

THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES, FINANCE, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
(MAYOR DICK MURPHY, CHAIRPERSON)

Action Items for meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Approval of the Record of Action Items for April 21, 2004.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Record of Action Items. (Motion: Madaffer; Second: Atkins; Not Present: Maienschein)

ITEM-1: Discussion re: Proposed Living Wage (Responsible Wage and Benefits) Ordinance.

The Committee voted 3-1 to send the Responsible Wage and Benefits Ordinance to the City Council, and direct the City Manager and City Attorney to work with the Center for Policy Initiatives and other affected entities to construct a Responsible Wage and Benefits Ordinance that addresses the following additional issues:

- A. Work with Arts and Culture Institutions to identify the possibility of raising the threshold for financial assistance recipients and to analyze the costs of the public benefits these institutions provide such as, but not limited to, "free Tuesdays."*
- B. Clarify that nonprofit leases with the City are not part of the total compensation or contracts as it relates to social service contractors and financial assistance recipients.*
- C. Analyze the ratio model, similar to the City of Los Angeles, which states that organizations organized as a 501c3 (nonprofit organization), whose chief executive officer or highest paid employee earns a salary which when calculated on an hourly basis is less than eight times the lowest wage paid by the corporation shall be exempted.*
- D. Do a complete analysis of the impact of Maintenance Assessment Districts (MADs) and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) along with alternative solutions and options to resolve concerns.*
- E. Analyze the impact to MADs and BIDs if the definition of Small Business, which currently states five employees or less, was raised to 12 employees or less.*
- F. Work with the Convention Center to come up with an alternative plan that will benefit the low-wage earners but not negatively impact the financial status of the organization and its competitiveness in the market place.*
- G. Work with 6-to-6 providers on alternative options and solutions, such as including a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay, and phase in options that not only keep services at existing levels but also adjust as new schools come on-line.*

The City Manager and City Attorney are to report to the full City Council with a draft of the revised ordinance (based on the February 29, 2004, draft) in June 2004. Specific clear language should state that the ordinance is strictly for contracts with the City and does not include or affect private businesses that do not fall in one of the three categories outlined in the ordinance, for example restaurants. The ordinance should include alternative solutions and options, including exemptions, to resolve the concerns of Community Development Block Grant recipients and nonprofits. (Motion: Atkins; Second: Madaffer; Nay: Mayor Murphy; Not Present: Maienschein)

ITEM-2: Discussion re: San Diego Data Processing Corporation (City Manager's Report #04-090).

The Committee voted 4-0 to support the City Manager's recommendations 1, 2, and 3 with the following additions/modifications: 1) Restructure the Board to have four City staff members, instead of three, appointed by the City Manager; 2) direct the City Manager to request that the consultant hired to develop the implementation plan conduct a truly objective evaluation that will look at other options in addition to complete dissolution of the Data Processing Corporation; 3) return to the Rules Committee May 19, 2004, with a draft resolution; 4) provide the consultant with the written information provided today by Dr. Gloria Ma and San Diego Data Processing Corporation's Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Procedures; 5) ask the City Attorney to return with an analysis of the legal issues related to having three or four City staff members on the Board; 6) direct the City Manager to return with information on the experiences of San Diego County and other local governments in outsourcing Information Technology services; 7) direct the City Manager and City Attorney to respond to the six-point action plan submitted by San Diego Data Processing Corporation's Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Procedures; and 8) ask the City's Chief Information Officer to respond to the information heard today. (Motion: Madaffer; Second: Mayor Murphy; Not Present: Maienschein)

ITEM-3: City Manager's Energy Conservation and Management Status Report #14 (City Manager's Report #04-091).

No action taken.