

CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

December 5, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Council Present:	Mayor Phil Hardberger, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Delicia Herrera, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Kevin Wolff, <i>District 9</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, <i>District 3</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Pat DiGiovanni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Penny Post oak Ferguson, <i>Assisant. City Manager</i> ; Sharon De La Garza, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Edward Belmares, <i>Human Resources Director</i> ; David Head, <i>Assistant Police Chief</i> ; Leticia Saenz, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i> ; Fernando De Leon, <i>Development Services Assistant Director</i> ; Nikki Ramos, <i>Human Resources Assistant Director</i> ; Trey Jacobson, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Norbert Hart, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Joe Nino, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Shreya Shah, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Robert Reyna, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Chris Hebner, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Ted Murphree, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Susan Green, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Brandon Smith, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Catherine Cook, <i>SA River Foundation</i> ; Julian Trevino, <i>SA River Foundation</i> ; Kim Abernethy, <i>SA River Foundation</i> ; Jane Fritz, <i>PHMY</i> ; Tiffany Covington, <i>Kaufman & Associates</i> ; Phil Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phil Hardberger called the meeting to order.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2007

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2007. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS REQUIRING INDIVIDUAL BRIEFING(S):

A. Consideration of possible board appointment recommendations for:

1. **S.A. River Commission: 1 slot**
2. **Joint City/County Citizen Bond Oversight Commission: 2 alternate slots**
3. **Municipal Civil Service Commission: 2 regular and 2 alternate slots**

Presented by Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Saenz referenced a memorandum from Mayor Hardberger seeking support for the nomination of David Straus for appointment to the San Antonio River Commission. Michael

Bernard requested that the Committee recess into executive session. Mayor Hardberger recessed the meeting into executive session at 2:09 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m. Councilmember Delicia Herrera moved to proceed with staff's recommendation to forward the S.A. River Commission (1 slot) and Joint City County Citizen Bond Commission (2 alternate slots) to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hardberger called on the Municipal Civil Service Commission applicants to address the Committee.

Richard Lantry stated that he had military and civilian experience as a manager. He noted that he supervised approximately 900 employees and settled disputes with aggressive discipline.

Alena Gutierrez-Berlanga informed the Committee that she had a B.A. and M.A. in Business with 16 years experience in both government and private sectors. She noted that she specialized in conflict resolution.

Frances Palmer stated that she had 6 years military active duty experience with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. She noted that she was pursuing a Doctorate in Management with a focus on team management and conflict resolution.

Abelardo Torres stated that he had 34 years of civil service experience with 20 years experience in Human Resources. He noted that he was a trained investigator and counselor.

James Phillip Thompson stated that he had a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and served on the San Antonio Board of Realtors and the Texas Board of Realtors. He noted that he was a trained Arbitrator and registered Property Tax Arbitrator by the Texas State Comptrollers Association.

Councilmember Herrera moved to recommend Robert Mayhew, Ronald Martin, Alena Gutierrez-Berlanga, and Abelardo Torres for appointment to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration to bring forward an item to City Council including an agreement between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio River Foundation for naming opportunities for improvements and recognition of donors along the San Antonio River

Presented by Catherine Cook, Executive Director, San Antonio River Foundation

Catherine Cook reported that San Antonio River donor recognition can occur in one of two ways: Amenity Recognition or Naming Opportunities. She noted that donor recognition of public amenities would be defined by contributions of at least \$150,000 and representing a minimum of 50 percent of the cost of the amenity. Ms. Cook also informed the Committee that naming opportunities would be reserved for new pocket parks, bridges grottoes, footbridges, boat landings, overlooks, theaters, and other significant structures. She noted that the minimum donation of \$500,000 would be required and that the amount must cover no less than 75 percent of construction and installation costs.

