

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2018 at 12:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA "B" 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:	Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i> ; Erik Walsh & Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Managers</i> ; Elizabeth Provencio, <i>First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Trey Jacobson & Marisa Bono, <i>Mayor's Staff</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; Veronica Soto, <i>Neighborhood & Housing Services Director</i> ; Melissa Ramirez, <i>Development Services Department</i> ; Ed Guzman, Scott Zimmerer, & Thomas Filopoulos, <i>City Attorney's Office</i> ; General Juan Ayala, <i>Office of Military & Veterans Affairs</i> ; Caitlin Krobot, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Jay Podjenski & Chrissy McCain, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Ruben Lizalde, <i>District 3 Staff</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>District 4 Staff</i> ; Bianca Maldonado, <i>District 7 Staff</i> ; Derek Roberts, <i>District 9 Staff</i> ; Lina Rodriguez, <i>Executive Assistant to the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	George Peck, <i>Planning Commission Chair</i> ; Ben Olivo, <i>San Antonio Heron</i> ; Rob Killen & Erin Bley, <i>Kaufman Killen</i> ; Stephanie Reyes, Jim Bailey, Joe Alderete, and Natalie Griffith, <i>Citizens</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of September 19, 2018.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meeting of September 19, 2018. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. A briefing and possible action on reconstituting the San Antonio Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Veronica R. Soto, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department].

Deputy City Manager Peter Zaroni briefed the Governance Committee on the staff recommendation to modify the composition and charge of the San Antonio Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods. He noted that the current Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods was a 15-member committee comprised of members with a variety of backgrounds that include: (1) non-profit developer, (1) non-profit housing provider, (1) housing law and/or policy expert, (1)

academic/historian, (1) architect or urban designer, (1) construction professional, (1) San Antonio Housing Authority representative, (2) financial institution representatives, (2) for-profit private real estate/development representatives, and (4) neighborhood community group representatives. He mentioned that the Mayor appoints 5 members to the Commission and each member of the City Council appoints 1 member to the Commission. Mr. Zanon stated that the charge of the current Commission was to increase workforce and affordable housing preservation and production, and recommend policies to minimize displacement.

Mr. Zanon presented the staff recommendation to change the name to the Housing Commission and reduce the number of Commission Members from 15 to 9. He stated that the new 9-member Commission would be comprised as follows: (4) members should be filled by the CEO/Executive Director of the following organizations: San Antonio Housing Authority; San Antonio Housing Trust; San Antonio Economic Development Foundation; and VIA Metropolitan Transit, with the remaining (5) positions to be filled At-Large with community members who will implement the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force (MHPTF) Report. He further noted that the 5 At-Large positions will be nominated by the Mayor in consultation with the City Council and then approved by the full City Council. He stated that the Mayor will appoint the Chair of the Housing Commission from among its members and that the Department of Neighborhood Housing Services will provide staff support to the Housing Commission.

Mr. Zanon stated that the new recommended charge of the new Housing Commission will be to serve as a public oversight commission to guide the implementation of the MHPTF's recommendations and engage the public. He stated that the Commission would provide an annual report of the implementation progress made on Affordable Housing Programs and Projects included in the City's Annual Budget, as well as other affordable housing issues and policies in the City's Affordable Housing Work Plan. He indicated that the newly created Housing Commission would convene subsequent to City Council approval of the new appointments to the Commission, and the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods would sunset upon the convening of the new Housing Commission.

Mr. Zanon reiterated the staff recommendation to approve and forward for full City Council consideration, the modifications to the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods.

Mayor Nirenberg stated his approval for the modification of the Housing Commission and reiterated that the recommendation originated from the MHPTF's Report. He encouraged his City Council colleagues to submit recommendations to his office for the 5 At-Large slots.

Councilmember Sandoval requested to speak with any member of the MHPTF present at the meeting. She inquired about the MHPTF, their charge, and thoughts on the modifications recommended. Jim Bailey, a member of the MHPTF, noted that the Task Force had been discussing these changes for over a year and one of the first changes they noted was to reduce the size of the group as it is difficult to get all 15 members in one place at one time and with so many varied opinions. Councilmember Sandoval inquired if the Task Force recommended that the 5 At-Large slots be filled with professionals within the Housing Community or if it would suffice to have heavily involved community representatives. Mr. Bailey responded that it would be beneficial if the individuals had knowledge of community development and entrenched in the community.

