

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Council Present:	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:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i>
Staff Present:	Sharon De La Garza, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Elizabeth Braune, <i>Human Resources Director</i> ; Laurence Doxsey, <i>Office of Environmental Policy Director</i> ; Bernadette McKay, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Chris Hebner, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; David McCary, <i>Solid Waste Director</i> ; Liza Meyer, <i>Office of Environmental Policy</i> ; Carri Wiggins, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Joseph S. Tartell, Ronald B. Martin, Marsha L. Ellis, <i>Municipal Civil Service Commission Applicants</i> ; Richard Luna, Bruce Evans, Justin Chamberlin, <i>CPS Energy</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Cortez called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2010, Governance Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 Governance Council Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s):

a. Consideration of appointments and reappointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission [Presented by Elizabeth Braune]

Elizabeth Braune, Human Resources Director, stated that a committee made up of Nikki Ramos, David McCary, Xavier Urrutia, and Martha Sepeda, had conducted interviews for the three (3) positions on the Municipal Civil Service Commission. The recommendations to fill the positions were: Joseph S. Tartell, for reappointment and Chairman; Ronald B. Martin, for reappointment; and Marsha L. Ellis, new appointment. Ms. Braune introduced the applicants.

Ms. Braune stated that the appointment of the alternate members to the Municipal Civil Service Commission would be delayed. This was due to the withdrawal of one of the candidates, Mr. Carlo Key, who filed to run for office thus, no longer eligible to serve on the Commission. She recommended the approval of the three (3) regular members to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. The members selected will serve two-year terms of office to commence March 4, 2010 and expire on March 3, 2012.

Councilmember Taylor welcomed the applicants and stated that she had previously worked with Ms. Ellis. She added that she looked forward to her service on the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve the recommendation of Joseph S. Tartell, Ronald B. Martin, and Marsha L. Ellis as the three regular members and Mr. Tartell as Chairman, of the Municipal Civil Service Commission as presented by staff. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Presentation on the Green Events Ordinance [Presented by Richard Varn, Chief Information Officer]

Richard Varn stated that the Green Events Ordinance was drafted with the objective to target the reduction of waste, energy and materials consumption at medium and large scale events occurring through City contracts and at City-owned properties. He reported that the idea was tested with great success at the Rock and Roll Marathon last year and provided the City the opportunity to experience the effects before implementing the ordinance.

Mr. Varn indicated that staff recommended mandating compliance for events with over 1,000 participants, and that there be different requirements for medium scale events, defined as 1,000 – 2,000 participants, and large scale events, over 2,000 participants. All events with over 1,000 participants will utilize a “Green Events Scorecard” to be certified a “Green Event.” Medium scale events must accomplish a certification of “Silver” or higher, and large scale events are required to obtain “Gold” certification or higher. Events receiving City sponsorship equating to half of the total event costs must achieve a “Platinum” certification.

Mr. Varn stated that there will also be an option to purchase necessary certification points. For example, an event with 15,000 participants that requires a Gold rating and chooses to do none of the scorecard items can pay the offset cost of \$4,500 to the “Mission Verde” fund to pay for tree plantings or energy conservation programs.

Events exempt from the ordinance include:

- Events and parades not providing food and beverage concessions as a part of the event
- Events held on City-owned property, managed or operated under third party lease
- Events with less than 1,000 participants
- Events with over 1,000 participants not needing City permits or use of City property

Councilmember Cisneros asked of the feedback gathered from the Fiesta Commission. Mr. Varn replied that the Commission was already trying to identify ways to "Green Up" Fiesta, and was given a "Green Events Scorecard" to assist with their planning.

Councilmember Cisneros stated that the City was heading in the right direction and thanked Messrs. Varn and Doxsey for their work on the ordinance. She asked of a media campaign. Mr. Varn stated the ordinance would not be implemented until January 2011 to provide ample time to promote the Green efforts of the ordinance.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward said item to the full City Council. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Council Consideration Requests:

- a. Consideration of a request from Councilwoman Elisa Chan, District 9, proposing an ordinance that would require any bicycle riding on a non-residential street to have a headlight and a tail light installed on the front and back of the bicycle.**

Richard Varn reported that more time was needed to research the state requirements; enforceability of new laws; and safest procedures for bicycle illumination. Mr. Varn noted that there was a great deal of debate among the cycling community as to whether lights or reflectors were safer and added that staff would have a recommendation in approximately one month.

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

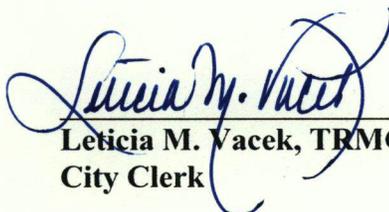
IV. Consideration of items for future meetings

It was noted that the next meeting would be held March 17, 2010.

V. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/CMC
City Clerk



Julian Castro
Mayor