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**RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
Meeting Report  
August 11, 2010

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Chirco, Council Members Constant and Nguyen.

**ABSENT:** Pyle.

**STAFF:** City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Clerk Lee Price, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Agenda Services Manager Nadine Nader, Mayor's Council Agenda Manager Sara Wright, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**A. City Council**

**1. Review Final Agenda for August 17, 2010**

Action: The Committee approved the August 17, 2010 final agenda, as amended. Item 11.2, Rezoning Real Property located at/on the west side of N. Third Street, was deferred to September 21, 2010 per applicant, and the Committee waived the 10-day noticing requirement for Ordinances for 11.1(g): Ruby Avenue; 11.3: Grand Oak Way; and 11.4: Guadalupe Mines Road. The Committee waived the 10-day noticing requirement for Item 6.2 (School Zone Speed Limit on Dana Avenue) per Attorney Doyle's request.

**2. Review Draft Agenda for August 24, 2010**

Action: The Committee approved the August 24, 2010 draft agenda, as amended.

**B. Redevelopment Agency (RDA)**

**1. Review August 17, 2010 Final Agenda**

None-Meeting Canceled

**2. Review August 24, 2010 Draft Agenda**

None.

**C. Review of Upcoming Study Session Agenda(s)**

None.

**D. Legislative Update**

**1. State**

Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Harry S. Mavrogenes provided an update on the new legislature's Democratic Senate Assembly Leadership budget proposal.

**2. Federal**

None.

**E. Meeting Schedules**

- 1. Approve a Redevelopment Agency/City Council Budget Study Session for September 7, 2010, from 9 a.m. to Noon in Council Chambers. (Redevelopment Agency)**

*Item Heard under H4*

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Harry S. Mavrogenes dated August 3, 2010, recommending approval of the Joint RDA/Council Budget Study Session.

**F. The Public Record**

Document Filed: Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price dated August 6, 2010 transmitting the Public Record for the week of July 30 – August 5, 2010.

Councilmember Chirco pulled Item "B", a letter from Bellarmine College Preparatory dated July 27, 2010 expressing concerns regarding the plans for the High Speed Rail project. It was clarified that this item was to be taken up at the Council meeting of August 31, 2010, and the City Manager agreed to notify President Sheridan of the meeting date.

Action: The Public Record was noted and filed.

**G. Boards, Commissions and Committees**

1. Appointments
2. Workplans
3. Annual Reports

**H. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

- 1. Actions relating to a proposal for approval and creation of a financial arrangement to suspend portion of a "parkland in-lieu fee" for future maintenance and operations of Newhall Park.**

Documents Filed: Joint memorandum Councilmembers Liccardo and Oliverio dated August 5, 2010 providing the recommendation.

City Attorney Richard Doyle explained that the Sobrato Organization has paid the fee and advised that, before any agreement, a policy must be adopted by the City Council. Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso reported that this issue is in progress and announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be holding a policy discussion at its October 6, 2010 meeting. He added that the matter will then be forwarded to the Council in late October. Councilmember Oliverio expressed concurrence, adding he was pleased the full Council will participate in the policy discussion.

Public Comments: (1) Karen McCreddin, representing Newhall Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the proposal, noting that the area is underserved and in need of a neighborhood park. (2) David Wall spoke in opposition to any relaxation of fees and suggested other uses for the space, including a community garden, at least in the interim.

Action: No action taken. The matter will be considered by the Council on October 26, 2010.

- 2. Designate Councilmember Kansen Chu as the voting delegate at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting for the League of California Cities, and forward to the City Council for formal action on August 17, 2010.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Intergovernmental Relations Director Betsy Shotwell dated August 31, 2010, recommending Councilmember Chu as the 2010 League of California Cities Voting Delegate.

Action: The Committee accepted the recommendation to designate Councilmember Kansen Chu as the voting delegate at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting for the League of California Cities and forwarded the item to the City Council for formal action on August 17, 2010.

**H. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals (Cont'd.)**

- 3. Accept the report on posting of public calendars by City Officials on the City's website.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Communications Director Tom Manheim dated August 3, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report of public calendar postings by City Officials on the City's website.

Action: The Committee approved the report.

- 4. Approve the Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating and Capital Budget Calendar, and forward to the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting for formal action on August 24, 2010. (Reed)**

Action: The Committee set the date for the Redevelopment Agency/City Council Budget Preparation Study Session and deferred for one week the approval of the budget calendar.

**I. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas**

1. Community and Economic Development Committee
2. Transportation and Environment Committee
3. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee
4. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

**None.**

5. Rules and Open Government Committee
  - Approve the Rules and Open Government Committee Workplan for the period of August through December 2010. (Reed)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Mayor Reed dated August 5, 2010 forwarding the recommendation.

Action: The Committee approved the Rules and Open Government Committee Workplan.

**J. Open Government**

1. Appeals of Public Records Act Requests
- None.**

**K. Open Forum**

David Wall commented on several City Council actions taken on August 10, including the BEGIN program grant provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the "Axis condominium development".

**L. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Reed". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor Chuck Reed  
Rules and Open Government Committee