertise.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Dr. Dickson for her current service on the Board and thanked Dr. Hurley for her willingness to lend her knowledge and expertise to Pre-K4SA. She inquired about the make-up of the Board of Directors. Mr. Zanoni replied with these appointments the total make-up of the Board would be seven educators and four business community members. Councilmember Viagran also noted the gender make-up of the Board with three male members and eight female members.



Councilmember Viagran moved to approve staff recommendation and forward to full City Council. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consideration of the establishment of a 15 appointed member City Bond Oversight Commission to oversee the completion of the City's 2017 Bond Program projects. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Transportation & Capital Improvements].**

Mr. Zanoni presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) regarding the establishment of a City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) to oversee the completion of the City's 2017 Bond Program focusing on efficiency, timeliness, equity, and accountability of its implementation with citizen input and reports to the full City Council. He noted the last two voter-approved Bond Programs included Bond Oversight Commissions. He stated that staff recommended the creation of an eleven member commission with the Chair being appointed by the Mayor and each Council District appointing one member to meet quarterly.

Councilmember Peláez asked that the staff recommendation be altered to increase the number of members on the Commission from one to three members per district. He stated the primary reason for increasing the number of members per district was the dissemination of information about Bond Project progress to neighborhoods.

Mr. Zanoni stated that staff recommendation was a compromise for a 15 member CBOC which would be comprised of a Chair and Vice-Chair, a Parks and Recreation representative, a San Antonio Public Library representative, and a Bexar County Regional Watershed Management Committee representative appointed by the Mayor, and the remainder appointed by each Council District.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the appointments to represent certain areas. Mr. Zanoni replied that they were chosen in relation to the specific Bond Propositions.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve staff recommendation and forward to full City Council. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 1, 2017.**

The next Governance City Council Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:23 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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

  
Ron Nirenberg, Mayor