SRTF AGENDA: 1-4-07
ITEM: V.B.

CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

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TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: **Request to Add Item to 1/9/07 Council Agenda**

DATE: December 13, 2006

Recommendation

Agendize for the City Council meeting on 1/9/07:

(a) Discussion, direction and action on the interim recommendations of the Sunshine Reform Task Force, implementation of the Reed Reforms and other reforms related to open government, budget process, lobbyists, land use decision processes and campaign finance regulation.

(b) Council discussion of the "Reed Reforms" and direction to staff to return to Council on January 30, 2007 with:
   1. Reforms that can be implemented without additional resources and/or with minor modifications to current work processes;
   2. Reforms that require coordination with /referral to Task Forces, Boards/Commissions, and/or further review and Council action, with specific information on Reforms that may have budget implications, along with related timelines for implementation.

(c) Approval of Reed Reforms 29-32, in order to complete time sensitive tasks related to the budget process:
   1. Approval and direction to staff to begin work on reforms 29-32 related to "Change to a Community Based Budgeting Process and direction to staff to take the necessary actions, as noted in actions below to implement these reforms.
   2. Direction to the Administration to designate funds from the Council General appropriation to fund the Community Budgeting Priorities Survey (Reed Reform #29) and the Neighborhood Association Meeting (Reed Reform #30), to be held on January 20, 2007.
   3. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates, Inc. to develop and implement the Community Budget Priorities Survey, increasing compensation by $30,000, from $99,930 to an agreement amount not to exceed $129,930 with no change in the agreement term.
   4. Approval of the framework for the Council Priority Setting Process and to request that the Rules Committee set an all day Council Priority Setting Hearing on February 20, 2007.

Background

Much of the debate in the recent campaign for Mayor centered on the need to make reforms to ensure that City Hall is honest, open and fiscally responsible. Last January, I proposed a series of changes called the Reed Reforms, which have been reviewed by the Sunshine Reform Task Force. The Task Force made some interim recommendations on the Reed reforms in a memo dated December 12, 2006.

Much work has been done by the Sunshine Reform Task Force and they are to be commended for helping to move the City forward, but there is still more to do. Provided with this memorandum are the Reed Reforms and the memo from the Sunshine Reform Task Force, to be discussed and used as a basic plan in moving forward with a reform agenda.

In addition, the Government Reform and Ethics Subcommittee of my Mayor's Transition Advisory Committee is considering other proposals for reform and revisions or additions that will be provided to the Council for discussion at the January 9th City Council meeting.

Initial discussion and action on the Reed Reforms and other reforms must begin at the January 9th City Council meeting. Several of the items contained in the Reed Reforms are time sensitive and related to the budget process. Other reforms may require staff analysis or feedback regarding any budget implications and/or timelines for implementation.

Chuck Reed
Councilmember