

## **City Council Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the City Council Governance was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 3:30 pm in the Media Briefing Room with the following present:

**Members Present:** Mayor, Edward D. Garza  
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4  
Councilmember Julian Castro, District 7  
Councilmember Art Hall, District 8

**Staff Present:** Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Patricia Major, City Auditor; Jelynne LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager; Erik Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager; Emil Moncivais, Planning Director; Malcolm Matthews, Parks & Recreation Director; Trey Jacobson, Economic Development; Walter Ague, Assistant to Mayor

**Other's Present:** Nina Nixon-Mendez, Planning; Mike Gonzaba, Parks; Barbara Redding, City Auditor's Office; Santiago Garcia, District 5; Martin Herrera, District 1

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilman Julian Castro called the meeting to order.

#### **I. AGENDA PLANNING RELATED ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion and consideration of directing staff to waive all parks and recreation fees, except for the refundable deposit, incurred by the Texas Emancipation Day Commission, Inc. associated with the use of Pittman-Sullivan Park for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 18, 2005 with the understanding that the baseball diamond will not be used, as requested by Councilmember Joel Williams, District 2. [Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation; Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager]**

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item to the next City Council Meeting on May 5, 2005. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Additionally, it was the consensus of the committee members to direct staff to look at the special non-profit rate.

- B. Discussion and consideration of directing staff to waive certain rental fees in connection with Tejano Conjunto Festival, which is hosted by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, scheduled to take place at Rosedale Park from May 4**

**through May 7, 2005, on a one-time basis and excluding the \$1,500 deposit, in an amount totaling approximately \$3,700, and further directing staff to study the financial impact of providing a reduced rate structure for non-profit entities wishing to rent City facilities; as requested by Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5. [Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation; Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager]**

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item to the next City Council Meeting on May 5, 2005. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Discussion and consideration of a request to waive fees for the use of HemisFair Park for the Buffalo Soldiers Living History & Heritage Association for an event to be held in the month of July, as requested by Councilmember's Julian Castro, District 7; Joel Williams, District 2; Art A. Hall, District 8. [Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation; Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager]**

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item to the next City Council Meeting on May 5, 2005. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Discussion and consideration of the Neighborhood Association Registration Policy reviewed by City Council on January 6, 2005, and to direct the Planning Director and his staff to serve as liaison to an ad hoc task force of Neighborhood Association stakeholders; as requested by Councilmember Julian Castro, District 7. [Presented by Emil Moncivais, Director, Planning; Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager]**

Mr. Moncivais reported that changes were made to existing policy, three (3) Neighborhood Associations made it under the wire of the April 14, 2005 moratorium. Two (2) Neighborhood Associations did not make the registration requirement under the new rules. Councilmember Castro stated that he met with approximately thirty (30) Neighborhood Associations to propose a task force to look into the registration requirements.

Ms. Burley suggested a limited number of persons be deputized to represent their Neighborhood Association. Citizens who are deputized would then have authority to remove signs within their Neighborhood.

Councilmember Perez stated the Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a very effective program, but the members lose interest when there is no criminal activity ongoing. He recommended giving the COP members the authority to remove signs when criminal activity is slow. Additionally, all individuals would be required to be deputized by attending the required training sessions.

Councilmember Hall stated that he was in support of the stated purpose on the agenda only.

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item as recommended with a development process to allow the COP authority to remove signs. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Discussion and consideration of a proposed Council action to utilize Economic Development Incentive Funds (EDIF) for a neighborhood Improvement District challenge program, to support the Central City Residential Project and the Healthcare and Bioscience Marketing Entity; as requested by Mayor Edward D. Garza. [ Presented by Ramiro Cavazos, Director, Economic Development Department; Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager]**

Mr. Jacobson reported on allocating \$300,000 reserved from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) for a Neighborhood Improvement District challenge program, to support two economic development initiatives:

- 1. Central City Residential Project:** The Zachry Company proposes to develop two mid-rise condominium towers and town homes on the near Eastside, just North of East Commerce Street. This type and scale of development is specifically recommended in the ULI report, approved by City Council. A variety of incentives have been proposed to make the project viable. However, the development will not occur unless a majority of the residential units are successfully marketed and sold in advance. Mr. Jacobson is requesting that \$300,000 be allocated from the EDIF to support marketing and/or pre-development efforts to assist in making this priority project a reality.
- 2. Healthcare and Bioscience Marketing Entity:** The Economic Development Council of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has proposed the creation of a Healthcare and Bioscience marketing entity, which could foster growth of this targeted industry by coordinating community-marketing efforts and heighten awareness of San Antonio's world-class Healthcare and Bioscience assets and services. It supports recommendations in the City's Strategic Plan for Enhanced Economic Development. Mr. Jacobson is requesting \$100,000 be allocated from EDIF to support the establishment and first-year operations of this entity.

Mayor Garza entered the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Hall expressed concern with taking funds from the EDIF Fund. He reported that by doing so, would move away from the original intent of the EDIF Fund. Councilmember Hall asked if we did not have the EDIF Fund, where would the funds come from. He stated the ideas are good but the issue is funding.

Mr. Ague stated that the Greater Chamber tried two (2) years ago to market the Medical Destination of San Antonio and suggested re-visiting the idea.

Councilmember Castro suggested switching the funding allocations recommended of \$100,000 to the Central City Residential Project and \$300,000 to the Healthcare and Bioscience Marketing Entity.

Councilmember Hall moved to forward said items to the next City Council Meeting on May 5, 2005. Councilmember Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

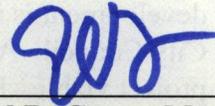
**II. CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Said item not addressed.

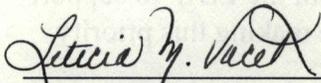
**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.**

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.

ATTEST:



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Edward D. Garza, Mayor



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Leticia M. Vacek  
City Clerk