

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes**

December 3, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Council Present:	Mayor Phil Hardberger, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Delicia Herrera, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember John Clamp, <i>District 10</i>
Council Absent:	Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, <i>District 1</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Frances Gonzalez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Park Pearson, <i>Interim City Auditor</i> ; Janie B. Cantu, <i>Purchasing and General Services Director</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Planning and Development Services Director</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Joe Nino, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Chris Hebner, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Ted Murphree, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Lauren O'Connor, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Savita Rai, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Steven Southers, <i>Aviation</i> ; Larry Zinn, <i>Assistant to the Mayor</i> ; Paul J. Calapa, <i>Purchasing and General Services</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Mandy Milam, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, <i>District 3</i> ; Loren Wood, <i>Air Transportation Advisory Commission Chairman</i> ; Chuck Saxer, <i>North-side Neighborhoods for Organized Development (NNOD) President</i> ; Julie Christie, <i>KTSA</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hardberger called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 5, 2008

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2008 as submitted. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s)

- A. Sunset of the Air Transportation Advisory Commission (ATAC) and the Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Committee (ANAAC) and consolidation into a newly formed Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) as requested by the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions. Presented by Steven Southers.

Councilmember Rodriguez reported on the Ad-Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions. He stated that some of the ATAC and ANAAC responsibilities were duplicative and several individuals served on both commissions. Councilmember Herrera noted that her concerns for the taxicab industry had also been resolved.

Mr. Southers thanked Councilmember Clamp for initiating the review process and the Ad-Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions. He noted quorum challenges for the ANAAC and stated that the noise abatement duties would be transferred to the ATAC which will be renamed the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC). He stated that the AAC would have seventeen members including a representative for the taxicab industry. He added that representation from the neighborhood, industry, and airlines would continue.

Councilmember Clamp moved to sunset the ATAC and the ANAAC and consolidate to the AAC. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

- B. Presentation by staff regarding a request from Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, District 1, requesting a resolution to restrict the use of Sweatshop labor. Presented by Janie Cantu.

Ms. Cantu stated that staff had completed discussions with a number of cities including Austin, TX, Portland, ME, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA. She noted that they had also reviewed requirements for contracts with the City Attorney's Office and had been advised that said issue could not be evaluated in the types of bids put out for these commodities. Economic Development staff had advised that said action would concern the small business community. Ms. Cantu noted that the City of Austin had indicated difficulties in obtaining payroll and healthcare benefits documentation from small businesses and therefore, had challenges in awarding contracts. She stated that if Council proceeded, staff could draft a resolution directing the City Manager to have Purchasing and General Services develop an administrative policy which would allow flexibility to address concerns gradually. It was noted that "good faith" statements submitted by vendors were on file with the department.

Councilmember Herrera stated that it may not be a good time to implement a policy on said issue due to economic conditions. It was noted that the term "sweatshop labor" should be defined and the intent for said policy determined. Councilmember Rodriguez reported that District 1 staff had indicated that the intent was to promote fair contracting.

Mr. Bernard explained that many contracts were governed by state law and qualifications such as wages and healthcare could not be considered.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to continue said item to the next Governance Council Committee Meeting due to Councilmember Cisneros' absence. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

III. Council Consideration Requests

- A. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, requesting staff consider renaming a segment of IH-37 to honor Staff Sergeant William J. Bordelon.

Staff recommends that this item be forwarded to full Council for consideration and approval.

Councilmember Ramos reported that SSgt Bordelon was a native San Antonian and had been awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts at the Battle of Tarawa. She noted the support of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Bexar County Commissioners Court, and District 3 constituents. Funding would be split between Bexar County and District 3.

Councilmember Clamp moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

- B. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Sheila D. McNeil, District 2, requesting staff take steps to bring forward an ordinance to add an honorary street sign on the 700 block of G Street in front of Greater Tree Mount Baptist Church which reads "Reverend Aristide Brown Way."

Staff recommends that this item be forwarded to full Council for consideration and approval.

Mayor Hardberger inquired of the process to screen street name change requests. Mr. Sanchez stated that the process was defined in the Unified Development Code (UDC) and required review and approval by various individuals and groups. Staff recommendation was to follow the process as outlined in the UDC. He noted that the vote was to initiate said process and that the name was only honorary. He added that the official name would remain G Street.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the full Council as prescribed in the UDC. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

- C. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, requesting staff consider exploring the feasibility of filing suit against San Antonio business owners who knowingly violate the common nuisance laws. Based on SAPD information regarding areas where prostitution or compelling prostitution is occurring in clusters.

Staff recommends referring this issue to the Public Safety Council Committee.

Councilmember Ramos stated that prostitution was an issue in the Presa and Roosevelt corridors that she would like to revitalize. She added that the City of Phoenix had taken similar action to address hourly rate motels.

Chief McManus stated that SAPD was working with the Attorney's Office and there was an ordinance allowing the City to take action against nuisance properties. He noted that over 400

police actions had been taken in the area in 2008 and that little impact had been made in slowing activity. Mr. Walsh added that he had spoken with the president of the Hotel Lodging Association and he had indicated support for said item.

Councilmember Rodriguez directed staff to include said item on the December 11, 2008 City Council Meeting Agenda.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the Public Safety Council Committee. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

IV. Audit Subcommittee Update

Councilmember Clamp stated that the Audit Subcommittee Meeting had been postponed until the new Committee members had been appointed.

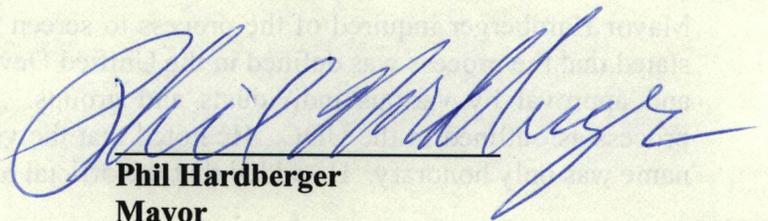
V. Consideration of items for future meetings

No items addressed.

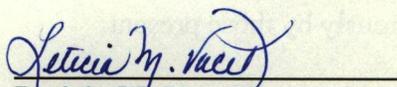
VI. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

ATTEST:



Phil Hardberger
Mayor



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk