

City Council Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Council Present: Mayor Phil Hardberger, *Chair*
Councilmember Richard Perez, *District 4*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*
Councilmember Art Hall, *District 8*
Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager*; Michael Armstrong, *Assistant City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia M. Vacek, *City Clerk*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Martha Sepeda, *Assistant City Attorney*; Veronica Zertuche, *Assistant City Attorney*; Camila Kanua, *Assistant City Attorney*; Leticia M. Callanen, *City Manager's Office*; Lolly Byington, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: David Head, *Asst. SAPD Chief*; Mike L. Burns, *Deputy SAPD Chief*; John Saenz, *Sr. Director Retailing Engineering, CPS Energy*; Stephen Colley, *Green Building Program Coordinator, MPE*; David Neuman, *Environmental Services Manager*; Rose Ryan, *Environmental Services Interim Director*; William Jenkins, *SAPD Patrolman*; Tonya Drake, *Downtown Operations*; Arthur Sosa, *City Architect*; Anita Ledbetter, *MPE Director*; Liza Meyer, *Environmental Services Department*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phil Hardberger called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the October 18, 2006 meeting.

Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2006, as submitted. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Items Requiring Individual Briefing:

A. Discussion related to a proposed Green Building Resolution adopting an action plan for current and future city or city-sponsored buildings to be LEED certified, per the request of Council Members Patti Radle, District 5 and Art Hall, District 8.

Mr. Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager, presented a proposed Resolution in Support of a Green Building Policy for City-Owned Facilities. He stated that the resolution would require new City Buildings and Public Facilities to be designed with the highest green building elements within budget and within existing appropriations. He added that based on the research and the four

different levels of Leadership Energy Efficient Design (LEED), building construction costs could be impacted by as much as 7% depending on the level of green building design.

Ms. Sheryl Sculley, City Manager, noted that while LEED is a national program, there are cities that have adopted the concept, but not necessarily the "LEED name" due to the fact that it is a company that markets that particular program that is extremely paper-intensive. She added that the City Council may consider the resolution without necessarily adopting the LEED Program which may be overburdened with overhead and added costs, depending on the level of participation.

Mr. Walsh further discussed the second part of the recommendation as having three important elements that includes an energy conservation plan, proposed incentives for private green building development, and to invite CPS Energy on the Quality of Life Committee in May, 2007, to discuss initiatives. He also pointed out a key issue relating to quantifying savings as a result of these changes.

In response to Councilmember Kevin Wolff regarding the intention of the proposal, Councilmember Hall stated that there is a need for a LEED standard, or a benchmark, to assist the City in doing its part. Councilmember Hall further stated that the City should consider existing buildings, current construction plans and projects as part of a green building effort, but due to budget restraints, a full-blown benchmarking effort may not be feasible at this time. He indicated he would like the resolution to specify those projects that the City may presently accomplish, and the goals identified for ten to fifteen years from today.

Councilmember Delicia Herrera stated that she is an advocate for a green environment and agrees that the City should address this issue in conjunction with efforts by local, state and national government entities.

In response to Councilmember Hall, Mr. Steve Colley, MPE Green Buildings, stated that he is a LEED Credit Professional and familiar with the LEED process. He also stated that the City does not have to follow the LEED benchmark to quantify progress and savings. He added that there are benchmarks that are affordable, feasible and manageable for budget considerations. Mr. Colley further added that such benchmarks can be fine-tuned for the southwest climate.

Councilmember Hall restated his approval for staff's efforts toward a green environment, and the measurement of the reductions in the amounts of energy usage and costs.

In response to Councilmember Hall, Mr. Walsh stated that he recommends moving forward with a resolution on Green Building to the City Council. He requested moving the following items to the Quality of Life Council Committee: Energy Conservation Plan; Proposed Incentives for Private Green Building Development; and a Presentation from CPS Energy Conservation Division

Councilman Wolff expressed his concern related to reviewing the resolution as proposed, but made a motion to approve a resolution to the entire City Council by March, 2007, and to forward the afore-mentioned items to the Quality of Life Council Committee in May, 2007. Councilwoman Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion related to changing the City Code related to Parades; Run, Walk and Cycling Events; and other processional events; and designating certain events as city sponsored events.