Julian Trevino stated that the San Antonio River Foundation endorsed these two phases of donor recognition guidelines. He noted that the SA River Foundation was awaiting a presentation regarding the "Wall of Honor" donor recognition proposal.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUESTS

- A. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Diane Cibrian, District 8, proposing an amendment to the Unified Development Code; changing minimum requirement of a Master Planned Community District from one hundred (100) to twenty-five (25) contiguous acres**

Staff Recommendation: Refer to Zoning Commission

Rod Sanchez informed the Committee that the Unified Development Code (UDC) adopted in 2001 included the Master Planned Community District (MPCD) that was intended to encourage mixed use developments. He noted that the 100 acre minimum requirement may be the reason that not many developers have taken advantage of these mixed use options; therefore, staff recommends approval to decrease the minimum size requirement to 25 acres, as proposed by Councilmember Cibrian, in an effort to promote more mixed use developments in San Antonio.

Councilmember Herrera moved to refer said item to the Zoning Commission. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration of a request by Councilmember John Clamp, District 10, requesting the City Attorney determine the feasibility of revising Chapter 21, Article III, Division 1 of the City of San Antonio Municipal Code to include stiffer penalties for vehicular mounted sound amplification systems**

Staff Recommendation: Refer to Public Safety Committee

Chief McManus reported that Assistant City Attorneys Robert Reina and Joe Nino were working on revisions to the San Antonio Municipal Code to include stiffer penalties for vehicular mounted sound amplification systems. He noted that the revisions need additional work and would be referred to the Public Safety Committee for review prior to City Council consideration.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3, requesting to change the name of a portion of Ashley Road to "Lisle & Hahn Way" and change the remaining portion of "Ashley Road" to "Mission Road." Proposing fees, associated with change, be paid by Council One Time Funds.**

Staff Recommendation: Refer to full City Council for consideration

Mr. Sanchez reported that in an effort to minimize public safety concerns in the Mission Road vicinity, Councilmember Gutierrez requested the street name change of Ashley Road in two of its three geographical locations. Councilmember Gutierrez requested a portion of Ashley Road be changed to "Lisle & Hahn Way" after KISS radio personalities John Lisle and Steve Hahn for their generous fundraising contributions to the Little Church at La Villita's Annual Food Drive. The remaining portion of Ashley Road would be renamed Mission Road.

Mayor Hardberger expressed concern with renaming a street after media personalities. Councilmember Herrera concurred and suggested consideration of an alternate solution. Councilmember Wolff stated that it was a good idea to address the public safety issue and recommended forwarding the issue to the appropriate Council Committee. Sheryl Sculley suggested the Committee have staff return to the Governance Committee with recommendation to address said issue.

Councilmember Herrera moved to have staff return to the Governance Committee with recommendations regarding the Ashley Road issue. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

Mayor Hardberger recessed the meeting into executive session at 2:09 p.m. to discuss possible board appointment recommendations. He reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

V. Subcommittee Updates

A. Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee

Presented by Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3, Chairman

Item was not addressed.

B. Audit Subcommittee

Presented by Councilmember Kevin Wolff, District 9, Chairman

Councilmember Wolff informed the Committee that the Subcommittee's recommendation for the City's External Auditor would be considered by the City Council on December 6, 2007.

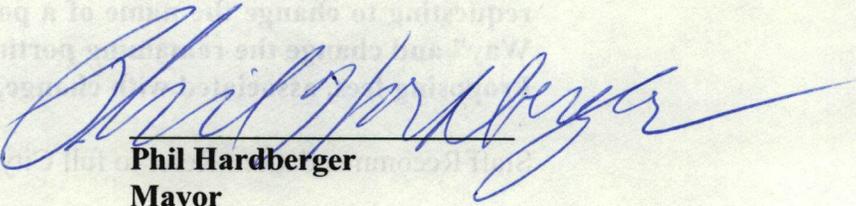
VI. Consideration of items for future meetings

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next Governance Committee meeting would convene on January 16, 2008.

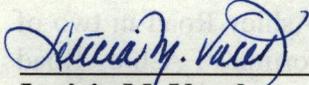
VII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Phil Hardberger
Mayor



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk