

City Council Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the City Council Governance Committee was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 2:00 pm in the Media Briefing Room with the following present:

Council Present: Mayor Phil Hardberger
Councilmember Richard Perez, *District 4*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*
Councilmember Art Hall, *District 8*
Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager*; Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia M. Vacek, *City Clerk*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Martha Sepeda, *1st Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Sharon De La Garza, *Human Resources Director*; Yolanda Ledesma, *Assistant City Clerk*; Jason Crosby, *Assistant Public Works Director*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Larry Zinn, *Mayor's Office*; M. Bernadette McKay, *Deputy City Attorney*; David Casas, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Rosa Rosales, *NAPE*; Gabriel Rosales, *NAPE*; Ogden Chamberoin, *SEIU*; Buddy Villejo, *SEIU*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hardberger called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of June 7, 2006 meeting minutes

Councilmember Perez moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2006. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Agenda Planning Related Items

Consent Items-Presented by Erik J. Walsh, Assistant City Manager

A. Consideration of a request to evaluate red light camera systems, as requested by Council Member Chip Haass, District 10.

Erik Walsh stated that the recommendation was to refer said item to the Quality of Life Committee. He noted that the City Manager instructed Police Chief William McManus to study the implementation of a red light camera system and report back to the Quality of Life Committee. He also added that Public Works has conducted an initial study and would be working with the Police Department in this effort.

Mayor Hardberger felt that there was no need to fund a study when the results of the newly implemented system in Alamo Heights can be reviewed in six months to one year. He cited the argument over the benefits of a camera system and the intrusion of privacy.

Councilmember Hall concurred and suggested to bring said item to the Quality of Life Committee in November or December 2006 and to invite Becky Waldman, City Manager of Alamo Heights to the meeting to discuss the results of the newly implemented system.

Mayor Hardberger stated that a six month period may not be conclusive and suggested a full year to review the results of their system.

Mr. Walsh stated that there are different systems in place that can be configured to photograph the vehicle license plate and the driver or just the license plate.

Councilmember Perez concurred with Mayor Hardberger and stated that the system was expensive and borders privacy issues. He he felt that there were no intersections in the City that would require a red light camera system.

Councilmember Herrera stated that Councilmember Haass wanted to explore the challenges in the implementation of a red light camera system in hopes to alleviate police to handle other tasks due to the shortage of police officers. She noted that would like to hear comments from Chief McManus.

Chief McManus stated that the key issue in implementing a camera system is safety. He noted emphasis of camera enforcement is safety. He noted that red light camera system companies base their fees on a share of traffic ticket revenue.

Councilmember Hall moved to forward said item to the Quality of Life Committee and in 6 months to review the system information from Alamo Heights, Phoenix and Dallas with a final review after one year. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. ITEMS REQUIRING INDIVIDUAL BRIEFING(S):

A. Presentation of recommended changes to the establishment of the Employee Management Committee, in accordance with Ordinance # 99630 passed and approved by City Council on August 26, 2004.

Presented by Sharon De La Garza, Human Resources Director, Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Sharon De La Garza referenced a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed changes to Ordinance #99630. She cited three options for course of action. The first option was to leave Ordinance as is but amend the Election Timeline. The second option was to amend ordinance per Management's recommendations regarding proposed changes for the Employee Associations/Organizations and City Clerk. The third option was to amend the Ordinance per City Council's individual consideration of the proposed changes of the Employee Associations/Organizations and City Clerk.

Councilmember Perez felt the ordinance be left as is and only change the election timeline. Councilmember Hall asked how Ordinance 99630 would be presented if it was agreed to only change the Election Timeline. Ms. De La Garza responded that the Ordinance would be presented with an amendment to Appendix A or to attach an Appendix B. Motions to amend by the Council would take place only thereafter. .

Councilmember Perez moved to leave Ordinance 99630 as is and change the Election Timeline. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session.

There were no Executive Session items discussed.

V. Consideration of items for future meetings.

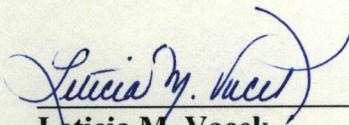
- **5 Year Street Maintenance Program Selection Policy-August**
- **Review of the policy and proposed amendments to the Ordinance related to naming City owned buildings and facilities-August**

VI. Adjournment

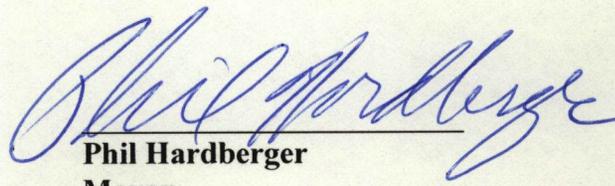
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.

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

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk



Phil Hardberger
Mayor

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