



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Governance and Ethics Committee

07/15/2019

4:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Chair Teresa O'Neill, Member Debi Davis, and Member Lisa M. Gillmor

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. [19-550](#) Review Council Policy 043 on Official Travel by Elected Officials for Possible Recommendation to City Council

Recommendation: That the Governance and Ethics Committee recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution No. 17-8432 and adopting the amended Council Policy on Official Travel by Elected Officials.

A motion was made by Member Gillmor, seconded by Member Davis, and unanimously carried that the Committee approve the staff recommendation with the following amendments to Council Policy 043: include a statement that all elected officials are eligible to attend League of California Cities, United States Conference of Mayors, and National League of Cities conferences and meetings.

Aye: 3 - Chair O'Neill, Member Davis, and Member Gillmor

2. [19-551](#) Review Council Policy 035 on Naming of Facilities for Possible Recommendation to City Council

Recommendation: That the Governance and Ethics Committee recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution to amend the Council Policy on Naming of Facilities.

A motion was made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Gillmor, and unanimously carried that the Committee approve the staff recommendation with the following amendment to Council Policy 035: include the City Attorney's added verbiage, "the City Council shall have the sole discretion to decide the naming of a facility."

Aye: 3 - Chair O'Neill, Member Davis, and Member Gillmor

3. [19-754](#) Discussion on Governing Issues regarding Council District Transformation

This item was an informational report only, and no action was taken by the Committee.

4. [19-782](#) Provide Input on 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled "Inquiry into the Governance of the Valley Transportation Authority"

The Governance and Ethics Committee provided their input on the Civil Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. Per the Committee's discussion and input, the Committee is in agreement with the findings. The Committee discussed the concept of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee with the purpose of reviewing the recommendations in more detail. The Committee also discussed possibly seeking assistance from Assemblymember Kansen Chu to lead any future efforts associated with proposing enabling legislation amending Sections 100060 through 100063 of the California Public Utilities Code to improve the governance structure of VTA and amending Section 1000061 of the California Public Utilities Code to provide that the Chairperson of the VTA Board shall be elected for a term of two years rather than one. A motion was made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Gillmor, and unanimously carried that the Committee refer this item to the full City Council to provide additional input and to inquire if there is interest among the Council to establish an Ad Hoc Committee.

Aye: 3 - Chair O'Neill, Member Davis, and Member Gillmor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

The Committee requested an update, at the appropriate time, from the City Clerk and City Attorney regarding the item originally discussed at the April 25, 2019 meeting related to FPPC coordination, the Lobbyist Ordinance, and the Dark Money Ordinance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Gillmor, that the meeting be adjourned to October 24, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.