



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Municipal Gallery
Sunshine Task Force Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 20, 2017
5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: March 20, 2017 / 5:10 pm

In Attendance: Mayor John A. Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Dr. Charles Aronberg, Sonia Berman, Fred Fenster, Murray D. Fischer, Marilyn Gallup, Myra Lurie, Gloria Seiff, Thomas White, Gerald Lunn, John Gluck, Victoria Talbot, Steve Mayer, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Deputy Director of Public Works/Operations Support Erick Lee, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

1) Oral Communications

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda.

None

2) Discussion of Items Reported at the Previous Meeting

• **Closed Session Agenda Language**

Thomas White reported that he met with City Attorney Laurence Wiener to speak about the Closed Session agenda language. The agenda language currently complies with Brown Act requirements but Mr. White asked that more specific language be included to improve disclosure and transparency of agendas. Mr. White reported that Mr. Wiener has agreed to provide a summary and disclose the subject matter.

According to Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Mr. Wiener has agreed to disclose the following: 1) real estate matters – If lessor, lessee or owner, and wishes to purchase or lease; 2) labor negotiations – reference the date of existing MOUs; and 3) litigations – describe in one sentence who is suing who and about what.

Mr. Fischer commented that disclosing information that is more than allowed in the guidelines jeopardizes labor union and City negotiations and puts the City at risk with existing negotiations.

Mr. White urged The City Attorney's Office to remind the City Manager to immediately disclose matters which resulted in Council decision after the public meeting, and to have the City Council hold the City Manager accountable on this.

Councilmember Bosse directed staff to put on the next Study Session agenda an item on the Closed Session agenda language.

- **Timing of Noticing of Meetings**

Assistant City Manager George Chavez reported that staff will post a save-the-date draft agenda and once all supporting materials have been gathered, will post the final agenda online and in the three physical locations (City Hall Council Chamber, Civic Center parking lot lobby, and Library). He explained how the "save-the-date" works.

Mr. Steve Mayer requested that the online calendar be linked to the agenda so that when a user clicks on the date of the meeting, the agenda and supporting documents are brought up. Mr. Jon Gluck also suggested that important Council decisions and actions be published so that residents know about them.

- **Other Items**

None

3) Legislative Advocate Form Enhancements

- **Report from Mr. Fred Fenster and Mr. Murray Fischer**

Mr. Fred Fenster reported that he and Mr. Murray Fischer discussed the definition of a lobbyist and the legislative advocate form and came up with questions for discussion by the group.

The following questions were discussed: what triggers registration as lobbyist – payment, upon hiring to do the job, or when the person is attempting to influence decision?

Mayor Mirisch directed staff to schedule a two-hour meeting to discuss the legislative advocate/lobbyist form.

- **Changes to the Online Form**

Not discussed

4) Discussion of Sunshine Task Force Committee Initiatives

- **Anti-Voter Fraud Initiative**

Mayor Mirisch briefly explained the initiative and the reason it was adopted by Council.

- **Online Councilmember/Commissioner/Staff Calendar**

Councilmember Bosse requested that a calendar showing staff meetings involving city business be published online. Ms. Victoria Talbot commented that there should be respect for the privacy of employees so this should be carefully defined. Mr. Gerald Lunn and Mr. Jon Gluck suggested that both the legislative advocate and staff should report their contact/meeting. Ms. Huma Ahmed expressed her concerns regarding safety especially when people know that residents are not home. Ms. Myra Lurie suggested that instead of calendaring in advance, it is better to report the meeting after the fact. Mr. Thomas White disagreed with Ms. Lurie's suggestion citing that it may be too late to find out about the activity after it has occurred.

- **Other Initiatives**

Not discussed

5) Adjournment

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