

RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
February 27, 2008

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Cortese, Councilmembers Constant, Chirco and Nguyen.

ABSENT: Mayor Reed

STAFF: City Attorney Rick Doyle, City Clerk Lee Price, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Agenda Manager Nadine Nader, Mayor Council Agenda Manager Alicia Bosco and Legislative Secretary Ruth Krantz.

A. City Council

1. Review March 4, 2008 Final Agenda

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price, dated February 22, 2008 recommending direction to agendize adoption of a resolution calling for a regular Municipal Election on June 3, 2008 for the purpose of electing Council Members, Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Action: The Committee approved the following changes and additions to the March 4, 2008 Final Agenda:

- Add Item 2.x (Approval to submit and accept a grant application to support the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force)
- Item 3.7 (Actions Relating to the Naming of the Vietnamese Retail Area on Story Road, between Senter Road and U.S. 101). Increase latitude for naming procedures and ensure full discussion at Council meeting.
- Mayor Reed to release informational memo on Friday, February 29, outlining procedures to be followed for Vietnamese Business District designation issue.
- Add Coyote Valley Item 4.x (Actions related to the Coyote Valley Specific Plan and the revised Environmental Impact Report)

Public Comments: William Garbett asked about timing for a referendum should a new action be taken on Item 3.7. The City Attorney agreed to follow-up with the speaker after the meeting.

2. Review March 11, 2008 Draft Agenda

Action: The Committee approved the following changes and additions to the March 11, 2008 Draft Agenda:

- Excused absence for Mayor Reed due to authorized City business. (Reed)

- Excused absence for Council Member Chirco due to authorized City business. (Chirco)
- Director of Finance Scott P. Johnson answered questions on additional agenda item "City's Authority Outstanding Variable Rate Bonds Impacted by Recent Downgrade of Bond Insurers" to be heard after Consent Calendar.

B. Redevelopment Agency

1. Review March 4, 2008 Final Agenda
NONE – MEETING CANCELED

2. Review March 11, 2008 Draft Agenda

Action: The Committee approved the March 11, 2008 Draft Agenda with no additional changes.

C. Legislative Update

1. State

a) 2008 City-Sponsored State Legislation

Documents Filed: Joint memorandum from Director, Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell and City Lobbyist Roxanne Miller, dated February 25, 2008, summarizing 2008 City-sponsored State legislative proposals.

City Lobbyist Roxanne Miller provided an overview of the 2008 City-sponsored State legislative proposals and summarized the status of the State budget. Committee questions followed.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

2. Federal

a) Support for Federal Housing Legislation: H.R. 840 (Carson) – Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2007 and S. 1518 (Reed) – Community Partnership to End Homelessness Act of 2007, if Amended. (Housing)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Housing Leslye Krutko dated February 13, 2008, recommending support for Federal Housing Legislation: H.R. 840 and amendments to S. 1518 (Reed).

Director of Housing Leslye Krutko recommended support of Federal Housing Legislation H.R. 840 and Senate Bill 1518, if amended to eliminate the Community/Board requirement for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Action: The Committee approved the recommendations as amended, and forwarded the matter to the full City Council at the March 4, 2008 meeting.

D. Meeting Schedules

None.

E. The Public Record

Document Filed: Memorandum from Lee Price, City Clerk dated February 22, 2008 transmitting the Public Record for the week of February 15-21, 2008.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the Public Record.

F. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

None.

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Placement of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED).

Documents Filed: 1) Memorandum from Councilmembers Chu, Campos, Williams and Liccardo dated February 14, 2008, recommending a stakeholder outreach process to determine feasibility of requirement of placement of AEDs in key locations and necessity of existing liability relief. 2) Mercury News article advocating public placement of AEDs.

Public Comments: Dwight Mensinger spoke about the importance of broad access to AEDs.

Action: The Committee referred the matter to the Administration to prepare a workload assessment for Committee consideration on March 19, 2008.

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. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

Add Item entitled "Renaming of Police and Communications (PAC) Building" to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee agenda.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Chief of Police Robert L. Davis, dated February 21, 2008, recommending addition of an item to the March 20, 2008 agenda regarding the proposal to rename the Police and Communications (PAC) building..

Action: The Committee approved the add to the March 20, 2008 agenda.

I. Open Government Initiatives

- 1. Reed Reforms**
- 2. Sunshine Reform Task Force (SRTF)**
- 3. Significant Public Records Act Requests**
- 4. Council Policy Manual Update**
None.

J. Open Forum

William Garbett spoke on difficulties of getting public records. Vice Mayor Cortese advised Mr. Garbett to submit a complaint to the Rules Committee if he feels that his written Public Record Requests have not been responded to adequately..

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Vice Mayor David D. Cortese
Rules and Open Government Committee