

**QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012  
9:00 AM  
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, Chair, *District 2*  
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*  
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*  
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

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**Members Absent** : None

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**Staff Present:** Ed Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ted Murphree, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Marc Castro, *Development Services Assistant Director*; John Jacks, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Betsy Cameron, *Development Services*; Thomas Schlenker, *Director SAMHD*; Stephen Barscewsci, *SAMHD*; Charles Pruski, *Assistant Director, Health Department*; Martha Lambaria, *Office of the City Clerk*; Denise Luckey, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** C.J. Littlefield, *HCS*

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**Call to order**

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember D. Medina moved to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Citizens To Be Heard**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**3. Briefing and Presentation on Proposed Changes to Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code to Regulate Food Vendors Selling Exclusively at Farmers' Markets, Flea Markets and/or Trade Shows**

[Presented by Charles Pruski, Assistant Director, Health Department; Sharon De La Garza, Assistant City Manager]

Charles Pruski spoke in support of better regulations for vendors at Farmers' Markets, Flea Markets and Trade Shows. He stated that the proposed changes would apply to Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code.

In response to Councilmember Williams, Mr. Pruski discussed the State Requirements for vendors.

Councilmember Williams asked if the Health Department ensured that vending is done safely, even when the vendor is miles away. Mr. Pruski replied that the Vendor/Mobile receives a license to show that safety requirements have been met. Councilmember Williams inquired whether the Health Department used labels on products. Stephen Barscewsci reported that cities regulate mobiles differently. He stated that all regulations have the same requirement for labeling products. The requirement includes the common name, the ingredients, name and address of the manufacturer, and the net weight of the product in English and in Spanish. Mr. Barscewsci noted that every item has to have approval to be produced. He added that the approved sources are the State Manufacturers License / Local Permit, also known as the Food Manufacturing Permit. In response to Councilmember Williams, Mr. Barscewsci replied that the initiative was entitled Farmers' Market, Flea Market and Trade Show Vendor. Mr. Pruski explained that there were two different kinds of permits; one is regulated by the State and the other by the Health Department.

Councilmember D. Medina asked what the permit was called. Mr. Pruski replied that it was the Food Manufacturer Permit. Councilmember D. Medina asked if a state website was available for verifying Food Manufacturer Permits. Mr. Pruski stated that there is no such website to his knowledge. However, he noted that the City could call the State or Health Department to verify the permit.

In response to Chairperson Taylor, Mr. Pruski delineated the stakeholders involved which include: Farmers Market Association, Texas Department of State Health Service, San Antonio Food Bank, San Antonio Restaurant Association, Texas Certified Farmers Market Association, Pearl Farmers Market Association, and various vendors. Furthermore, three meetings with Stakeholders were held to discuss various other issues.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full City Council. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Briefing & Presentation on Proposed Changes to City Code Chapter 16 Article VII and the City Code Chapter 35 Unified Development Code Related to Salvage Yards and Metal Recycling Facilities** [Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department; David Ellison, Acting Assistant City Manager]

Marc Castro reported that there are conflicting requirements in City Codes, Chapter 16 and Chapter 35, relating to establishment or expansion of metal recyclers. He noted that Chapter 16 is enforced by the Code Enforcement Division of Development Services. He stated that Chapter 35 would require Review of the Zoning Commission and approval by the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee.

Mr. Castro presented proposed changes to Chapter 35 to require specific use authorization for establishing or expanding metal recycling facilities. In addition, he requested new definitions for: recycling facility, metal recycling facility, motor vehicle recycling facility, and processing. Mr. Castro requested the deletion of definitions for junkyard or salvage yard, and recycling business. He presented proposed changes to Chapter 16 Article VII, and asked to re-title it to "Motor Vehicle Recycling and Metal Recycling Facilities"; remove City Council licensing

approval process and distance criteria; and add operational requirements to include eight (8) foot fences when a fence is required, and to restrict vehicle crushing to licensed motor vehicle recycling facilities. Mr. Castro requested approval to proposed Changes to City Code Chapter 16 Article VII to salvage yards and auto dismantlers, Chapter 35 Unified Development Code.

Councilmember D. Medina reported that there were more recycling facilities in District 5 and asked if staff had met or spoken with the facilities. Mr. Sanchez replied that they had not spoken with the facilities but would do so.

Councilmember Williams requested a printout of properties that are designated as I-2S. Mr. Jacks stated that they would provide that information.

Councilmember D. Medina suggested that there be further discussion with staff, and Chairperson Taylor recommended that staff discuss with Councilmember Saldaña as well.

Staff recommended bringing said item back to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee in April.

#### **5. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Martha Lambaria*

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**Office of the City Clerk**

*Ivy R. Taylor*

**Ivy R. Taylor, Chair**