Ms. Sculley discussed background information related to last year's City Budget and its relationship to City-sponsored parades, walks and other events. She pointed out that several worthwhile events are conducted through fee waivers as requested by Councilmembers. She added that many non-profit groups successfully approach their Councilmember for sponsorship. Ms. Sculley stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to insure that all major, community-wide events, such as Fiesta, MLK March, Cesar Chavez March, are projects approved for sponsorship by the City.

Assistant City Manager Penny Ferguson spoke regarding recent meetings with San Antonio Police Department officials to study current practices for said events. She stated that the City seeks an ordinance to finalize a formal process for future events. She also stated that the ordinance would specifically address moving events. Ms. Ferguson provided a copy of a handout that listed those events historically supported by the City and of benefit to the public. The events listed are as follows: Community Initiatives Department 60+ Mardi Gras Parade; San Fernando Good Friday Procession; Diez y Seis Parade; San Antonio Marathon; Martin Luther King March and Veterans Day Parade. She noted that the list also provides information on overtime costs for police officers who work the events.

Assistant SAPD Chief David Head spoke regarding some changes to the new proposed ordinance relating to moving events such as parades/walks, etc. He noted several restrictions will be applied to all requests to include limiting events to certain days, and/or making certain routes available in an effort to eliminate traffic congestion. He pointed out that in case an application for an event should be denied, an appeals process will be proposed to resolve the issue. Chief Head also discussed pertinent fee increases.

Councilmember Herrera stated she was not comfortable with the increase in the insurance policy from \$500,000 to \$1 million. She requested more detailed information as to how that increase will affect small businesses.

In response to Councilmember Herrera's concern over the increased costs to policy holders, Ms. Sculley stated that staff will survey other major Texas Cities for information on their insurance requirements before bringing this item to the City Council.

Ms. Cynthia Valdez, Interim Risk Manager, stated that the City has reviewed various types of events to consider an increase in insurance requirements. Ms. Valdez stated that the increase to the proposed requirementment is adequate and standard.

In response to Councilmember Wolff's concerns over interpretation of the ordinance, Ms. Sculley clarified that the ordinance will stipulate that the City will only sponsor those events that are not in a fund-raising category.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to move the proposed ordinance to the entire City Council. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion related to a request to waive the interview process for the three nominees for the Planning Commission vacancy and to consider all nominations by City Council at the earliest available Council Meeting, as requested by Council Member Art A. Hall, District 8.

Councilmember Hall opened the discussion and stated that the Planning Commission needs to fill an existing vacancy on their board and has requested a waiver to the regular interview process. Councilmember Hall noted that there are three nominees to consider for one vacancy.

City Clerk Leticia Vacek named the following three nominees: Andrew Ozuna, Gobinath Kalkotkar and Sherry Chao. Ms. Vacek stated that this waiver is for the Planning Commission only. She noted that one of the three nominees will be out of town on the day of the City Council meeting. She added that a letter from Mr. Kalkotkar will be made available to the entire City Council for their review.

In response to Councilmember Herrera, Ms. Vacek confirmed that the waiver request is only for this board.

Councilmember Herrera suggested that during the time said item will be presented, each nominee be available to provide a brief statement.

Councilmember Wolff made a motion to approve the waiver and bring the nominees before the City Council for appointment. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consideration of items for future meetings

- **Warranted traffic signals for budgetary consideration (CCR District 9)**

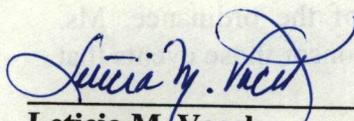
Mr. Walsh noted that there are no other items on the agenda other than a City Council Request from Councilmember Wolff for budgetary considerations for a future meeting.

V. Adjournment

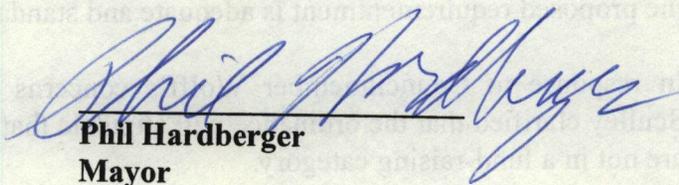
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk



Phil Hardberger
Mayor