GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, *Chair* Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, *District 4* Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5* Councilmember Ana E. Sandoval, *District 7* Councilmember John Courage, *District 9*
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, *City Manager;* Carlos Contreras, *Assistant City Manager;* Lori Houston, *Assistant City Manager;* Andy Segovia, *City Attorney;* Ed Guzman, *Deputy City Attorney;* Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney;* Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Art Reinhardt, *Interim Deputy Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements;* Sarah Baray, *Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA;* Lina Rodriguez, *Office of the City Clerk*
Others Present:	Joe De La Garza, Jr., *Senior Vice President, Jefferson State Bank*; Marco Barros, *Member, TAB Advisory Commission*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the Governance Council Committee Meeting of January 15, 2020.**

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve the Minutes from the January 15, 2020 Governance Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Deliberation and action regarding the appointment of a new member for the City Council District 3 Board seat to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors whose term will end on May 31, 2021.** [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA].

Dr. Sarah Baray introduced Joseph "Joe" De La Garza, Jr., appointee for City Council District 3 for the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors. Mr. De La Garza discussed his background and stated that he would be supportive of Pre-K 4 SA programs.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the Committee Members were very pleased with the recommendation provided by Councilmember Viagran. He opened up the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Sandoval thanked Mr. De La Garza, Jr. for his willingness to serve and for his service thus far.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the appointment of Joe De La Garza, Jr. to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Briefing and possible action on the Transportation Advisory Board, including an overview of the current structure and recommendations to become more multimodal.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements].

Art Reinhardt briefed the Committee on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and stated that the purpose of the Board was to govern the Vehicles-for-Hire Industry. He noted that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) was responsible for the oversight of the Board. He reported that there were other transportation components not currently under the purview of the TAB. He stated that Councilmembers Sandoval and Gonzales requested a review of TAB components in order to include a multimodal component with a focus on the TAB's advisory role. He stated that TAB Members were briefed in the Fall on the potential restructuring of the TAB and Stakeholder Meetings were held internally and externally. He reported that draft recommendations included creating an eleven Member At-Large Board with the addition of some Non-Voting City Departments. He added that TAB made additional recommendations and proposed a fifteen Member At-Large Board in order to ensure diverse representation, which staff supported.

Mr. Reinhardt outlined the main recommendation made by the TAB which was to expand Vehicles-for-Hire category options as noted:

- Large taxi cab – An individual who is an owner or employee of a company with over 20 vehicles
- Small taxi cab – An individual who is an owner or employee of a company with under 20 vehicles
- Large limousine – An individual who is an owner or employee of a company with over 20 vehicles
- Small limousine – An individual who is an owner or employee of a company with under 20 vehicles
- Other – An individual who is an owner or employee of a company with tour operations, pedicab, horse carriage or group cycle company

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the TAB would be comprised of fifteen At-Large Voting Members representing the following industries:

1. Vehicle for Hire
2. Vehicle for Hire – Other*
3. Transport of Goods/Freight Industry
4. Transportation Professional
5. Active Transportation User
6. Public Transportation User
7. Transportation Dependent
8. Transportation Justice and Racial Equity
9. Environmental/Sustainability
10. Development/Real Estate
11. Innovation/Technology
12. Health
13. Community Champion
14. Large Business
15. Small Business

Mr. Reinhardt noted that the Non-Voting Members consisting of City of San Antonio (CoSA) Departments and external Agencies providing technical input comprised the following representatives:

- CoSA Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI)
- CoSA SAPD
- CoSA Center City Development & Operations (CCDO)
- CoSA Planning Department
- CoSA Office of Equity
- CoSA Office of Innovation
- CoSA Office of Sustainability
- VIA Metropolitan Transit
- Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)

Mayor Nirenberg spoke in support on the thoughtful approach to restructuring the TAB. He noted possible challenges in achieving equity within the specific modes represented should a quorum issue arise. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the TAB would address the potential issue at its first meeting and he proposed the expansion of the Community Champion Category to Alternate Members should a quorum issue arise.

Councilmember Courage noted that there would only be fifteen Voting Members for the eighteen representative categories and voiced equity concerns. Mr. Reinhart replied that TAB guidelines would be established to develop processes for interviewing and selecting Voting Members in order to ensure equity.

Councilmember Gonzales concurred with the proposal to interview applicants for the TAB categories and to add Alternate Voting Members.

Councilmember Sandoval requested that the proposed Ordinance include a provision to add Alternate Members for all categories and she invited Marco Barros to speak on the TAB transition. Mr. Barros spoke in support of the multimodal restructuring of TAB and stated that the majority of other TAB Members were also in support of the transition. He expressed concern with potential quorum issues as a result of having such a large group and stated that flexibility would be needed to fill the fifteen TAB positions. Camila Kunau stated that staff would work with the TAB to develop its charge in order to establish a suitable quorum ratio.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to recommend and forward a focus on multimodal transportation, as well as a new Member composition of the TAB, including Alternates, with oversight by the Transportation & Capital Improvements Department and subsequent City Council consideration. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am.

ATTEST:

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor

Tina J. Flores
Deputy City Clerk