



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
444 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Library Auditorium

Sunshine Task Force Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, January 23, 2017
5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: January 23, 2017 / 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor John A. Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Charles Aronberg, M.D., Frances Bilak, Sonia Berman, Ed Brown, Woody Clark II, Mark Elliot, Fred Fenster, Murray D. Fischer, Marilyn Gallup, Alissa Roston, Stella Sarraf, Gloria Seiff, Victoria Talbot, Myra Lurie, Thomas White, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Chief Information Officer David Schirmer, Assistant Chief Information Officer Mark Hobson, Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney, Management Analyst Michelle Ramos-Vergara

1) Oral Communications

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

- Mr. Thomas White expressed that access to previous closed session agendas and disclosure on Closed Session Agenda items is inadequate. He specified examples on labor negotiation, litigious matters and real property items. Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse agreed with Mr. White that as much information as possible should be disclosed without prejudicing the City. Mayor Mirisch suggested that Mr. White and City Attorney Laurence Wiener review specific examples from past Closed Session Agenda items to create solutions. Assistant City Manager George Chavez confirmed that Closed Session Agendas are posted as far back as 2011.

2) Timing of Noticing of Meetings

- Assistant City Manager George Chavez briefly reviewed how City Council Standing Committee meetings are scheduled and coordinated. Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse stated that agendas immediately be posted on the City's website as soon as any City Council Standing Committee meeting is agendaized. They also asked that materials be posted as soon as they are made available.
- Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse pointed out that Committee members should be automatically sent a copy of any upcoming agenda without having to go through the e-notice registration process.

- Mr. White expressed that the City should list the forums on the City calendar.

3) Legislative Advocate Form Enhancement and Priorities

- Mr. Murray Fischer and Mr. Fred Fenster spoke on their inability to meet since the last Sunshine Task Force meeting discussion on Sept 28, 2016. Mayor Mirisch asked them to meet again.
- Mayor Mirisch asked Mr. Fischer to provide Assistant City Manager George Chavez with a copy of his emailed notes and asked Mr. Chavez to forward the email to the Committee members.
- Mr. Murray Fischer spoke on issues he experienced with the online Legislative Advocate Form. Chief Information Officer David Schirmer stated that he will work with the City Clerk's office to investigate the problem.

4) Discussion of Other Initiatives

- Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse spoke on voter irregularities and potential fraud. They each expressed their dissatisfaction with the responses they received at the January 10, 2017 study session meeting from the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder County Clerk's Office, the California Secretary of State's Office, and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.
- Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse asked Assistant City Manager George Chavez, to send a letter to California State Secretary Alex Padilla expressing Council's disappointment in the responses they received.
- Mayor Mirisch suggested forming an Anti-Voter Fraud initiative. City Attorney Laurence Wiener explained that the City cannot adopt laws because the City is preempted by State law. Mayor Mirisch asked the Committee to generate ideas whereby the City can proactively address and respond with penalties to voter fraud in the City.
- Councilmember Bosse suggested that the Committee lead with voter education. The Committee agreed that voter education needs to be advertised through the City's resources and not through the local newspapers alone.
- Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse stated that they needed more information on challenging the registration status of voters.
- Mayor Mirisch requested this item be agendaized for Council discussion at the January 24, 2017 Council meeting.

5) Adjournment

Date / Time: January 23, 2017 / 6:18 pm