

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021, at 10:00 AM  
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM IN CITY HALL**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Manny Pelaez, <i>District 8</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

**1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meeting on October 11, 2021.**

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2021, Governance Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Briefing and Possible Action on**

**2. Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Housing Trust.** [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

Item was withdrawn.

**Consent Agenda**

**3. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Manny Pelaez, District 8, Regarding a resident-only parking zone designation for specific areas of concern within District 8.** [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director Center City Development and Operations Department]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to send CCR to Transportation and Mobility Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Courage.

Councilmember Pelaez motioned to forward CCR item to the Audit Committee for review and consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabello Havrda.

**4. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Clayton Perry, District 10, Formalizing the Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF).** [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Juan G. Ayala, Director Office of Military and Veteran Affairs]

Councilmember Perry introduced the Council Consideration Request (CCR) and General Ayala provided background and overview of the MTTF. General Ayala recommended creating a charter, bylaws and create an official City Commission by City Ordinance. The new Commission would create a strategic plan for supporting military work in San Antonio.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported the item. Councilmember Courage wanted to ensure the charter and bylaws were brought back to City Council for approval and asked about the timeline. General Ayala stated he would bring the item back to Governance before City Council.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to have the staff develop a workgroup and create the new Committee for review and consideration by Governance at a later date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Courage. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Clayton Perry, District 10, Regarding the creation of a Small Business Rent Relief Program.** [Alex Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director Economic Development Department]

Councilmember Perry introduced the Council Consideration Request (CCR) and Alex Lopez, Assistant City Manager provided an overview of staff research on other City's programs and outlined assistance provided to Small Businesses under the Federal CARES Act. Lopez noted that the issue was expected to be discussed at American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Meetings and recommended incorporating feedback and recommendations into the next City Council B Session Briefing on ARPA.

Mayor Nirenberg expressed his support in helping Small Businesses with rent and recommended consideration to also provide assistance with utilities.

Councilmembers Courage and Cabello Havrda both noted that labor costs were high for small businesses and supported the item to assist Small Businesses with both rent and utilities.

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the Small Business Rent Relief Program to go through the ARPA process to City Council B Session for Briefing. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabello Havrda. Motion passed

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

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*Ron Nirenberg, Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

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*Debbie Racca-Sittre  
Interim City Clerk*

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Mayor Nirenberg: GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE'RE BROADCASTING, CLIFF? IT'S ON. WE'RE ON. OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO OUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. IT'S 10:15 A.M. WE'LL CALL OUR MEETING TO ORDER. WILL YOU READ THE ROLL?

[ ROLL CALL ].

WE HAVE A QUORUM.

Mayor Nirenberg: WE HAVE THREE ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA TODAY OUTSIDE OF THE MINUTES. CCR SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS. LET'S TAKE UP ITEM ONE, WHICH IS THE APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2021.

MOVE THE APPROVAL.

SECOND.

Mayor Nirenberg: THERE'S A MOTION AND SECOND FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11th. ANY DISCUSSION? ALL RIGHT. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? MOTION

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CARRIES. OKAY. ITEM TWO HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AND WILL BE RECONSIDERED. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM THREE WHICH IS A CCR SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER PELAEZ. I DON'T KNOW WHO IS PRESENTING THAT.

MAYOR, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE ARE ON CONSENT. ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THE CONSENT OR INDIVIDUALLY?

Mayor Nirenberg: ARE THERE PRESENTATIONS OR WE JUST GOING STRAIGHT? ON FOUR AND FIVE. SO NO PRESENTATION ON ITEM THREE. SO THERE IS A RECOMMENDATION TO SEND THE CCR REGARDING RESIDENT ONLY PARKING ZONE DESIGNATION WITHIN DISTRICT 8 TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THAT.

SECOND.

MOTION AND A SECOND FOR THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE CCR AS READ. ITEM THREE, ANY DISCUSSION? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? MOTION CARRIES. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 4. I'LL MAKE IT SOUND LIKE THERE'S MORE THAN A COUPLE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM.

ITEM NUMBER FOUR IS A BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY CLAYTON PERRY REGARDING FORMALIZING THE MILITARY TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE.

WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBER PERRY HERE. DO YOU WANT TO QUEUE US UP OR SEND US TO THE PRESENTATION.

Perry: I'LL BE HAPPY TO.

I GET THE PODIUM.

THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN VERY OFTEN. I'M ON THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE, AND THIS PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED WAY BACK WHEN, WHEN WE HAD BASE CLOSURES. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT. THIS PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN FORMALIZED. THIS IS JUST A FORMALIZED -- THIS COMMITTEE PUT MEAT ON THE BONES ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES AND WHAT THIS COMMITTEE IS ALL ABOUT AND HOW IT'S GOING TO BE GOVERNED AND WE GET ACTION FROM THIS COMMITTEE. THANK YOU, SIR.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

GOOD MORNING. LIKE COUNCILMEMBER PERRY SAID -- I'LL STAY UP HERE. THAT'S RIGHT. HARD FOR ME NOT TO MOVE. IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2005 AND IT'S NEVER BEEN A FORMAL ORGANIZATION. IT'S A TEMPORARY -- IT'S A TASK FORCE WHICH MEANS IT'S TEMPORARY. SO I'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I HAVE TO PUSH IT. OKAY. THERE WE GO. I DON'T GET UP HERE OFTEN EITHER. SO,

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AGAIN, IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2005. TEMPORARY BODY. WHAT I WANT TO DO AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR FOUR YEARS IS FORMALIZE IT TO MAKE IT 2021 AND FORWARD, NOT JUST 2005. 2005 A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED. NEXT SLIDE. SO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IS THIS COMMITTEE, WE WANT TO WRITE A CHARTER, BYLAWS, AND WE WANT TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE. RIGHT NOW, THE CHAIRS, WE WANT TO STREAMLINE THAT ORGANIZATION AND LOOK AT HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS. THEY CAN INFLUENCE ZONING AND THESE THINGS THAT REALLY PROTECT THEIR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. THEN WHAT I WANT TO DO -- BYLAWS, FORMALIZE IT WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY CAN DO THAT. THEN I WANT TO DRAFT A COMMUNICATIONS PLAN WHERE WE INFORM THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THEM HERE. THE OTHER REASON I WANT TO HAVE THIS IS I WANT TO HAVE EYES ON TARGET, SO TO SPEAK. ANY TIME WE HAVE UNITS LOOKING FOR A HOME, WE WANT TO BE THE PLACE WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LOOKS WHEN THEY BRING ADDITIONAL MISSIONS. WHAT DO WE WANT THAT -- OBVIOUSLY, IT'S JOBS. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WE BROUGHT IN A SPECIAL WARFARE WING, ABOUT 120 FOLKS. THAT'S 120 JOBS, PERMANENT JOBS. YOU AVERAGE ABOUT 3 PEOPLE PER SERVICE MEMBER WHEN THEY COME HERE. THE OTHER THING I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, IF WE DO HAVE UNITS HERE THAT PERFORM MISSIONS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, IF HE WITH DO HAVE A BRAC, THEY ARE GOING TO BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE THOSE AWAY FROM US. WE LEARNED LESSONS WHEN SPACE COMMAND CAME. THEY HAD A LIST. THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO TARGET THIS EMPTY TF. WE'RE GOING TO CALL IT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. OKAY. THAT WAS IT. WE WANT APPROVAL TO LET US GO FORWARD, AND WE'RE GOING TO -- ONE MORE THING. I WANT TO MAKE THIS MORE INCLUSIVE. WE HAVE THREE CHAIRS. WE'VE HAD OTHER ORGANIZATIONS NORTHEAST PARTNERSHIP, OTHER CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY THAT ARE THE ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE CITY THAT IN TOTALITY, NOT JUST ONE AREA, AND WE WANT TO MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE. RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE IS NOT IN SAN ANTONIO. THEY ARE JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO. WE WANT TO BRING EVERYBODY IN AND FORMALIZE A COMMITTEE. COUNCILMEMBER PERRY, WHAT DID I MISS?  
I THINK YOU GOT IT.

