

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes**

**August 19, 2009  
1:00 PM  
Media Briefing Room**

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Ivy Taylor, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Philip Cortez, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; T.C. Broadnax, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Sharon De La Garza, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Roderick Sanchez, <i>Development Services Director</i> ; David Garza, <i>Housing &amp; Neighborhood Services Director</i> ; David McCary, <i>Solid Waste Management Director</i> ; Xavier Urrutia, <i>Parks &amp; Recreation Director</i> ; Norbert Hart, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Brandon Smith, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

**I. Approval of minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2009**

Councilmember Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**II. Items requiring individual briefing(s): None scheduled**

**III. Council Consideration Requests**

- A. Consideration of a request by Councilmember John G. Clamp, District 10, requesting an analysis and review of the City's right-of-way fee and the costs associated with the sale, closing, vacating and abandonment of city property for the purposes of adding an additional fee to toward the San Antonio Street Endowment Fund**

*Staff recommends referral of this item to the Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee.*

Sharon De La Garza reported that the City Council Request (CCR) pertained to fees administered by Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS) for Lease Agreements and Cell Phone

Tower Agreements, and to the Public Works Department for Right-of-Way regulations. She stated that CIMS would be prepared to present an analysis to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee in Fall 2009. She noted that the disposition of additional funds, if any, would be a policy issue.

Mayor Castro asked if there was an opportunity to increase fees. Ms. De La Garza replied that CIMS Staff had done some research and may be able to increase fees. She stated that the Right-of-Way Ordinance could place address fee increases but that additional time was needed to consult with attorneys.

Councilmember Cisneros requested clarification of the intent of the Street Endowment Fund. Sheryl Sculley stated that it had been proposed that the interest from an Endowment Fund would be utilized long-term to maintain streets. She noted that the amount of time to achieve the concept was questionable and that additional time would be needed for further analysis. She concluded that additional work would be done on said item and that CIMS and Public Works would provide recommendations to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward said item to the Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, District 7, requesting Parks & Recreation and Solid Waste Department staff explore a comprehensive recycling pilot program at Woodlawn Lake Park, with the intent to eventually expand the program to all city parks and trailheads**

*Staff recommends referral of this item to the Quality of Life Council Committee.*

Xavier Urrutia reported that staff was ready to proceed with engaging stakeholders in receptacle options and to review a centralized drop-off location. He stated that in addition to the program, outreach and education would be provided to park patrons to maximize the recycling effort. He added that staff would report to the Quality of Life Council Committee with the analysis and recommendations for full implementation.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked of the timeline for said item. Mr. Urrutia stated that staff was ready to proceed with the pilot program on November 14, 2009 at Woodlawn Lake Park to coincide with Texas Recycle Day. He noted that there would be a six-month evaluation period followed by a report to the Quality of Life Council Committee with a recommendation for city-wide implementation.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to proceed with said item. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, District 7, requesting that Development Services staff implement a reasonable**

**advance notification system of impeding construction permit applications involving commercial structures of 25 feet or greater within the vicinity of a neighborhood and in situations where standard buffer/height requirements will not protect homeowners from visual encroachment**

*Staff recommends referral of this item to the Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee*

Rod Sanchez stated that neighborhoods would be better served by the development of a standard set-back for buildings twenty-five feet or greater from single family homes. He noted that staff would like to resuscitate an amendment that was suggested during the last process and then proceed to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee and Zoning Commission before full Council consideration.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to forward said item to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Consideration of a request by Councilwoman Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, requesting the following:**

- a. Consideration of a request by Councilwoman Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, requesting city staff to implement a rebuttable Clause to the current illegal dumping ordinance.**

Michael Bernard stated that staff has worked with Councilmember Ramos and had developed some revisions to the illegal dumping ordinance that would address her concerns. He recommended said item be forwarded to the Quality of Life Council Committee for further discussion of said process.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward said item to the Quality of Life Council Committee. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration of a request by Councilwoman Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3, requesting city staff to provide an analysis and review of the City of San Antonio's fees associated with illegal dumping convictions. The analysis would allow consideration of redistricting a percentage of the existing fees or additional of a fee to go to the subsidizing costs associated with abatement of illegal dumping**

*Staff recommends referral of this item to the Quality of Life Council Committee.*

David Garza reported that staff had begun an analysis to determine the feasibility of addressing the issue effectively. He stated that staff would review the policies of other utility companies regarding illegal dumping and provide recommendations to the Quality of Life Council Committee.

Councilmember Cisneros moved forward said item to the Quality of Life Council Committee. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

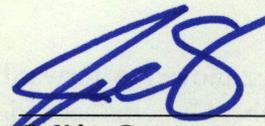
**IV. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Item not addressed.

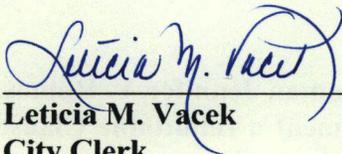
**V. Adjourn**

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

**ATTEST:**



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**Julián Castro**  
Mayor



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**Leticia M. Vacek**  
City Clerk