Thursday, May 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Members:

Dale Gieringer	District 1	Keith Stephenson	District 7
Joseph E. Villatoro	District 2	TC Everett	At Large
Richard Lee	District 3	Leslie Bonett	Mayor
James Anthony	District 4	Wendy Herndon	City Auditor
Matt Hummel	District 5	Jeff Baker	City Administrator
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MINUTES

A. Roll Call and determination of quorum

Members Present: D. Gieringer, J. Villatoro, T.C. Everett, L. Bonett, J. Baker, and

- Chairperson R. Lee

Members Excused: J. Anthony, M. Hummel, K. Stevenson, W. Herndon

The meeting of May 20, 2010 was called to order at 6:06 p.m..

B. Open Forum / Public Comment

There were no speakers on this Item.

C. Review of the Pending List

Rèquest to discuss issue of Monthly/Quarterly Meeting Schedule in upcoming meeting.

D. Approval of Draft Minutes

The Minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting were approved, by consensus.

E-1 Discussion: Presentation: The Brown Act and Oakland Sunshine Ordinance, Dan Purnell, Director Ethics Commission, City of Oakland. Director Purnell provided the report. (See Attached PowerPoint.)

Member Bonett asked whether it was possible to submit a letter regarding a political endorsement signed as a member of the Measure Z Board.

Director Purnell responded the topic was outside the scope of his presentation on the Brown Act, however he would be willing to discuss the issue outside the Committee meeting.

There was one speaker on this Item:

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Measure Z.

Oakland has a tendency not to comply with the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance. Oakland has the distinction of casting 12 "yes" votes on the passage of the Sunshine Ordinance. Generally, the City Attorney provides advice to Committee members regarding the parameters of their authority. The Brown Act requires that "the entire process of the acquisition of information, the development of concurrence and the final action must take place in public." The safest course of action for a Board or Committee is to discuss everything in public. The final two points, you can always obtained the from the Public General Government Unit. Secondly, advice of legal coursel is not a defense.

F. Announcements

Chairperson Lee announced fundraiser for the 2010 Initiative are upcoming, Joke and Toke" event June 4th; another fundraiser at Acuta Restaurant near Piedmont.

Member Bonett announced the airing every Friday of Cannabis Planet, KOFY, Channel 20 and Channel 13 on Cable.

Member Baker presented Chairperson Lee with the official gavel from Members of the Measure Z Committee

G. Adjournmen

There being no further business, and upon the motion duly made, the Measure Z Committee adjourned the meeting.

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