

RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
August 29, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Cortese, Councilmembers Chirco and Nguyen

ABSENT: Councilmember Constant

STAFF: City Attorney Rick Doyle, City Clerk Lee Price, City Manager Debra Figone, Redevelopment Agency Director Harry Mavrogenes, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Agenda Manager Nadine Nader, and Mayor Council Agenda Manager Alicia Bosco.

A. City Council

1. Review September 4, 2007 Final Agenda

None – Meeting Canceled

2. Review of September 11, 2007 Draft Agenda

Action: The Committee approved the following additions to the September 11, 2007 Council Agenda:

- Presentation of a commendation to the San José Youth Symphony (Williams)

B. Redevelopment Agency

1. Review September 4 Final Agenda

None – Meeting Canceled

2. Review September 11, 2007 Draft Agenda

There were no additions.

3. Assign “Time Certain” for convening Redevelopment Agency Agenda

There were none.

C. Legislative Update

1. State

(a) AB 444 (Hancock) – Motor Vehicle Registration Fees

This item was dropped.

(b) SB 275 (Cedillo) – Health Care Facilities: Patient Transport – Supplemental Memo

Document Filed: Memorandum from Housing Director Leslye Krutko dated August 24, 2007 recommending support of SB 275, if amended.

Housing Director Leslye Krutko summarized the proposed legislation and recommended that the City support the bill if it is amended to ensure that hospitalized homeless patients are discharged to a respite center, and that the State provides funding to hospitals to help with discharge planning.

Action: The Committee approved the support position, if amended, with a one-week turn around to Council.

(c) SB 184 (Alquist and Correa) – Transportation Projects

Document Filed: Memorandum from Transportation Director James R. Helmer dated August 22, 2007 recommending support of SB 184

Action: The Committee approved the support position, with a one-week turn around to Council.

2. Federal

(a) Federal Relations Update – August Recess 2007

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell dated August 24, 2007 recommending acceptance of the report from the City's Federal lobbyist firm of Patton Boggs, LLP.

Merrick Goodman, the City's contract federal lobbyist, provided an oral presentation and responded to questions.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

D. Meeting Schedules

There were none.

E. The Public Record

Document Filed: Memorandum from Lee Price, City Clerk, dated August 23, 2007 transmitting the Public Record for the week of August 16 -22, 2007.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the Public Record.

F. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

None.

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

None.

H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas

- 1. Community and Economic Development Committee**
- 2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee**
- 3. Transportation and Environment Committee**
- 4. Request for Transportation and Environment Committee Workplan**

None.

I. Open Government Initiatives

- 1. Reed Reforms**
- 2. Sunshine Reform Task Force**
 - **Discussion of Council Referral to Staff and the SRTF regarding the certification and appeal process relative to the release of closed session recordings.**

Lengthy discussion ensued about the purpose for taping closed session; and when, and if, it would be appropriate to release the audio tapes. The City Attorney agreed to return to the Committee with a matrix of the categories of items permitted to be discussed in closed session.

3. Significant Public Records Act Requests

4. Council Policy Manual Update

None.

J. Open Forum

Bill Chew requested that agendas be available to view online while watching the live videostream of the meeting.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



Chuck Reed, Mayor
Rules and Open Government Committee