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Mayor Nirenberg: THANK YOU, GENERAL. NOTHING SAYS FORMALIZE MORE THAN THE DRAFTING OF BYLAWS. SO IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DIRECTION.

I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY COMMENT. I SUPPORT THE RENAMING THE REPURPOSING OF THE TASK FORCE. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS OF OUR CITY TO SHORE UP OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST BRAC AND LIKE YOU MENTIONED, TO MAKE OURSELVES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO MISSIONS COMING IN. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A COHESIVE PLAN WITH THE COUNTY, OUR MILITARY LEADERS TO ENSURE OUR PERSONNEL ARE BEING SUPPORTED AND NOT JUST FROM US BUT ALL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT IN SAN ANTONIO. I MOVE TO APPROVE.

I'LL SECOND.

Mayor Nirenberg: THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR MOVING THIS CCR TO THE PROCESS OUTLINED BY OFFICE OF MILITARY VETERANS AFFAIRS.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I PRESUME THAT AFTER ALL OF THIS IS BROUGHT TOGETHER, IT WILL COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND IT WILL INCLUDE THE MEMBERSHIP MAKE-UP AND TERMS AND BYLAWS AND ALL OF THAT.

YES. WE'LL HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL INCLUDE EVERYTHING YOU WANTED, AND IT WILL COME BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE. THEN IT WILL GO TO COUNCIL.

DO YOU HAVE A TIME LINE?

I HAVE TO ESTABLISH THAT. WE HAVE TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE NOT IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND WITH THE COUNTY.

RIGHT.

I WILL GET A TIME LINE OUT THOUGH TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ON TRACK.

OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Nirenberg: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER COURAGE. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

I WANT TO MAKE SURE, YOU'RE INTENDING TO BRING THIS BACK TO GOVERNANCE BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO COUNCIL.

THAT'S CORRECT.

JUST MAKING SURE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT.

Mayor Nirenberg: OKAY. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE UPDATES, GENERAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCILMEMBER PERRY, THANK YOU FOR THE SUBMISSION. THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? ITEM FIVE.

ITEM NUMBER FIVE IS A BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAYTON PERRY, DISTRICT 10, REGARDING A SMALL BUSINESS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.

Mayor Nirenberg: THIS ONE ALSO WAS AUTHORED BY COUNCILMEMBER PERRY. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS BEFORE ALEX DOES THE PRESENTATION? SURE. THIS IS TWICE IN ONE DAY. THIS IS GREAT. THIS PARTICULAR CCR WAS ESTABLISHED TO HELP OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THIS GOES BACK ALL THE WAY TO THE VERY FIRST CARES PACKAGE THAT WE GOT WHERE OUR BUSINESSES HERE IN SAN ANTONIO REALLY SUFFERED. I DON'T HAVE THE CURRENT, BUT AT THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, THERE WAS 38% OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT CLOSED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. SO THIS IS AN EFFORT TO TRY TO GIVE THEM ADDITIONAL RELIEF. ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED WAS TO HELP THE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH THEIR RENT PAYMENTS. WE'RE HELPING BIG MAJORITY OF FOLKS HERE IN TOWN, INDIVIDUALS WITH RENT, BUT LET'S LOOK AT SMALL BUSINESSES. THAT WOULD REALLY HELP THEM GET THROUGH THIS CONTINUING RECOVERY OF THEIR OCCUPATIONS AND THEIR BUSINESSES HERE IN SAN ANTONIO, TO KEEP PEOPLE EMPLOYED. THAT'S THE BASIS FOR THIS CCR. ALEX HAS MORE INFORMATION ON THAT. THANK YOU, SIR.

