



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Governance and Ethics Committee

07/02/2024

3:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Special Meeting

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Present 3 - Chair Raj Chahal, Member Suds Jain, and Member Kevin Park

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Chahal called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1A. [24-662](#) Approval of the June 3, 2024 Governance and Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 Governance and Ethics Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Jain, seconded by Committee Member Park to approve the staff recommendation to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes.

Aye: 3 - Chair Chahal, Member Jain, and Member Park

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-627](#) Review Policy and Procedure 049 ("Community Grant Policy")
(DEFERRED FROM JUNE 3, 2024)

Recommendation: Approve amendments, if any, to Policy and Procedure 049 ("Community Grant Policy") and bring forth to City Council for consideration and approval.

Staff presented on Council Policy 049 ("Community Grant Policy") and recommendations to amend the policy.

The Committee discussed the policy and provided additional proposed amendments including 1) Increase grant amounts to account for inflation, in a method to be determined by staff, and increase total amount of the program to compensate for inflation (Approved by Council in a budget process), 2) Reserve a portion of funds for later in the year for tournament type events, 3) Roll over balances from the program to the following year, 4) Consider term limits for suspension to be based on the severity of the infraction as well as organization change by which the infraction occurred, and 5) Require grantees to submit a post-event description which may be included on the City website.

The Committee approved the staff recommendations with additional proposed amendments.

Committee Member Jain motioned to approve the staff recommendation, seconded by Committee Member Park with additional proposed amendments from the Committee for Council Policy 049 ("Community Grant Policy")

Aye: 3 - Chair Chahal, Member Jain, and Member Park

3. [24-628](#) Review Meeting Management Protocol Options and Rosenberg's Rules of Order and Provide Direction to Staff
(DEFERRED FROM JUNE 3, 2024)

Recommendation: Provide Direction on a Council Policy for Meeting Management Protocols Recommendations by the Governance and Ethics Committee and Forward for Consideration and Approval by the City Council

Staff presented options to consider for meeting management protocols including Rosenberg's Rules of Order. **Committee Member Park** recommended the enforcement in the application of rules and to also consider options for opportunities for robust discussions, to not place time limits and limiting rounds of number of questions.

Member of the public **Tom Shanks** stated public comment at the end of a meeting is a concern as many are exhausted and few people are listening. Member of the public **Wanda Buck** commented on efficiency for meeting management.

Committee Member Jain motioned and seconded by Committee Member Park for staff to return to the Committee with a policy on Rosenberg's Rules for Meeting Management Protocol and recommended establishing public comment sections at the beginning and at the end of a meeting, at the Chair's discretion, with a time limit for the first round of public comments, and the balance of the public comments to be heard at the end of the meeting.

Aye: 3 - Chair Chahal, Member Jain, and Member Park

4. [24-650](#) Update on Review of SCSC Chapter 2.155 ("Regulation of Lobbying Activities") and SCSC Chapter 2.160 ("Calendars of Certain City Officials")
(DEFERRED FROM JUNE 3, 2024)

Staff provided a verbal update on the status of the review of SCSC Chapter 2.155 ("Regulation of Lobbying Activities") and SCSC Chapter 2.160 ("Calendars of Certain City Officials"). Staff will return to a future Committee meeting with additional information on benchmarking to review other jurisdiction's ordinances and a staffing analysis to determine the staffing needs for the enforcement of the lobbying ordinance.

5. [24-651](#) Review and Action on Updated 2024 Governance and Ethics Workplan (DEFERRED FROM JUNE 3, 2024)

Recommendation: Approve the 2024 Governance and Ethics Committee Workplan with any additional amendments

Staff presented the additional workplan items brought forth by Committee members and noted the current workload and priorities to accomplish additional items. The Committee approved the additional items to be included in the revised 2024 workplan. Committee Member Park noted the need for additional Committee meetings to accomplish workplan items.

Committee Member Jain motioned, seconded by Committee Member Park to approve the additional items for the 2024 Governance and Ethics Committee Workplan.

Aye: 3 - Chair Chahal, Member Jain, and Member Park

STAFF REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS / FUTURE REFERRALS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chahal adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

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