

RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
February 13, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Reed, Councilmembers Chirco, Constant and Nguyen

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Cortese

STAFF: City Manager Deb Figone, Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada, City Attorney Rick Doyle, City Clerk Lee Price, Redevelopment Agency Director Harry Mavrogenes, Redevelopment Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Mayor Council Agenda Manager Alicia Bosco, Senior Executive Analyst Vilcia Rodriguez and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Radcliffe

A. City Council

1. Review February 19, 2008 Final Agenda

None – Meeting Canceled

2. Review of February 26, 2008 Draft Agenda

Document Filed: Memorandum from Councilmember Williams dated February 7, 2008 requesting to agendize the City's support to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service for the issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the later Mayor Tom Bradley.

Action: The Committee approved the following addition to the February 26, 2008 Draft Agenda:

- Presentation of a commendation to Jill Scott of the Rosicrucian Order AMORC (Oliverio)
- Presentation of commendations to the grand prize winners in the Art in Silicon Valley Conference for Community Justice's Martin Luther King Jr. Student Art/Writing/Multimedia contest this past January (Williams/Nguyen)
- Request for an excused absence for Councilmember Nguyen (Nguyen)
- Resolution in support of Issuing a Postal Stamp in Honor of Mayor Tom Bradley (Williams)

B. Redevelopment Agency

1. Review February 19, 2008 Final Agenda

None-Meeting Canceled.

2. Review February 26, 2008 Draft Agenda

Action: The Committee approved the February 26, 2008 Draft Agenda.

C. Legislative Update

1. State

None.

2. Federal

None.

D. Meeting Schedules

None.

E. The Public Record

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Lee Price, City Clerk dated February 8, 2008 transmitting the Public Record for the week of February 1 - 7, 2008.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the Public Record.

F. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

1. Appointment of Jennifer Rodriguez to replace Beverly Bryant on the Envision San José 2040 Task Force

Document Filed: Memorandum from Planning Director Joseph Horwedel dated February 7, 2008 recommending appointment of Jennifer Rodriguez to replace Beverly Bryant on the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update Task Force.

Action: The Committee approved the appointment.

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Appointment of Councilmember Forrest Williams to lead the Okayama Sister City Delegation

Document Filed: Memorandum from Mayor Chuck Reed dated February 8, 2008 recommending appointment of Councilmember Forrest Williams to lead the sister city delegation to Okayama, Japan from March 22, 2008 to March 27, 2008.

Action: The Committee approved this appointment.

2. Saigon Business District

Documents Filed: 1) Memorandum from Mayor Chuck Reed dated February 8, 2008 recommending action to be taken in response to the allegation of a Brown Act violation in the naming of the Saigon Business District as described in the letter from James Chadwick dated January 30, 2008; 2) Memorandum from James Chadwick dated January 30, 2008 requesting City Council rescind of Resolution No. 74127;

3) San José Mercury News article dated February 8, 2008 entitled “‘Little Saigon’ vote in question”; 4) Joint memorandum from Councilmembers Chu and Constant proposing the Council rescind Resolution 74127 taken on November 20, 2007, direct staff to draft a Council policy that outlines a process to officially name areas and districts of the City that is modeled on Council policy for changing street names, direct staff to review the results of a survey conducted by the City and San José Redevelopment Agency that was sent to stakeholders within the 1,000-foot radius of the proposed retail destination, and direct staff to work with the community on the design and placement of proposed banners; 5) Memorandum from Vice Mayor Cortese dated February 12, 2008 recommending Council rescind the vote taken on November 20, 2007, re-vote on naming the district “Little Saigon”, and if “Little Saigon” is not approved by Council, discussion and action would take place on electoral options; and 6) Correspondence entitled “Declaration of our voice – an open letter” dated February 12, 2008 supporting a Citywide vote on the business district.

Public Comment:

The following people spoke in favor of a Citywide election on the naming of the Story Road retail area between Senter Road and US 101: Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, Peter McHugh, Ross Signorino, Vincent Mai, Sophi Vien Tran (Federation of Vietnamese Americans), Dan Hoang, Henry Huong Le, Suu Troung, Hieu Tran, Vu Tai, and Bob Kieve.

The following people spoke against a Citywide election to name the Story Road retail area between Senter Road and US 101: Henry Nguyen Liem, Le Van Y, Tu Huynh, John Ngo, Bryan Do, Thomas Nguyen, Patrick Phu Le, Minh Stevan Dovan, Charlie Lee, Dinh Tran, Thanh Tran, Diep Nguyen, Hien Luu, Le-Chi Vu, Julia Vu, Ho Nguyen, Man Pham, Nghia Huynh, Nguyen Tuan, Phung Nghia, Tham Tran, Than Van Minh, Nguyen Thi Hang, Mai Lien, Minh Vu, Dung Huynh, Nhung Dan, Huong Truong, Huynh Tran, Trinh Truong, Binh Nguyen, An Van Nguyen, Linda Ha Vo, Khau Pham, Nhot Huynh Minh, Nhan Do, Tinh Dong, Minh Nguyen, Huy Du, Kenny Duong, Chi Nguyen, Thomas Nguyen, Tran Hoang Dat, David Huang, Jessica Dang, Ly Tong, Lu Dam, Dan Vo, Mai Vo, Lisa Luc, Vinh Troung, Quong Do, Kien Le, Anh Duong, Victoria Nguyen, Trinh Do, Jimmy Do, Tina Dong, Walter Duong, Candy Duong, Richard Lopez, and Kathleen Flynn.

William Garbett spoke off-topic.

Note: Some speakers either did not identify themselves or their names were not clearly stated for the record.

Action: The Committee agreed to recommend to the City Council that it rescind Resolution 74127 and all other actions taken by the Council on November 20, 2007 under agenda item 9.1; adopt a resolution recognizing the Story Road retail area between Senter Road and US 101 as a Vietnamese retail destination area; direct staff to prepare a ballot measure for the June or November election with a full discussion of all options at of the Council meeting on March 4, 2008; reallocate available funding currently budgeted for signage to help cover the cost of the election; and

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direct staff to draft a Council policy that outlines a process to officially name areas or districts of the city.

H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas

1. Community and Economic Development Committee

- **Add the following reports 1) "Soft Closing" Pilot Program Follow-Up Report; 2) Update Report on the Status of the Berryessa Flea Market; and 3) Update Report on the Revolving Loan Fund Program to the March 24, 2008 CED Agenda**

Document Filed: Memorandum from Director of Economic Development Paul Krutko dated February 8, 2008 requesting to reports to the March 24, 2008 Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee agenda.

Action: The Committee accepted the additions to the CED Agenda.

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

None.

2. Sunshine Reform Task Force (SRTF)

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RECOMMEND DEFERRAL TO MARCH 5, 2008

3. Significant Public Records Act Requests

4. Council Policy Manual Update

None.

J. Open Forum

None.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed

Rules and Open Government Committee