GOOD MORNING, COMMITTEE. THIS IS JUST A VERY BRIEF PRESENTATION. AS THE COUNCILMEMBER MENTIONED, THIS GIVES THE BACKGROUND OF THE CCR. WE HAVE ALREADY CONDUCTED SOME RESEARCH ABOUT WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES DID FOR RENT RELIEF. THERE ARE FEW JURISDICTIONS THAT PROVIDED TARGETED ASSISTANCE IN THIS WAY. MOST OF THEM DID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID IN PROVIDING GRANTS OR LOANS THAT COULD BE USED FOR RENT AND CAN GAVE SMALL BUSINESSES THE FLEXIBILITY TO USE THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN WHATEVER WAY THEY NEEDED DURING SOME OF THE CRITICAL TIMES OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. I DID WANT TO JUST HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE RELIEF THAT WE DID ALREADY PROVIDE THROUGH THE CARES ACT FUNDING. OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE ACTIVATED MILLIONS OF GRANTS -- MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF GRANTS. WE DID DOOR TO DOOR OUTREACH. THAT WAS CHALLENGING DURING SOME OF THE PEAK COVID TIMES. WE HAD OUR SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERS HELP US TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT PPP AVAILABILITY AND ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS WHEN ALL OF THAT PROCESS WAS GOING ON. WE DID ACTIVATE SOME OF THOSE RESOURCES FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. BUT THE STATES THAT WERE AT NOW COINCIDES WITH

THE INPUT THAT WE'RE SEEKING FOR ARPA FUNDING. THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY IS MEETING AND GETTING INPUT TO SEE WHAT IS THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD BE MOST TIMELY FOR THEIR CONTINUED RECOVERY. SO THEY'RE MEETING RIGHT NOW, AND THEY'LL MEET AGAIN THE MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING TO GET INPUT SPECIFICALLY FROM SMALL BUSINESSES. OUR PLAN WOULD ACTUALLY BE A BIT OF AN UPDATE FROM WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE MEMO. WE HAVE TYPICALLY WOULD GO BACK THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TO BRING FORTH RECOMMENDATIONS. GIVEN THE TIMELINESS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE ACTUALLY INCORPORATE ANY OF THE FEEDBACK AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE ARPA BRIEFING AND UPDATE THAT'S GOING TO BE SHARED WITH COUNCIL. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Nirenberg: THANK YOU, ALEX. THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER PERRY. WE'VE HAD OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, SMALL BUSINESSES IN PARTICULAR THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND I THINK IT WOULD BE EASY TO SEE A PROGRAM LIKE THIS AND SAY, WHY ARE PEOPLE HELPING BUSINESSES AND NOT KEEP IN MIND WE'RE DOING BOTH WHEN WE HELP SMALL BUSINESSES. KEEPING A SMALL BUSINESS ALIVE ALSO MEANS THAT PAYROLL IS BEING MADE, THAT FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. SO HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES IN A TARGETED WAY, I THINK, IS IMPORTANT. WE TRY TO DO THAT. I THINK THERE'S MITIGATION THAT WE'RE LEAVING ON THE TABLE. I KNOW THAT RENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES COMES IN MANY VARIETIES. SOME EVEN DON'T PAY RENT. BUT EVERYBODY PAYS UTILITIES. SO ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO EXPLORE AS YOU DEVELOP THE PROGRAM IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MAYBE THE COMMON DENOMINATOR ON IMPACT IS UTILITY RATHER THAN JUST RENT. WE DO THAT WITH OUR HOUSING PROGRAM, FOR INSTANCE. BUT I THINK I WOULD ENCOURAGE Y'ALL TO BE CREATIVE AND SEEKING INPUT ON WHAT THOSE IMPACTS ACTUALLY ARE AND WHAT COMMONALITIES THERE ARE BETWEEN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT BUSINESSES WITH DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS. COUNCILMEMBER COURAGE.

