

RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
March 28, 2007

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Constant

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

A. City Council

1. Review April 3, 2007 Final Agenda

The Committee approved the following additions to the April 3, 2007 Council Agenda:

- a. Mayor/Council Member Requests
- Presentation of a commendation to Joevelyn Orasa. (Cortese)
 - Presentation of a commendation to Ray Furuta, Lauren Gripenstraw and Theodore Chao. (Campos/Pyle/Chirco)
 - Item 5.2 (Approval of actions related to the Northside Community Center request for proposal) not before 3:00 p.m.
 - Item 9.1 (Approval of actions related to the Mayor's Transition Subcommittee on Government Reforms and Ethics) will be heard in the evening.

2. Review April 10, 2007 Draft Agenda

The Committee approved the following additions to the April 10, 2007 Council Agenda:

- a. Mayor/Council Member Requests
- Presentation of a proclamation declaring the week April 8-14, 2007 National Public Safety Dispatchers Week. (Mayor)
- b. Council Appointee Requests
- Acceptance of the Office of the City Auditor's Report. (City Auditor)
 - Certification of District 4 Special Election Results. (City Clerk)

- Item 5.2 (Approval to amend the Animal Regulations of the San Jose Municipal Code) to be discussed at the April 4, 2007 Rules and Open Government Committee.

B. Redevelopment Agency

1. Review April 3, 2007 Final Agenda

There were no additional items for the April 3, 2007 Redevelopment Agency Agenda, recommend meeting to be canceled.

2. Review of April 10, 2007 Draft Agenda

The Committee approved the April 10, 2007 Redevelopment Agency Agenda.

C. Legislative Update

1. State

a. Acceptance of the March 2007 State Legislative Bill Matrix

Documents Filed: 2007 Infrastructure Bond Legislation Implementation of Bond Initiatives dated March 27, 2007.

Discussion: Roxann Miller, City Lobbyist provided an overview of Sacramento's top priority issues. Vice Mayor Cortese asked to see bills early enough for the Council to take positions, as opposed to individual member's of Council urging a position at the last minute. Mayor Reed asked staff to prepare for him a "pocket guide" to assist him when he has opportunities to speak with the Governor and legislators.

**2. Federal
None**

D. Meeting Schedules

1. Request for postponement of Airport Obstruction Study Session

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Paul Krutko, Chief Development Officer dated, March 27, 2007 recommending that the Airport Obstruction Study Session be postponed and recommended that the results of the validation study and the work done by Administration and the Redevelopment Agency be agendaized for Community and Economic Development Committee consideration in August 2007.

Action: The Committee agreed to drop the study session and to forward the matter to the Committee in August.

E. The Public Record

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Lee Price, City Clerk, dated March 23, 2007 transmitting the Public Record for the week of March 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 Council Committee Agendas

- **Community and Economic Development Committee**
- **Neighborhood Services and Education Committee**
- **Transportation and Environment Committee**
- **Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee**

None.

I. Open Government Initiatives

1. Reed Reforms

Acceptance of Staff's proposed presentation on ethics to the Council in response to Reed Reform #26.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Manager Les White and City Attorney Rick Doyle dated March 22, 2007 recommending acceptance of staff's proposed presentation on ethics.

Action: The Committee approved the proposed presentation to Council on April 10, 2007.

2. Sunshine Reform Task Force

Update on current proposals and outstanding issues for Phase 1 recommendations including requirements for: 1) public meetings, 2) closed session, and 3) public information.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Ed Rast, Chair of the Sunshine Reform Task Force, dated March 19, 2007 providing a status report on the work to date of the Sunshine Reform Task Force.

Sheila Tucker provided a brief overview of Phase One Recommendations of the Sunshine Reform Task Force. Ed Rast, Sunshine Reform Task Force Chair reported that he anticipates that the Task Force will complete its work and forward the First Phase Recommendations to Council in April, 2007.

3. Significant Public Records Act Requests

Documents Filed: Email from City Attorney Rick Doyle to Barry Witt of the San Jose Mercury News dated March 28, 2007 responding to the Public Records Act request for documents relating to a potential soccer stadium.

Mayor Reed mentioned that the City Attorney's Office received a Public Records Act request from Barry Witt (Mercury News). Vice Mayor Cortese requested staff place this request on the April 4, 2007 Rules and Open Government Agenda for discussion.

4. Council Policy Manual Update

None.

J. Open Forum

Bill Chew suggested that the each committee member use the 2 minutes given during Open Forum to communicate with the community.

Ed Rast mentioned that the sunshine Reform Task Force would like to see the City Council Policy Manual on-line. City Clerk Lee Price provided an update on the codification project which will include putting all the policies on the web site.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Chuck Reed, Mayor
Rules and Open Government Committee