
RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Report

May 22, 2013

PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Madison Nguyen, Councilmember Rose Herrera and Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio.

ABSENT: Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Pete Constant.

STAFF: Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, Acting City Clerk Toni Taber, Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas, Mayor's Council Assistant Richard Hong, Agenda Services Gloria Schmanek, and Deputy City Clerk Kathy Carrillo.

A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review May 28, 2013 Final Agenda Meeting Cancelled.
2. Review June 4, 2013 Draft Agenda
 - a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
 - b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
 - c. Review of Items that Meet Exception Rule (if needed)

Public Comment: David Wall expressed his opinion on Items: 2.2, 3.4, 3.9, 4.2, and 5.1.

Action: The Committee approved the agenda with the approved time certain: Item 3.6 to be heard no earlier than 3:00 p.m.

B. Review of Upcoming Study Session Agenda(s)

C. Legislative Update

1. State – No Report
2. Federal – No Report.

D. Meeting Schedules

E. The Public Record

Documents Filed: Memorandum from the Acting City Clerk Toni Taber to Mayor and City Council dated May 17, 2013, transmitting the Public Record for the week of May 10, 2013 – May 16, 2013.

Public Comment: David wall pulled Item E.a for further discussion.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the public record.

F. Boards, Commissions and Committees

1. Appointments
2. Workplans
Approve the addition of one item to the June 13, 2013 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee: *Update on Actions Taken to Prevent and End Homelessness and to Respond to Homeless Encampments.* (Housing)

Document Filed: Memorandum from Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia dated May 16, 2013 to the Rules and Open Government Committee, forwarding the recommendations.

Public Comment: David Wall offered suggestions concerning the homeless problem.

Action: The Committee approved the addition to the June 13, 2013 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.

3. Annual Reports

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Workload Assessment for Council Requests and Referrals.
2. Approval of District 1 Korean Flag Raising Event as City Council sponsored Special Event accepting, and expending funds and accepting donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event, placing the item on the June 4, 2013 Agenda for action. (Constant)

Document Filed: Memorandum from Councilmember Pete Constant dated May 15, 2013 to the Rules and Open Government Committee, forwarding the recommendations.

Action: The Committee approved Item G.2 with the event date change to August 15, 2013, and forwarded it to City Council placing it on June 4, 2013 Council Agenda for formal action.

3. Revise the Council's Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Neighborhoods, No. 5-6 allow for:
 - a. Create a "fast-track" process for staff approval and installation of speed bumps and other Level I traffic calming devices -- **without** conducting any traffic engineering studies—where a specific set of conditions is present. Such criteria might include some combination of the following:
 - Funding has been identified and will be allocated for the traffic calming device, from voluntary contributions, grants, developer fees, Citywide Construction & Conveyance taxes, or another source.
 - The community has submitted a petition with the required number of signatures of households, businesses, and schools within a fixed radius of the anticipated traffic calming device, as provided in Policy No. 5-6;
 - The street is a residential, two-lane road, with a 25 mph or less speed limit,
 - Some "sensitive receptor" is present nearby, such as a school, senior housing development, or park. (*See memorandum for full text.*)
(Liccardo/Herrera/Khamis)

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals (Cont.)

Document Filed: Memorandum from Councilmembers' Sam Liccardo, Rose Herrera, and Johnny Khamis dated May 16, 2013 to the Rules and Open Government Committee, forwarding the recommendations.

Discussion: The Committee had a lengthy discussion on implementing a "fast-track" process for staff as described in the recommendation.

Department of Transportation Director Hans Larsen recommended that the item be referred to staff for further analysis and was available to answer Committees questions.

Public Comment: David Wall, Richard McCoy, and Jeff Bedolla suggested considering other alternatives before implementing speed bumps in neighborhoods.

Action: The Committee referred Item G.3 back to staff for further analysis and to report back to the Committee in August.

H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas/Workplans

1. Community and Economic Development Committee
2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Workplan Amendment
3. Transportation and Environment Committee
4. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee
5. Rules and Open Government Committee

I. Open Government

1. Appeals of Public Records Act Request
Deny the appeal of Sandy Brundage regarding the City's decision to withhold arbitration decisions of disciplinary appeals by police officers. (City Manager's Office)

Document Filed: Memorandum from Director of Communications David Vossbrink dated May 16, 2013 to the Rules and Open Government Committee, forwarding the recommendations.

Action: The Committee deferred Item I.1 to May 29, 2013.

J. Open Forum

David Wall commended the Office of the City Manager and Fire Department for giving attention to a potential fire hazard in his neighborhood, and he submitted a document on a palm tree broker service.

Jeff Bedolla spoke in support of an adjustment for a prior action regarding traffic access to pedestrian on the side of Emory Street.

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed
Rules and Open Government Committee