Courage: I CONCUR WITH COUNCILMEMBER PERRY'S EFFORT ON THIS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. I HAD A MEETING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES IN MY DISTRICT JUST LAST WEEK. THERE ARE A LOT OF NEEDS. THE BIGGEST NEEDS THAT REALLY THEY HAVE IS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO WORK AND PAY PEOPLE ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE THEM COME BACK TO WORK. IF WE CAN RELIEVE

THEIR RENT OR, AS YOU'RE SUGGESTING, THEIR UTILITY OBLIGATIONS SO THAT THEY HAVE MORE MONEY AVAILABLE TO PAY PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO WORK, THAT'S PROBABLY AS MUCH OF A VALUE TO THEM AS ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN DO. SO I COMMEND YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE LOOK AT THE UTILITY ASPECT AS WELL AS RENT ASPECT. I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE COMING BACK TO COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MAYOR. I'LL GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOTION.

Mayor Nirenberg: DO YOU CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO SEND THAT TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

I THINK THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

THERE WAS AN UPDATE BY ALEX TODAY ON THE SLIDE RECOMMENDING IT BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARPA PROCESS WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE HEARD IN DECEMBER.

Mayor Nirenberg: WE'RE NOT STOPPING AT EWDC. YOU'RE GOOD WITH THAT? YES.

WOULD IT GO THROUGH --

DID YOU SECOND IT?

NOT YET, BUT I SECOND IT.

OKAY.

WOULD IT GO THROUGH THE ECONOMIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE?

I THINK THE THOUGHT NOW IS THE ARPA CONVERSATION IS HAPPENING BEFORE EWDC. JUST TO KIND OF NOT SLOW THAT PROCESS DOWN. EVENTUALLY IMPLEMENTATION-WISE, SPECIFIC PROGRAMS MIGHT GO THROUGH EWDC. RIGHT NOW AS FAR AS WHAT ULTIMATELY -- WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AT THIS TIME WOULD GO THROUGH THE ARPA BRIEFINGS.

I WANT TO SECOND THE MOTION. I WANT TO THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER PERRY FOR THESE ITEMS, BRINGING BOTH THESE TO THIS COMMITTEE. I THINK BOTH ARE VITAL TO OUR SUCCESS AS A CITY. I'VE ALSO HEARD A LOT FROM OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT NEED HELP MAKING RENT. IT'S REALLY AWFUL TO SEE THESE OLD BUSINESSES IN MY DISTRICT THAT HAVE SHUT DOWN OVER THE PANDEMIC, AND NOT EVEN IN THE MIDST OF IT, THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS. THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FIND THE LABOR OR HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN COME BACK, WE'RE OPEN. IT'S TIME FOR BUSINESS TO GET BACK TO WHAT IT WAS. WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF FOR RENT SIGNS GOING UP ON THESE

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BUSINESSES. SO I SUPPORT IT. I LOVE THE IDEA OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE. I THINK THE RENT AND UTILITY ARE PROBABLY NOT THEIR HIGHEST COST. IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE LABOR. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE A HUGE BOOST TO THEIR -- EVEN JUST THE ANXIETY OF RUNNING THEIR BUSINESS THAT THEY KNEW THEIR RENT AND UTILITIES WOULD BE COVERED. THANK YOU.

Mayor Nirenberg: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR PROCEEDING THROUGH THE ARPA PROCESS WITH THE CCR. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? MOTION CARRIES. THAT IS THE BALANCE OF OUR AGENDA. TIME IS 10:32 A.M. ON THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021 AND OUR MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED.

# Governance Committee

Wed, Nov 17 10:00 AM

Governance Committee - Agenda Comments

No comments to report for this meeting's agenda