

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, at 10:00 AM  
CITY HALL MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Manny Pelaez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Erik Walsh, <i>City Manager</i> ; Maria Villagómez, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Troy Beaulieu, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Debbie Racca-Sittre, <i>Interim City Clerk</i> ; Aurora Perkins, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i> ; Russell Huff, <i>Assistant Director, Finance</i> ; Mark Trevino, <i>Battalion Chief, San Antonio Fire Department</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	David McGee, Eduardo Parra, Amy Hardberger, Brenda Pacheco, James Smyle, Kristi Villanueva, Lawrence Waung, and Sandi Wolff, <i>SAWs Board of Trustees Applicants</i> ; Martin Gutierrez, <i>Director of Policy and Business Advocacy, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

- 1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meeting on August 27, 2021.**

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2021, Governance Committee Meeting. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

- 3. A briefing and discussion on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Clayton H. Perry on the Creation of Emergency Preparedness Community Guide [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]**
- 4. A briefing and discussion on a Council Consideration Request from CM Peláez on Synchronizing City Council Offices with Emergency Activity Plans and Protocols for Emergency Preparedness [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]**

**5. A briefing and discussion on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Rocha Garcia on COSA Emergency Preparedness Implementation Plan** [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Ms. Maria Villagómez stated that staff recommendations for the CCRs were as follows:

Consent Agenda No. 3 – for the Public Safety Council Committee to consider.

Consent Agenda No. 4 – for the full City Council to consider as recommended by the Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

Consent Agenda No. 5 – for the Municipal Utilities Council Committee to consider items to be implemented as recommended by the Committee on Emergency Preparedness and for the Public Safety Council Committee to review on a quarterly basis the progress of the Office of Emergency Management 2022 Emergency Preparedness Implementation Work Plan.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda requested clarification on the staff recommendation for the CCR on the Synchronization of Emergency Activity Plans and Protocols for Emergency Preparedness to be considered by the full City Council. Ms. Villagómez stated that the staff recommendation was consistent with the recommendation made in the CCR. Councilmember Cabello Havrda requested that the item be addressed in a timely manner.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda requested clarification on the staff recommendation for the CCR on the Emergency Implementation Plan to be considered by the Public Safety and Municipal Utilities Council Committees. Ms. Villagómez explained that City staff needed to brief the Public Safety Council Committee on the Implementation Plan first and that recommendations made by the Committee on Emergency Preparedness would be considered for implementation by the Municipal Utilities Council Committee.

Councilmember Pelaez explained that the Mayor and Council needed to consider and discuss the CCR on the synchronization of emergency protocols in order to get the necessary information that would allow them to adequately respond to constituents.

Councilmember Courage mentioned that during the winter storm, the Mayor and Council were only as knowledgeable as residents and stated that he was in support of this CCR going to the full Council for consideration as it would help Councilmembers be more responsive.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia motioned to move the staff recommendations for the three CCRs to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Briefing and Possible Action on**

- 2. Consideration and recommendation of applicants for the Southeast Quadrant of the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees, reappointment of David McGee (Northeast Quadrant), Eduardo Parra (Northwest Quadrant), Amy Hardberger (Southwest Quadrant) and Jelynne LeBlanc Jamison as Chair.**  
[Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

The following applicants were interviewed and considered for reappointment to the SAWs Board of Trustees:

David McGee – Northeast Quadrant with a term of office to expire May 31, 2025  
Eduardo Parra – Northwest Quadrant with a term of office to expire May 31, 2025  
Amy Hardberger – Southwest Quadrant with a term of office to expire May 31, 2025

The following applicants were interviewed and considered for appointment to the Southeast Quadrant of the SAWs Board of Trustees:

1. Brenda Pacheco
2. James Smyle
3. Kristi Villanueva
4. Lawrence Waung
5. Sandi Wolff

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the Governance Council Committee meeting into Executive Session at 11:55 AM to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers and to discuss legal issues related pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personal matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

## **RECONVENED**

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the Governance Council Committee meeting at 12:26 PM and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Rocha Garcia motioned to approve the reappointments of David McGee to the Northeast Quadrant, Eduardo Parra to the Northwest Quadrant, Amy Hardberger to the Southwest Quadrant for unexpired terms of office to end May 31, 2025; and Jelynne LeBlanc Jamison as Chair for a term of office to end May 31, 2022 to the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia motioned to extend the application period for the Southeast Quadrant to the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees to October 1, 2021, with candidates interviewed today eligible for consideration. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:28 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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*Ron Nirenberg, Mayor*

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*Debbie Racca-Sittre  
Interim City Clerk*

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Governance Committee - Agenda Comments

No comments to report for this meeting's agenda