

**Special Quality of Life Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 13, 2006

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

Absent: Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Pat Di Giovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Martha Sepeda, 1st *Assistant City Attorney*; Florencio Pena, *Development Services Director*; *Presiding Judge* John Bull; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Katherine Ramos, *Assistant City Attorney*; Sally Farris, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jean Chen, *Assistant City Auditor*; Norma Arias, *Municipal Court*; Christine Gutierrez, *District 10 Staff*; Tiffany Young, *District 9 Staff*; Alyssa Munoz, *District 8 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Councilmember Patti Radle, *District 5*; Dan Kossl, *Water Quality Committee*; Ken Diehl, *SAWS*; Kirk Nixon, *SAWS*; Julia Morales, *SAWS*; Scott Halty, *SAWS*; Kim Shrum, *GSABA*; Jerry Needham, *Express News*; Robert Petts, *EAA*; George Rice, *GEAA*; Phil Crane, *RECSA*;

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the Special meeting to order.

1. Report on Municipal Court assessment with recommended restructuring plan – Presented by City Manager Sheryl Sculley

Sheryl Sculley informed the committee that retired Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Robert Dorfman was contracted to assess the San Antonio Municipal Court for restructuring recommendations. She noted that Judge Dorfman would present his recommendations to the entire City Council in B Session next week.

Judge John Bull referenced a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "San Antonio Municipal Court Report Findings". A copy of said presentation is herewith attached to the minutes. He outlined Judge Dorfman's assessment and detailed recommendations regarding the Court Organizational Structure, the Judiciary Appointment Process, and Court Technology Systems.

Chairman Hall stated that he agrees with the recommendations presented but expressed concern with a Citizen Advisory Board to assist in Municipal Court Judge selection. He noted that the Judicial Branch should be independent and balanced with Court Administration. He also cited

the vast power of the Presiding Judge. He added that the selection of Municipal Court Judges be removed from the political process as much as possible.

Ms. Sculley stated that she would convey the committee's comments and ideas to Judge Dorfman to address for recommendation.

Councilmember Haass stated that he supports the recommendations and would like to see a timeline of the recommendations at the B Session presentation. He also expressed concerns with a Citizen Advisory Board assisting in the selection of Municipal Court Judges.

Councilmember Perez stated that he would like to know the status of the Marshals hired for the Municipal Court. He also noted that he was not in favor of a Citizen Advisory Board assisting in the selection of Municipal Court Judges. He suggested an Interlocal Agreement with the County to operate the Detention Facility. Ms. Sculley concurred and suggested that SAPD manage the Facility as a transitional measure. She noted that there are urgent issues that need to be addressed immediately.

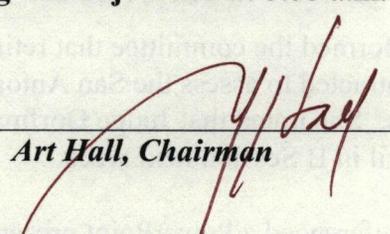
Councilmember Guajardo asked if the City's SAP was integrated with the Municipal Court Database. Ms. Sculley responded that SAP is utilized for financial management but not for court management. Councilmember Guajardo stated that she would like to know more about Municipal Court Collections at the B Session presentation.

2. Chairman's Report on the Activities and Results of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality – Presented by Councilmember Art Hall

Chairman Hall presented an overview of the activities of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality. The PowerPoint referenced is on file with the Office of the City Clerk. The key issues discussed were Impervious Cover, Contributing Zone, and Best Management Practices.

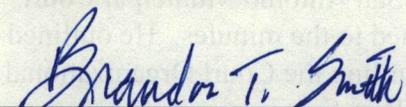
Chairman Hall stated that committee deliberations would begin at next week's Quality of Life Committee meeting. He concluded that this process should be completed by the end of summer.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Art Hall, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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