

City of San Antonio



Minutes Governance Committee 2021 – 2023 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Chair
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6 Manny
Pelaez, Dist. 8 | John Courage, Dist. 9

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall Complex

The Governance Committee convened a regular meeting in City Hall at 1:10 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Ron Nirenberg, *Mayor, Chair*
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, *Member*
Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Member*
Manny Pelaez, *Member*
John Courage, *Member*

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Governance Committee meeting on December 13, 2022.

Councilmember Courage moved to Approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 Governance Committee meeting. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Courage
Absent: Pelaez

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Consideration of At Large Appointments to the Planning Commission (5 available seats).

[Debbie Racca-Sittre, Office of the City Clerk; Michael Shannon, Development Services Department]

City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre reported that there were five vacancies on the nine-member Planning Commission; seven applications were received, with four from incumbents. She stated that the Committee interviewed the following applicants for the Planning Commission: John Balch, Samer Dessouky,

Stephanie Faulkner, Ryan McLeaird, George Peck, Matthew Proffitt and Meredith Siegel.

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 11:05 AM to deliberate the potential appointments.

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 11:15 AM and stated that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to Approve. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Cabello Havrda, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Pelaez

3. Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia on the creation of a comprehensive Public Works platform and dashboard. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Director of Public Works and City Engineer Razi Hosseini provided background and information on the Item. Hosseini displayed the 2017 Bond Dashboard which included project budget, schedule, status, scope and location of each bond project. Hosseini reported that the department planned to develop a capital projects dashboard and map in three phases which would include information on all Bond Programs, the Infrastructure Maintenance Program, Storm Water and Neighborhood Accessibility and Improvement Programs. Hosseini noted that this was the first time a comprehensive dashboard was created for all public works infrastructure projects and he provided a timeline for the creation of the dashboard.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia commented that keeping track of all infrastructure spending was a challenge so she recommended the comprehensive dashboard to help with planning and oversight as well as outreach to the community.

Councilmember Courage requested that the dashboard include information about start dates, estimated completion date, percent complete and an explanation of possible project delays.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda confirmed that the dashboard would be available to view by the public and suggested asking the private companies if they would provide information on their fiber installation activities. City Manager Erik Walsh suggested that a fiber map overlay could be provided based on permits requested through the Development Services Department.

Mayor Nirenberg recommended including contact information for Public Works, utilities, relevant council district offices, etc. and also suggested including a landing page on the City's website homepage to make dashboards easier to find. Mayor Nirenberg also recommended additional layers of information for CPS Energy and the San Antonio Water System.

City Manager Walsh stated that Hosseini would return to the Governance Committee in the spring to present the new dashboard.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. **Briefing and possible action on consideration of amending the ordinance establishing exemptions to the City Council Project Fund guidelines election year moratorium to accommodate City Council needs in binding, printing, and mailing.** [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council]

City Attorney Andy Segovia presented background on the Item including the moratorium on the use of City Council funds during election campaign season noting that in 2018, health events were granted an exception. Segovia stated that State Law prohibited the use of City resources for campaign purposes. However, Segovia noted that the council districts operated their offices very differently with regard to communications and mailouts and the intent of the moratorium was not to limit regular city business communications by a councilmember simply because it was campaign season. Segovia proposed an exception for the budgets in binding, printing, and mailing so that council districts could continue their regular district outreach during campaign season.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda agreed with the staff recommendation noting that council districts had different demographics and communication needs.

Councilmember Courage clarified that the councilmembers would have their choice of the average expenditures for their district or overall.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to Approve. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Cabello Havrda, Courage
Absent: Rocha Garcia, Pelaez

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

APPROVED

Ron Nirenberg
Mayor

Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk