

City Council Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the City Council Governance Committee was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 3:30 pm in the Media Briefing Room with the following present:

Council Present: Mayor Edward D. Garza
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4
Councilmember Art Hall, District 8

Council Absent: Councilmember Julian Castro, District 7
Councilmember Carroll Schubert, District 9

Staff Present: Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk; Martha Sepeda, Acting City Attorney; Chris Brady, Assistant City Manager; Erik Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager; Florencio Pena, Director Development Services; Patrick Poloskey, Development Services; Sandy Jenkins, Development Services; Leticia M. Callanen, City Manager Office; Walter Ague, Assistant to the Mayor; Krystal Strong, City Manager Office;

Other's Present: Laura Jesse, Express News

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garza called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Minutes for meetings held April 7, 2005, May 19, 2005.

Councilmember Perez moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2005 and May 19, 2005 as presented. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

II. Agenda Planning Related Items

Discussion and consideration of proposed amendments to sections of Chapter 28 of the City Code related to the removal of illegally posted signs (Bandit Signs); as requested by Council Member Richard Perez, District 4; and Council Member Patti Radle, District 5. [Presented by Martha Sepeda, Acting City Attorney]

Mr. Pena distributed a pamphlet that read: "Bandit Sign shall mean a sign posted in violation of the City Code in the public right of way having six (6) square feet or less of advertising area and made of vinyl, paper, cloth or fabric, polyboard, coroplas, corrugated

plastic, poster board, plastic core, cardboard or plywood including signs with wood or wire framing, posts or stakes.”

It also stated that a Bandit Sign is a sign posted illegally without a City permit or decal affixed to the sign face. Such signs are typically posted either along the side of the road in the right-of-way or on utility poles, street signs and light standards.

Following are frequently asked questions relating to posting signs:

What is the right-of-way? The right-of-way (ROW) is property maintained by the City in which the City and the adjacent property owners share a vested property interest. An easy way to determine if a sign is actually placed in the ROW and not on private property is if it is along a roadway and is placed between any utilities (such as poles, light standards, transformer boxes, telephony boxes, street signs) and the roadway.

Are there Bandit Signs that are allowed? Some signs resemble Bandit Signs. However, certain Bandit type signs are allowed and are permitted through the City. These signs should display an official City decal affixed to the front of the sign indicating that they are permitted by the City of San Antonio. The signs that are permitted to be placed on the ROW of a road or highway maintained by the City are referred to as Temporary Weekend Signs. These signs are allowed to be placed on the City ROW from Friday until Monday. If a Temporary Weekend sign is permitted, there should be a decal in plain view, and potential violations for such signage require that a City Sign Inspector investigate and document the violation for appropriate enforcement.

Can I remove illegal signs? San Antonio citizens interested in assisting the City in keeping their community clean CAN participate by removing and discarding Bandit Signs from the ROW.

What can I do about illegal signs? Temporary Weekend signs in violation and signs larger than a bandit sign should be reported to the Development Services Sign Division for proper enforcement at 207-0116 or 207-8289.

Mayor Garza asked if citizens have to be trained to remove signs. Mr. Pena stated that no training is required however; a public awareness campaign will start once the ordinance is passed.

Councilmember Perez asked Mr. Pena if said item is placed on the next Council Agenda, will it be effective immediately. Mr. Pena stated that the proper wording would be placed into the ordinance to make it effective immediately.

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item to the next City Council Meeting. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried by those present.

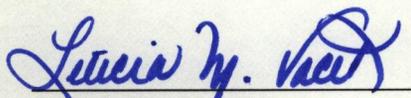
III. Consideration of Scheduling of Items for Future Meetings.

Said item not addressed.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk



Edward D. Garza, Mayor