

CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2004

3:30 p.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair, Mayor Ed Garza, with the following members present: Council members Perez, Castro Absent: Hall and Schubert

Staff: Terry Brechtel, Erik Walsh, Christopher Brady, Jim Campbell, Diane Galvan, Andrew Martin, Yolanda Ledesma

I. AGENDA PLANNING RELATED ITEMS

- A. Briefing regarding the installation of a Council Accountability System, as requested by Councilman Julian Castro; Presented by Jim Campbell, Director of External Relations; Christopher Brady, Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Jim Campbell, spoke to the feasibility of a such a system, also citing the voting method utilized by the state legislature. He stated the cost would range quite a bit, and that it would go out for bid.

In response to Mayor Garza regarding timeline, Mr. Campbell stated it would take from 60-90 days depending on the availability of equipment.

Ms. Terry Brechtel advised City Council that they would implement the system during the period that Council would not have meetings in order to avoid disruption of any meetings.

Councilman Castro requested that staff move forward as quickly as possible. He stated that citizens who watch the meetings from home would like to have it available very quickly. He noted this would relieve the work for the City Clerk as well as enhance accountability of Council.

Councilman Perez made a motion to move forward with this item. Councilman Castro seconded the motion. Committee members approved the recommendation.

- B. Briefing regarding the designation of Sunbelt Drive as George Gervin Way, as requested by Councilman Joel Williams; Presented by Thomas Wendorf, Director of Public Works; Melissa Vossmer, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Tom Wendorf presented the design of the signage to be utilized.

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Castro seconded the motion. Committee members approved the motion.

- C. Briefing regarding the PGA Village Agreement; Presented by Christopher Brady, Assistant City Manager; Terry Brechtel, City Manager.

Mayor Garza stated that the Quality of Life should hear this item at next week's meeting, followed by presentation to full Council.

Mr. Chris Brady stated that outside legal counsel, Mr. Wayne Choate would be back next week to Quality of Life to make a presentation. Mr. Brady briefly outlined the history of actions taken regarding the draft agreement, changes made and presentations to City Council.

Councilman Castro requested that staff provide all information the City has to citizens, otherwise there is a perception that issues are being hidden from the public.

Mr. Brady stated staff had focused on changes to assure that did not happen. He spoke to the October 22 and November 19 document. He added that the November 19 document with changes and final document with changes were provided to the City Council.

Mr. Andrew Martin stated he would address process of open records request.

Councilman Perez made a motion to refer to Quality of Life Committee. Councilman Castro seconded the motion. Committee members approved the motion.

- II. Presentation of the 2003 Ethics Review Board Annual Report to include a summary of ethics complaints, ethics advisory opinions, and recommendations for revisions to the Ethics Code; Presented by Arthur J. Downey, Jr., Chairman of the Ethics Review Board.

Mr. Art Downey presented the annual report to the City Council, the recommendations, cited the advisory opinions by the Ethics Review Board and the City Attorney's Office. He spoke to the proposed changes noting that the majority was for clarity such as for the gift provisions, separated some issues to avoid confusion, and some that were for consistency throughout the Code. He also spoke to one area where the Board did not recommend a particular change noting it was inconsistent with the Ethics Review Board and the Mayor's Committee on Integrity and Trust.

In response to Mayor Garza regarding the summary of complaints, Mr. Downey noted information on the first paragraph of the report where he denoted the number of opinions, the number of meetings including panels, and the number of registered lobbyists.

Mayor Garza spoke to the new duties of the Ethics Review Board and its activities.

Mr. Downey further added that the Board was going over the Code and would consider issues annually and address any issues to be inconsistent or unclear.

Councilman Perez made a motion to accept the report. Councilman Castro seconded the motion. Committee members approved the motion.

- III. Pension Obligation Bond Briefing; Presented by Milo Nitschke, Director of Finance; Melissa Vossmer, Assistant City Manager.

This item was not considered.

The City Council Governance Committee will recess into an executive session to discuss the following:

Discussion of candidates for the City Clerk position, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

Governance Committee went into Executive Session at 4:10 P.M.

- IV. Consideration of scheduling items for future meetings.

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Mayor Edward Garza, Chairman

Yolanda Ledesma
Acting City Clerk