

**Quality of Life Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 18, 2007

7:30 a.m.

**City Hall Media Briefing Room**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Art Hall, Chair, District 8  
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4  
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7  
Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10

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**Staff Present:** Pat Di Giovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks & Recreation Director*; John Bull, *Presiding Judge*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; Ron Smudy, *Parks & Recreation Assistant Director*; Veronica Zurtuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Kenneth Bennight, *Assistant City Attorney*; Eric Friedland, *Assistant City Attorney*; Susan Spegar, *Parks & Recreation*; Norma Arias, *Municipal Court*; Javier Tamez, *Municipal Court*; Sebastian Guajardo, *Parks & Recreation*; Krystal Strong, *City Manager's Office*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Laura Jesse, *SA Express News*

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 16, 2006 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Perez moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2006 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Staff update regarding status of Golf Operations and Management**

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager

Pat DiGiovanni informed the Committee that staff is in the process of identifying potential outside leaders who would compose the Interim Board to incorporate a Non-Profit Corporation to govern the City's golf operations. He noted that upon completion of the task, the San Antonio Municipal Golf Association would file its Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State. He added that recognition of a Non-Profit Corporation by the IRS could take 6-9 months. Mr. DiGiovanni stated that a draft Request for Qualifications for a professional services consultant has been completed and that staff is drafting an operating agreement between the San Antonio Municipal Golf Association and the City.

In response to Councilmember Haass, Malcolm Matthews stated that the proposed shut down of the Brackenridge Golf Course would be late Summer or early Fall 2007. He also reported that the estimated date of completion to be May/June 2008. Councilmember Haass expressed that he would like the entire Course closed for renovation for timely completion opposed to renovating in phases.

In response to Chairman Hall, Mr. DiGiovanni stated that the following objectives would be completed by May 2007:

- ✚ Formation of the Non-Profit Corporation – San Antonio Municipal Golf Association
- ✚ Articles of Incorporation Filed with the Secretary of State
- ✚ Interim Board, possibly final Board in place
- ✚ Operating Agreement completed for Council action
- ✚ Begin transition of Golf Courses
- ✚ Progress toward final design of Golf Facilities

**3. Staff update regarding status of Golf Food and Beverage Concession RFP**  
Presented by Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Matthews presented a 3 month status report on the RK Group's operation of the municipal golf facilities food and beverage concessions. He noted that the RK Group has made several improvements to the golf facilities and made monthly concession payments to the City that represents a 25% increase above the previous concessionaire. He added that the RK Group was working on a proposal for the potential use of certain municipal golf facilities for events after operations hours.

Councilmember Haass stated that he was in favor of investigating the benefits of removing the no alcohol restriction at the Brackenridge Golf Facility. Councilmember Perez expressed concern with challenging the restriction at this time. Mr. Matthews gave a brief overview of possible actions that would be required regarding the removal of the no alcohol restriction at Brackenridge.

**4. Monthly Status Report of Proposition 1 Program**  
Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Matthews presented a monthly report on the current status of the Proposition 1 Program that included information on the Scientific Evaluation Team, Land Acquisition Team, Conservation advisory Board, and the proposed Proposition 1 Commercial Paper Program. He noted that the Commercial Paper debt instrument is tentatively scheduled for Council action in March 2007.

Councilmember Perez requested specific information on properties purchased. He also directed staff to implement the Commercial Paper Program before March 2007. Chairman Hall concurred and requested fund status reports on properties purchased. Councilmember Haass requested said reports and recommendations be presented to the entire City Council in Executive Session.

5. Staff update regarding Municipal Court City Marshal Program  
Presented by Fred Garcia, Municipal Court Clerk

Fred Garcia reported that the City of San Antonio Marshal Unit consists of one City Marshal, four Deputy City Marshals, two Compliance Specialists and two administrative support positions. He noted that the initial phase of the Program will concentrate on adjudicated warrants less than 90 days old. The second phase will concentrate on non-adjudicated warrants. He added that the Municipal Court Clerk will oversee the Marshal Program and that all positions were created with existing resources during the FY 2006 Municipal Court budget.

6. Discussion regarding one Municipal Court judge position

Executive Session – Personnel under Government Code Sec. 551.074  
Deliberate the duties, appointment, and employment of Municipal Court Judges,  
pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 8:35 a.m.

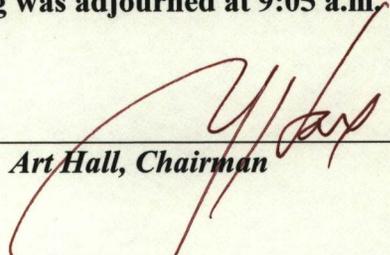
Chairman Hall reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

7. Discussion and possible action on recommendations regarding Municipal Court Judge  
position  
Presented by Fred Garcia, Municipal Court Clerk

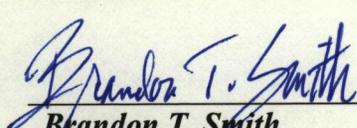
Councilmember Perez moved to: 1. Not fill the position vacated by Judge Stahl; 2. Have staff present recommendation on a salary increase for Municipal Court Judges; 3. Remove the current Annual Leave Policy for Judges; 4. Have Municipal Court Judge Vacation Policy be developed by the Presiding Judge. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.**

  
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*Art Hall, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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**Brandon T. Smith**  
**Administrative Assistant II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**