

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2010
1:00 PM
Media Briefing Room, City Hall**

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Ivy Taylor, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Philip Cortez, <i>District 4</i>
Council Absent:	Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Peter Zanoni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; David McCary, <i>Solid Waste Director</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; Roderick Sanchez, <i>Planning & Development Services</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief</i> ; Elizabeth Braune, <i>Human Resources Director</i> ; Barry Archer, <i>Planning & Development Services Assistant Director</i> ; Bernadette McKay, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Charles Weir, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Shreya Shah, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Robert Reyna, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Brandon Smith, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Bobby Perez, <i>Shelton & Valadez</i> ; Josh Baugh, <i>SA Express News</i> ; Christine Bove, <i>KTSA-AM</i> ; Nefti Gonzalez, <i>Fox-SA</i> ; Andy Cunningham, <i>Fox-SA</i> ; Mario Barros, <i>Tourism Council</i> ; Nelly Green, <i>Tourism Council</i> ; Bill Brendel, <i>SAMLA</i> , Carlton Quick, <i>Tower of the Americas</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the September 15, 2010, Governance Committee Meeting

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2010 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

- a. Consideration of Appointments to the Citizen Action Advisory Board - Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager**

Erik Walsh provided an overview of the Citizen Action Advisory Board (CAAB) applicant process and presented the following applicants for Council consideration and appointment: Bill Rooney, Joe Candia, Jay Johnson, Barbara (Dee) Villarubia, Eleanor Sprowl, Glenda Raichlen, Frank Anaya, Fredrick Williams, Jay Perry, Marcella DeNice, Ruby Krebs, Sonia Elizondo, Claude Hester, and Dr. Charles Hood.

Sheryl Sculley added that a panel composed of Assistant City Manager Erik Walsh, Police Chief William McManus, First Assistant City Attorney Martha Sepeda, and Deputy Police Chief Tony Muro had interviewed the appointments and provided their recommendation as part of the new process.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to recommend Bill Rooney, Joe Candia, Jay Johnson, Barbara (Dee) Villarubia, Eleanor Sprowl, Glenda Raichlen, Frank Anaya, Fredrick Williams, Jay Perry, Marcella DeNice, Ruby Krebs, Sonia Elizondo, Claude Hester, and Dr. Charles Hood to the full City Council for appointment to the CAAB. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

b. Consideration of Appointments to the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission - Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Sculley reported that eight applications had been received through the Office of the City Clerk to fill the upcoming expired term of Elmer Williams on the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission. She added that she had personally interviewed all applicants and introduced Francine Prosser-Johnsons as her recommendation for appointment.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward Francine Prosser-Johnson to the full City Council for confirmation of appointment to the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

III. Council Consideration Requests(s)

a. Consideration of a request from Councilmember John G. Clamp, Council District 10, for a proposed comprehensive assessment of the City's Panhandling Ordinance - William McManus, Police Chief, San Antonio Police Department

Chief William McManus reported that neither of the two ordinances used to deter illegal panhandling possess an ascending scale of punishment for prior convictions or habitual offenders. He added that the ordinances do not contain a procedure to deal with property seized as a result of panhandling. He stated that staff recommended an assessment of the current ordinance and a review of best practices in other communities. He noted that a committee would be utilized to provide feedback and that the Police Department would review the process for managing repeat offenders. Lastly, Chief McManus added that the Department would also work with Haven for Hope, SAMM Ministries, United Way, Veterans Administration and other entities to determine if the needs of these individuals are met. He reported that staff would present their findings to the Public Safety Council Committee in March, 2011.

- b. **Consideration of a request from City Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, Council District 1, regarding renaming a portion of Bowie Street [Market to Durango], to Tower of the Americas Way, and the posting of directional signs along Durango, Alamo Street and Market leading to the Tower of Americas and Landry's Restaurant - Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department**

Rod Sanchez reported that renaming the sector of Bowie Street from E. Market Street to Durango would ultimately have a positive outcome for the City, Landry's, and the general public visiting the Tower of the Americas. He stated that staff recommended proceeding with the briefing and discussions with Council District 1, the Downtown Operations Department, the Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation, and Landry's representative(s) prior to proceeding to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Cisneros read a letter of support from Carlton Quick, General Manager of the Tower of the Americas. Mr. Quick addressed the Committee and stated that Landry's was also in favor of the renaming.

It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the renaming process as recommended by staff.

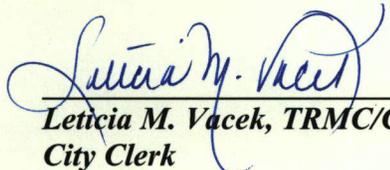
IV. Consideration of items for future meetings

- a. Next Meeting Scheduled: January 19, 2011.

V. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/CMC
City Clerk



Julian Castro
Mayor