

CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
1:00 PM
Media Briefing Room, City Hall

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Philip A. Cortez, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i>
Council Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Capital Improvement Management Services Director</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Intergovernmental Relations Director</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; Roderick Sanchez, <i>Planning & Development Services Director</i> ; Ted Murphree, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Robby Hammond, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10</i> ; Christina Mares, <i>District 6</i> ; Lisa A. Lopez, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Gilbert Garcia, <i>Plaza De Armas, On-line Publication</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

a. Briefing and Possible Action on the 2007-2012 Bond Program Project Savings - Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvement Management Services

Mike Frisbie reported that City Council had prioritized six criteria during the development of the 2007-2012 Bond Program. He discussed the principles that guided the development of the 2007 Bond Program and confirmed that there was currently \$33.7 million in savings which were primarily in streets and drainage propositions. He outlined the three options related to the bond project savings, and noted that Option 1 kept things in line with the proportionality among all Council Districts that was part of the 2007 process. He discussed a combination of Options 1 and 2 which would have a citywide impact. Lastly, the third option consisted of the rollover capacity to the 2012 Bond Program, but stated it might not be beneficial. He encouraged Councilmembers to consider large projects and provide staff feedback on what direction the Department should take.

Mayor Castro thanked the CIMS staff for their work in managing the projects that have positively affected the community. He suggested that the staff come back with specific projects, in addition to suggestions the Councilmembers may have. He emphasized the importance of proportionality among the Districts.

Councilmember Rodriguez concurred that a hybrid of Option 1 and 2 was suitable, but inquired as to what would occur if the funds were rolled into the 2012 Bond Program. Ben Gorzell responded that since the Council is not issuing the debt today, theoretically; it should create more capacity beyond the \$33 million dollars. He confirmed they had begun such analysis. Councilmember Rodriguez stated it would be wise to look at Option 3, although he noted that the current Councilmembers did not take part in the planning for the projects for this particular Bond Program. He added that this savings provides Council an opportunity to assess the needs that might not have been identified by their predecessors, such as a drainage or a revitalization project. He agreed that a version consisting of Options 1 and 2 would be the best approach, and encouraged staff to bring forth possible project options.

Councilmember Taylor emphasized the importance of finding large-scale projects that would achieve proportionality among the Council Districts. She encouraged staff to bring forth options regarding possible projects. Councilmember Cortez expressed his approval of the cost savings and agreed they should look at large-scale projects. He further expressed his support for a combination of Options 1 and 2.

Mr. Frisbie confirmed that they would return to the Governance City Council Committee with more specifics on projects they could consider. He suggested that they discuss potential projects with each of the Council Districts.

III. Council Consideration Request(s):

- a. Briefing and possible action on the proposed renaming for a portion of E. Theo Avenue [at the entrance of Concepcion Park and Mission Road] to Theo Parkview Avenue - Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department**

Roderick Sanchez reported that they received a Council Consideration Request (CCR) regarding the renaming of a portion of Theo Avenue. He presented a map of the existing area and described what the changes would entail. He indicated that Councilmember Ramos is proposing to change the name to Theo Parkview, which is supported by staff in order not to have two streets with the same name running parallel with each other. He recommended that said item be provided to the Planning Commission for a public hearing, with final consideration by City Council.

In response to Mayor Castro, Mr. Sanchez confirmed that there had been a public hearing on this issue, and it had been vetted with the neighborhood which expressed support of the change.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to forward said item to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding State Legislative Proposal concerning City/County consolidation

Carlos Contreras reported that House Bill 431 by Representative Larson provides for the central integration of City and County Services upon the vote of the citizens. He stated that the bill had a variety of provisions related to separate service districts and taxing entities. He indicated that it was a complicated bill currently being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. He stated that the bill would require a constitutional amendment and recommended that the item be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee for further action.

Michael Bernard stated that due to the nature of the proposed bill, it would be ideal to bring the item back to the Governance Committee for further discussion prior to full City Council consideration.

Mayor Castro commented that this measure could possibly achieve cost savings for taxpayers if it is implemented correctly. He added that there are many details about how this would function, so it would be important to have the Intergovernmental Relations and Governance Council Committees review it.

Councilmember Rodriguez added that there were some things they have done locally to make government more efficient, but there are certain details in the proposed bill that need to be explored more thoroughly. Councilmember Cortez expressed concern about whether there would be potential loss of jobs and asked that they consider the job aspect as they discuss the bill further.

Councilmember Cortez moved to forward said item to the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee for review. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

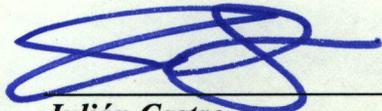
V. Consideration of items for future meetings

- a. Next Meeting Scheduled: February 16, 2011.

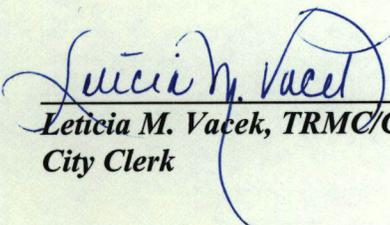
VI. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM.

ATTEST:



Julián Castro
Mayor



Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/CMC
City Clerk