

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 16, 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 Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i>
Council Absent:	Councilmember Philip Cortez, <i>District 4</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Sharon De La Garza, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Peter Zaroni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; T.C. Broadnax, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; David McCary, <i>Solid Waste Director</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief</i> ; John Bull, <i>Municipal Court Presiding Judge</i> ; Paula Stallcup, <i>Downtown Operations Director</i> ; Brian Alsip, <i>Metro Health Assistant Director</i> ; Leslie Haby, <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> ; Former Councilmember Chip Haass, <i>Municipal Court Advisory Committee Chair</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the May 19, 2010 Governance Committee Meeting

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

a. Briefing and possible action on revisions to the Smoking Ordinance
Presented by Dr. Bryan Alsip, Assistant Director, Health Department

Dr. Fernando Guerra reported that exposure of secondhand smoke to adults causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer and that there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke. He stated that there were five minimum standards needed to be met for San Antonio to be designated as 100% Smoke Free and that San Antonio only met two of the minimum national standards. He noted that the staff recommendation was to amend the current ordinance to prohibit smoking in bars, billiard halls, bingo facilities, comedy clubs, gaming facilities and restaurants, designated public facilities, childcare and adult day care facilities, education facilities within 20 feet of

entries, all outdoor sports arenas and stadiums, areas within 20 feet of public transportation, and outdoor service lines. He added that there were no further restrictions proposed on outdoor spaces, existing private clubs or tobacco stores.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested that all public parks be included in the proposed smoking amendments. In response to Councilmember Taylor, Dr. Guerra clarified that smoking would not be prohibited in private clubs. Councilmember Cisneros asked of the enforcement of the proposed ordinance. Dr. Guerra stated that Food Sanitation Officers would be utilized for enforcement.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to forward the proposed smoking amendments to the Quality of Life Council Committee. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

b. Consideration of appointment to the Municipal Civil Service Commission
Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

City Clerk Vacek presented applicants Richard A. Lee, Lee Wingart, and Delia R. Trimble for alternate appointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve Richard A. Lee, Lee Wingart, and Delia R. Trimble for Alternate appointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

c. Consideration of Appointment to Municipal Court
Presented by Chip Haass, Chairman, Municipal Court Advisory Committee

Former Councilmember Chip Haass reported that the Municipal Court Advisory Committee recommended Clarissa L. Chavarria for the position of Municipal Court Judge. He indicated that 22 applications were received, of which 15 were filled out correctly. He reported that five applicants were interviewed by the Advisory Committee.

Presiding Judge John Bull spoke in support of the appointment of Ms. Chavarria for the position of Municipal Court Judge. He informed the Committee of the influx of Juvenile Cases thus the necessity of an additional judge to preside over those cases.

Councilmember Rodriguez noted the additional caseload and suggested that the City Manager explore the necessity for additional prosecutor positions.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to recommend Clarissa L. Chavarria for the position of Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

d. Consideration and possible action of a Resolution regarding the immigration issues

Mayor Castro stated the proposed resolution expressed disagreement with the approach that the Arizona Legislature has taken regarding immigration issues. He noted that several Texas Legislators have indicated their intentions to introduce similar legislation in Texas. He mentioned that the proposed resolution stated the City of San Antonio's opposition to such legislation.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked Mayor Castro for his approach regarding said issue and spoke in support of the proposed resolution. He stated that the proposed resolution was a positive proactive approach. He also expressed his desire that national leaders would find a positive progressive solution to the immigration debate. Councilmembers Taylor and Cisneros concurred and spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

III. Council Consideration Requests(s)

- a. Consideration of a request from Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, District 1 and Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, for staff to review and assess the current River Improvement Overlay (RIO) regulations and Viewshed Protection Overlay regulation and recommend updates when needed to best protect, preserve and enhance the San Antonio River and to protect the significant public investment in the River by ensuring quality urban design**

Councilmember Cisneros stated that she and Councilmember Ramos requested the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) to review and assess the current River Improvement Overlay. Additionally to request Viewshed Protection Overlay regulations and recommend updates where needed to best protect, preserve, and enhance the San Antonio River.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to proceed as recommended by staff and that the proposed recommendations be taken to the Historic and Design Review Commission, the Zoning Commission and the Infrastructure and Growth Committee. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

IV. Consideration of items for future meetings

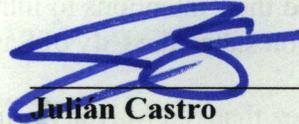
- a. Next Meeting Scheduled: August 18, 2010**

Mayor Castro announced that the next Governance Council Committee meeting would be held August 18, 2010.

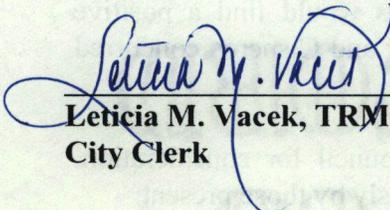
V. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Julian Castro
Mayor



Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/CMC
City Clerk