

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

1:00 PM

MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Diego Bernal, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember David Medina Jr., <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Majed Al- Ghafry, <i>Public Works Director</i> ; Michael Rogers, <i>Assistant Director</i> <i>Public Works</i> ; Mark Jacobson, <i>Public Works Engineer</i> ; Valerie Esparza, <i>Senior Management Analyst</i> ; Hector Morales, <i>Policy</i> <i>Director</i> ; Maria Villagomez, <i>Director, Management and Budget</i> ;
Others Present:	Marissa Wagner, <i>KTSA Reporter</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the April 18, 2012 Governance Committee Meeting

Councilmember C. Medina moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

II. Items requiring individual briefing(s)

a. Briefing and possible action on City Council Policy Goal Setting Worksession.

Maria Villagomez, Director, Management and Budget

Sheryl Sculley, City Manager reported that during the past week staff had reviewed strategic goals and included recommended milestones/actions for the strategic goals session. She noted that the session is a briefing on the Policy Vision Areas and Strategic Goals developed by the Mayor & City Council to be held on June 6, 2012. She added that the session would provide milestones related to Economic Development, Education/Workforce Development, Neighborhood Revitalization, Best Practices Public Services, Transportation and Governance. She added that there would be another ½ day Goal Setting Session to be conducted.

No action was required for said item.

- b. **Briefing and possible action on an Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA)**
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Public Works Director

Majed A. Al-Ghafry reported that ARMA was a creation of the State and could only be dissolved in accordance with State Law. He said that in 2005 the City of San Antonio provided them with a start up loan of \$500,000. The loan to the City was due in 2010 and has not been paid. Recommended that the Council revise the agreement with ARMA to allow payment installments.

Ms. Sculley added that without tollbooths, the ARMA has no revenue and recommended that when they have revenue they repay the city at that time. Mayor Castro agreed with the approach the city is taking to maintain the ability to get the money back for the loan.

III. Council Consideration Request(s):

- a. **Briefing and possible action on a request from Councilman Reed Williams, District 8, to begin the process of naming Greenway Trails in honor of Howard Peak.**
Xavier Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Xavier Urrutia, provided an update on the renaming process noting that former Mayor Peak was instrumental in leading the Greenway Trails. He reported that they were taking a citywide approach to propose the renaming and that notices would be mailed out for a public meeting to be held the week of August 6th.

No action was required on said item.

- b. **Briefing and possible action on a request from Councilwoman Leticia Ozuna, District 3, regarding The San Antonio Area Broadband Network (SAABN) a proposal to build a collaborative effort between the City of San Antonio and other governmental entities to expand fiber in San Antonio to stimulate and expand the City's educational, informational, technological and economic development.**
Hugh Miller, Director, Information Technology Services Department

Hugh Miller, reported that they had been working with Councilmember Ozuna to offer network to other entities like colleges and universities.

Councilmember David Medina entered the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Bernal moved to go forward with said request. He added that this would open up a collaborative discussion on high speed infrastructure to close the digital divide. Mr. Gorzell stated that a business plan will be drafted and brought back for approval. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Briefing and possible action on a request from Councilman Diego Bernal, District 1, requesting that the Office of the City Attorney bring forward an ordinance regulating payday and vehicle title loans.**
Michael Bernard, City Attorney

Michael Bernard, reported that Councilmember Bernal submitted a Council Consideration Request asking the City Council to adopt an Ordinance regulating payday and vehicle title loans. The Council Consideration Request would provide for the City of San Antonio to adopt an Ordinance that is consistent with what had been adopted in other similar cities such as Austin and Dallas. Mr. Bernard stated that similar to others, San Antonio has at least 210 credit access businesses registered with the Texas Office of Consumer Credit. He noted that these entities charge annual percentage rates of over 500%. He added that Dallas and Austin have begun to enforce those Ordinances. He stated that he had reviewed the proceedings filed in Dallas and the final recommendation would be submitted to the committee in August.

Councilmember Bernal stated the importance of regulating said businesses is vital to the community. He noted that he had reviewed over one hundred contracts and did not see any with an interest rate of less than 230%. Furthermore, he read one that had a 616% interest rate. He conveyed that the method in which the contracts were structured and explained that it warrants the city's attention. He stated that the vast majority of people who have come to him are veterans, elderly and the poor and that the response from the community is overwhelming.

Councilmember Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Bernal added that his request was not to eliminate the industry but to limit the terms of the contract so that people could pay off their debt. Councilmember Bernal moved to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to be brought back to the Governance Council Committee in August. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consideration of items for future meetings
a. Next Meeting Scheduled: August 15, 2012

Mayor Castro stated that the next Governance Meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2012.

V. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek, TRMC/MMC
City Clerk



Julian Castro
Mayor