

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Committee Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Councilmember Manny Pelaez, <i>District 8</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>City Manager</i> ; Maria Villagomez, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; William McManus, <i>Chief of SAPD</i> ; Tina J. Flores, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Michael Shannon, <i>Director, Development Services Department</i> ; Renee Frida, <i>Interim Director, Human Resources</i> ; Alex Morgan, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Camila Kunau & Troy Beaulieu, <i>City Attorney's Office</i> ; Sherry Dowlatsahi, <i>Economic Development Department</i> ; Alma Martinez-Jimenez; Rick Riley; Aurora Perkins, <i>Deputy City Clerk, Office of the City Clerk</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meetings on February 9, 2021 and February 19, 2021.

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Governance Committee Meetings. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Gonzales regarding the creation of an annual City Holiday to honor Cesar Chavez. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Renee Frieda, Interim Director, Human Resources]

Renee Frieda introduced the CCR submitted by Councilmember Gonzales regarding the creation of an annual city holiday on the last Monday of March to honor Cesar. She noted that of the cities surveyed San Diego, San Jose and Phoenix observed the month of March as Cesar Chavez Month. The Texas cities that were surveyed that did not observe a holiday were Austin, Houston, Fort Worth and Corpus, however, the City of Dallas held a Cesar Chavez recognition in conjunction with the Labor Day holiday.

Councilmember Gonzales asked what costs would be associated with the creation of the holiday. Ms. Frieda stated that the City currently had 13 paid holidays and adding another holiday would

increase City costs to include premium pay for the City's essential employees that worked the holiday. Ms. Frieda noted that the associated cost to add the holiday would be \$3.9 million. City Manager Erik Walsh stated that City Council could consider reviewing under the Budget process or consider swapping a current holiday for the Cesar Chavez holiday.

Councilmember Courage asked what the financial commitment support to the Cesar Chavez March was. City Manager Walsh stated that the Cesar Chavez March was not as large as the Martin Luther King March, however, the event was supported with City funds. Councilmember Gonzales clarified that the City had increased its support from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

Councilmember Sandoval stated her support of the Item but asked to consider all options to include recognizing Cesar Chavez during Labor Day celebrations as other cities did. She asked to consider educational opportunities that celebrated Latin labor worker rights.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted her support for the item and opportunities for education on Latin labor worker rights.

Councilmember Gonzales motioned to move Item 2 to the Community Health and Equity Committee for consideration. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmembers Trevino and Perry for creation of a Noise Ordinance Task Force to review and make recommendations to the Noise Ordinance, Chapter 21 Article III, of City Code. [Roderick J. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

Michael Shannon provided an overview of the CCR submitted by Councilmembers Trevino and Perry for the creation of a Noise Ordinance (City Code Chapter 23, Section 3) to address noise complaints received related to noise thresholds, quiet hours, penalties, and other related items.

Mr. Shannon stated that a task force would be created and comprised of 15-members, to include residents, commercial/restaurant businesses, and City staff from Code Enforcement, SAPD, and the City Attorney's Office. He stated that the task force would meet for a 90-day period and then provide recommendations to the Culture and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Mayor Nirenberg noted that Councilmembers Perry and Trevino who had submitted the CCR had submitted written statements for the Item. City Clerk Flores and Deputy City Clerk Perkins read the statements into the record.

Councilmembers Trevino and Perry's written statements are attached.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if the Item related to entertainment areas only. City Attorney Andy Segovia stated that the focus would be on entertainment areas, however, it would be an overhaul of the entire Noise Ordinance. She asked for clarification on the number of noise complaints received since January 2021. Chief McManus stated that there had been 44,000 complaints received.

Councilmember Courage asked of the status of the construction noise ordinance. Mr. Shannon stated that this provided an opportunity to address all noise issues to include those associated with construction.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the type of noise issues being addressed by the CCR and questioned as to when other types of noises would be addressed. Mr. Shannon stated that a certain number of noise issues would be addressed by the end of the 90-day period with the task force providing recommendations. He noted that additional time after the 90 days may be needed to address other noise issues. Chief McManus stated that the task force would be helpful in determining which City entity would address the noise complaints.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to forward Item 3 to the Culture and Neighborhood Services Committee for consideration. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4 Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Pelaez on developing Latin American Relationships and Sister Cities in Central and South America. [Alejandra Lopez; Assistant City Manager and Interim Director, Economic Development]

Assistant City Manager Alejandra Lopez provided a briefing of the CCR submitted by Councilmember Pelaez to develop Latin American Relationships and Sister City initiatives in Central and South America. She stated that staff recommended forwarding the Item to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee (EWDC) for consideration.

Councilmember Manny Pelaez spoke on the City's current cultural relationships with 11 Sister and Friendship Cities which provided cultural and economic development perspectives to the City. He noted that there was not any that had been developed in South or Central America. He stated that it was important to develop relationships with these cities in order to further develop the City's workforce and economic development strategies. He added that Army South had developed 32 programs with Latin America countries that brought in military leaders, cyber security experts and soldiers to obtain training in San Antonio.

Councilmember Pelaez noted that every university in the City had a formal relationship with Latin America. He stated that cities such as Austin, Houston, Dallas were maintaining and creating relationships with Latin and South American countries, and now was the opportunity for our City to welcome such relationships.

Sherry Dowlatsahi stated that there were definite opportunities to develop Sister City relationships with Latin American countries to include Columbia, Brazil, and Argentina. She noted that there were cultural and educational activities within the countries provided opportunities of cultural and economic development growth for the City.

Councilmember Gonzales noted the importance of considering the role of Latin America to the City especially in efforts of expanding international flights at the City's airport. She stressed the

importance of developing strong relationships with other countries that led to new growth opportunities.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to forward Item 3 to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee for consideration. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Cabello Havrda to assess the feasibility, budget impact and revenue loss associated with the elimination of the property storage fee for arrestees. [Maria Villagomez; Deputy City Manager, William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief William McManus provided a briefing on the CCR submitted by Councilmember Cabello Havrda to assess the feasibility, budget impact and revenue loss associated with the elimination of the property storage fee for arrestees. He noted that in 2010 the City Council had approved a \$25 storage fee that allowed the City to partially recover the costs associated with the retrieval of an arrested person's personal property.

Chief McManus stated that prior to 2018 an arrested person was allowed to keep all property would fit in a small envelope. He noted that the practice changed in 2018 when Bexar County updated their intake policy which eliminated much of the property that would be allowed to maintain with the arrested person. He stated that subsequently the property was then sent to SAPD property room for storage.

Chief McManus stated that the cost of operating the property room exceeded the revenue generated by the \$25 storage fee charged. He noted that the annual operating cost for the storage was approximately \$1 million with revenue at \$200,000. He added that the elimination of the storage fee would result in a loss of revenue to the General Fund and budget reductions would need to be made to accommodate the potential lost revenue. Chief McManus recommended that the elimination of the fee be reviewed by the City Council as part of the Budget Goalsetting Session on June 25, 2021.

Councilmember Courage asked if the County had taken on the responsibility of arrestee storage fees. Chief McManus stated that they were not as they did not have sufficient storage areas for the arrestees' items. Councilmember Courage stated that reimbursement from Bexar County should be considered.

Councilmember Sandoval asked where the County had been storing property prior to the policy change. Chief McManus stated that the County did not allow as many items to follow the detainee which is why the City stored items. He added that the City stored items such as phones, cash, credit cards and other small items that fit into provided storage envelopes.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to forward Item 5 to the FY22 Budget review process. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

ATTEST:

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor

***Tina J. Flores, LPEC
City Clerk***