

**City Council Governance Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2007**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Media Briefing Room**

Council Present:	Mayor Phil Hardberger, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Delicia Herrera, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Kevin Wolff, <i>District 9</i>
Council Absent:	Councilmember Richard Perez, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Art Hall, <i>District 8</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>Asst. City Manager</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>First Asst. City Attorney</i> ; Tom Wendorf, <i>Director, Public Works Dept.</i> ; Nim Kidd, <i>District Fire Chief,</i> <i>Emergency Management</i> ; Robert Salinas, <i>Human Resources</i> <i>Administrator</i> ; Leticia Callanen, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Krista Cover, <i>Asst. City Attorney</i> ; Lisa Lopez, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> ; Lolly Byington, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Joseph Tartell, <i>Municipal Civil Service Commission Chairman</i> ; Richard A. "Nick" Lee

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Phil Hardberger called the meeting to order.

**I. Approval of minutes from the meeting of April 4, 2007**

Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2007 as submitted. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Items Requiring Individual Briefing(s)**

**A. Discussion and possible action relating to the recommendation of three At-large Board Appointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission**

Ms. Vacek introduced Mr. J. S. Tartell who is seeking reappointment to the Municipal Civil Service Commission (MCSC) as a Regular Member. She also introduced Mr. Richard "Nick" Lee who would like to serve as an Alternate Member on the MCSC. She added that two Alternate Member slots are available, but that only one application was submitted.

Mr. Tartell, current MCSC Chair, spoke regarding the progress the Commission has made in the last two years. He reported that currently there are only seven cases to be heard. He stated that he would like to continue his membership on the Commission as his contribution to the community.

Mr. Lee spoke regarding his interest in serving on the MCSC. He added that his vast experience in Employee/Labor Relations and in Personnel Management would lend support to the membership. As a retiree, he stated that he looked forward to community service.

Councilmember Wolff moved to forward the appointments of Joseph Tartell and Nick Lee to the next Regular Council Meeting for full consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vacek clarified that the categories include one Regular Member (Joseph Tartell) and one Alternate Member (Nick Lee), leaving one vacancy for another Alternate Member.

Mayor Hardberger thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve the City of San Antonio.

### **B. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Periodic Briefing**

Tom Wendorf updated the Mayor and Council on the EOC and stated that progress is on schedule with regards to construction and budget. He also stated that a site walk-through was conducted by various individuals including Bexar County staff. He reported that the project is 60% complete with \$13.6 million spent for construction on the building. Mr. Wendorf stated that he expected the building to be completed in September, 2007 and totally operational by December, 2007.

Erik Walsh commented that the project is very impressive with plenty of space for equipment and people in an emergency. He added that the project is on time and within budget.

Nim Kidd spoke with regards to insuring that rigorous testing will be conducted throughout the building before an event is held and before making the facility totally operational. He added that his plans include inviting other Emergency Operation Center staff from across the State to provide assistance in having the building operational. Mr. Kidd noted that he was happy with the building's progress.

Mayor Hardberger expressed his confidence with the progress and staff's efforts to make the building functional and productive.

Councilmember Wolff stated that he has past experience with emergency operations and was in New York City during 9/11. He stated that he is aware of how valuable emergency centers are in coordinating disaster management. Councilmember Herrera expressed her excitement at the completion of the facility.

Ms. Vacek stated that no action is required on said item.

### **III. Executive Session**

There were no Executive Session items to be discussed.

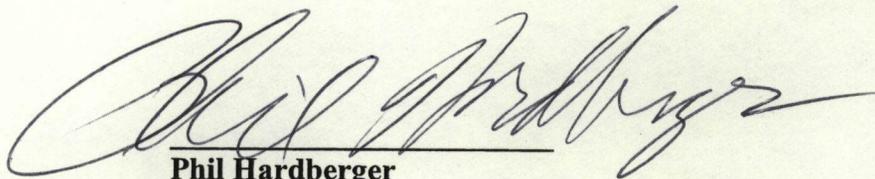
**IV. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Mr. Walsh stated that no items were pending.

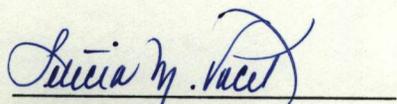
**V. Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

**ATTEST:**



**Phil Hardberger**  
**Mayor**

  
**Leticia M. Vacek**  
**City Clerk**

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