Councilmember Viagran inquired about the terms of office. Mr. Zanon responded that the 2-year terms would remain the same. Councilmember Viagran recommended that staff discuss staggering the terms of office. She inquired about the City's current policy for declaring City-owned tracts of land as surplus. Mr. Zanon responded that vacant lots could be used for affordable housing and that they were currently looking into utilizing it for same.

Mayor Nirenberg noted that all other Housing Boards/Commissions would remain active. He noted that the ordinance related to the item that would be brought before the City Council would maintain and strengthen the recommendation of the MHPTF.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to forward the staff recommendation to modify, as denoted, the composition and charge of the San Antonio Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. A briefing on a Council Consideration Request by Councilman Clayton Perry to place “Military City USA” roadway signs at major entrance points into San Antonio and at the International and Stinson Airports. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI)].

General Juan Ayala provided background on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) submitted by Councilmember Clayton Perry in regard to placing signs welcoming people to San Antonio, known as “Military City USA” at major entrance points on roadways in San Antonio as well as the Airport.

Councilmember Clayton Perry thanked the Governance Committee for considering his CCR and thanked city staff for their work. He explained the importance of trademarking San Antonio as “Military City USA” and stressed the importance of highlighting and advertising “Military City USA” to those who visit the City.

Assistant Director of TCI Art Reinhardt explained that city staff conducted a review of the City’s boundaries and major highways entering San Antonio. He mentioned that staff had identified 20 locations where city limits cross a highway. He noted that these 20 locations are on roadways managed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and they have a formal approval process for the installation of this type of roadway signs which they call “City Pride” signs. He mentioned that costs for the “City Pride” signs can range from \$100 to \$2,000 depending on the sign’s size and design. He stated that TCI Staff had additionally identified three potential sign locations for the major exits of the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport which could be placed on city owned right-of-ways.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that city staff does not recommend the installation of “Military City USA” signage at all 23 potential locations, but instead recommends an initial phase at eight key locations with a budget of approximately \$40,000. He noted the following key locations for the initial phase: (1) San Antonio International Airport at US-281, (2) San Antonio International Airport at I-410, (3) Stinson Municipal Airport, (4) I-10 West, (5) I-10 East, (6) I-37 North, (7) I-35 North, and (8) I-35 South.

Mayor Nirenberg noted his approval of the staff recommendation and requested that city staff locate the funds for this project from the General Fund; not from District 10 funds.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed support for the recommendation.

Councilmember Viagran inquired about the signage ordinances recently passed by City Council regarding Stinson Airport and World Heritage Sites. Mr. Reinhardt responded that TxDOT signage would need to comply with particular rules about the appearance and design, but the design of signage on City-owned right-of-ways could be more flexible. He added that they would work with the World Heritage Office to ensure cohesiveness.

Councilmember Treviño suggested the use of the Stinson Airport Compass Rose as a potential location for signage so that all incoming and outgoing military aircrafts and airplanes could see it from the air.

Councilmember Sandoval thanked Councilmember Perry for bringing forth this CCR. She recommended that city staff research the availability of signage for other things, such as Compassionate City USA.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the staff recommendation and commence the implementation of the initial phase of signage at the aforementioned 8 key locations. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A briefing of the process to fill At-Large Appointments to the Planning Commission (6 Slots)
[Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk].

City Clerk Leticia Vacek reported that there were six (6) At-Large slots to fill on the Planning Commission. She noted that in response to the high number of applications received; Mayor Nirenberg formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review applications and forward their recommendation of applicants for interview by the Governance Committee. She stated that the Ad Hoc Planning Commission Subcommittee consisted of Councilmembers Gonzales, Saldaña, Viagran, and Sandoval. She indicated that the Subcommittee had met earlier that day and recommended the following 10 individuals for interview:

1. June Kachtik (seeking reappointment)
2. George Peck (seeking reappointment)
3. Christopher Garcia (seeking reappointment)
4. Andrew Ozuna (seeking reappointment)
5. Tiffanni Chelpaty
6. Cherise Rohr-Allegrini
7. Jennifer Ramos
8. Louis Boffa
9. Ronnie Guest
10. Nicholas Creel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 12:44 pm to discuss Item 4 pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), V.T.C.S., and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENED


Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 1:08 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

No action was required for Item 4.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

ATTEST:


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


Ron Nirenberg, Mayor