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>> Are there any changes to the agenda?

>> The first item is April 7 agenda.

>> Page two and three.

>> There was a question for consent.

>> There may be a request from the mayor's office to uphold that at the time and make some comments, but at this point we're leaving it on consent.

>> Four and five.

>> Vice chair, members of the committee, administration is requesting that we drop item 2.7, water recycling. Still in the process.

>> Okay.

>> 2.7 will be dropped. I also notice on 2.12, that is five not four. Is that correct? Okay. And page six and seven. Page eight and nine.

>> Madam Vice Chair, this is where we would like to add the costs FY 2009 grant application to be added.

>> We'll do the additions, is that the correct procedure, city attorney? Because there is other ones too. Page 10 and 11.

>> Madam Vice Chair, members of the committee, the administration is requesting that item 3.5 be a joint item.

>> Item 3.5 will be under the nine items which is joint city and redevelopment item.

>> It would be in the evening.

>> Councilmember Chirco: It would be in the evening, okay. Page 12 and 13.

>> Madam Vice Chair, 4.3 I have Council Member Constant's office to defer 4.3 to the evening session so that would be the 21st of this month.

>> Councilmember Chirco: This is next week, has the memo already gone out? I'm just ...

>> No, I think it went out in the packet already.

>> So this will be deferred for two weeks?

>> Yes, it will come back in the evening session.

>> My understanding is the report is out.

>> Okay.

>> Item 4.5, I have a request to defer that to the rules committee of April 8, for next week.

>> Councilmember Chirco: That is quite an agenda. [laughter] We'll keep going. It is getting smaller by the minute. Okay, page 14 and 15? 16 and 17? 18 and 19? And page 20 and 21. And we do have some requests for additions. There is mayor and city council members, there is a commendation and the cop grant application. So those will be two additions.

>> 3.7 was being considered for deferral. Is that not going to happen?

>> The downtown entertainment zone? Page 11.

>> I'm informed that we may have a supplemental on this item but we're not requesting a deferral at this time.

>> Okay.

>> Move to approve.

>> Second.

>> Motion for approval, all those in favor? All those opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Because this isn't a sweep, are there any time certain items we need to set? I know we've taken off the 3:30 for the RDA Board Meeting. Is there any other time certain? If not, then the agenda will stand as presented. We have Redevelopment Agency agenda for April 7. Page one. Page two and three. Page four and five. And since we've already taken off the time certain for the RDA ...

>> Move to approve.

>> Second.

>> We have a motion and second to approve, all those in favor, please say aye?

>> Aye.

>> Opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Next item is the April 14 city council agenda. Page one. And it does say 3:30 for RDA, but if we need to change that, we can do that next week. Page two and three.

>> 1.4 for the national volunteers. Council Member Chirco is adding this.

>> There is a list of additions.

>> And page four and five.
>> Madam Chair, members of the committee, on page three, item 2.5, the administration is requesting that we drop this item from the 14th and it will come back on the administrative draft of April 21st.
>> Okay, item 2.5 will be dropped and reagendaized on the 21st. Page four and five. Page six and seven. Page eight. And there are a number of mayor, council member requests for additions, which nancy ... it is on here. So there are no questions, may I have a motion for approval.
>> So moved.
>> Second.
>> I have a motion and a second. All those in favor? All those opposed? Hearing none that motion carries. Okay. We have no legislative update. We do have some dates to set. General Plan Hearing for Spring 2009. [inaudible]
>> The study session --
>> Okay. All right. Look at that, we're both fairly new at this [laughter] So 7.1 is the General Plan hearing date. If I could have a motion to set that.
>> So moved.
>> Second.
>> We have a motion and second. To staff June 16 for the general plan, all those in favor? All those opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Now we are on to the study session on foreclosure mitigation. And I guess it is appropriate to review the agendas. Okay. We do have the agenda for the April 13 study session, and there are two pages, page one and two. We have a motion and a second. I see Leslie is also at the microphone.
>> The director of housing. I want to mention the memo for this session will be coming out on ... it will be 10 days before, so very shortly, and we will have some additional information for you, some reading materials in case you would be interested in reading up on some of the background information, but I think we're probably also going to switch the order so we will have panel two to go last, so it will go what is panel one right now, which is talking about what the foreclosure crisis is, then we will go into the neighborhood impact piece, and then we will talk about the programs and the efforts that we have. So we're going to ... I think when you see that come out, it will be switched, but same panelists.
>> Certainly a timely issue. So you're going to come back with lots of answers?
>> I think we've really got a very good program and what you'll see is this is not just the issue on the city response, it requires a lot of the community to come together and so our panels represent that and they'll be telling you what their part is in this effort.
>> Well, it is a study session I look forward to. We have a motion and a second.
>> As amended.
>> As amended.
>> Okay. All those in favor?
>> Aye.
>> Oh those opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Thank you, Leslie. We have the public record. Are there any items that anyone on the committee would wish to pull? [inaudible]
>> We do have two speaker cards on this item. We give each speaker two minutes. And the first speaker is Roger Lasin. If you can come to the microphone and if you grab under the microphone, you can pull it up because, you're a little taller. At the throat ... yeah, right there.
>> I see.
>> Yeah. You have two minutes.
>> Okay. My name is Roger Lasin. I'm here in the support of the letter that Mark O'Connell has written to you, Mayor Reed and the Council, and in regards to I guess what I would call fair play, I'm surprised that the senior commission cannot amend the attendance requirement in the by-laws to include "significant other." I think this is probably an oversight, but I'm really surprised that we haven't done this. I'm a straight retired male, obviously, and I just think that we shouldn't be having these type of issues. It looks like a lack of housekeeping in regards to not taking care of this, and I request that the rules committee follow through on this and just not let it drop by the wayside. Thank you.
>> Thank you very much. Second speaker is Martha O'Connell. I think it is O'Connor. No, it is O'Connell. You get to do the reverse, pull it down. Thank you.
>> My name is Martha O'Connell and I would like to commend you guys for the support of the gay and lesbian and bi-sexual and transgender communities, you recognize the benefits in your employees and have a nondiscrimination policy. And when I applied for a position, there was a box that says sexual

orientation, and I was told that the city is trying to recruit gay, lesbian and bi-sexual and transgender people to reflect the community. I concur with my colleague Roger, I think this is simply an oversight and I would respectfully request you not just drop this but direct staff to draft the language so we can have the same rights to an excused absence in the event of the death or illness of our significant other. I think it is a civil rights issue. Thank you.

>> Thank you. I would like to ask the city attorney if you could briefly, we can't discuss this item, it is not on the agenda, but maybe you could address the concerns voiced by the speakers.

>> City Attorney Doyle: [inaudible] However, while there is no reference to the ... there is no reference to domestic partner, it is clear under state law that any local regulation or rule that provides a right to a spouse but also applies to a registered domestic partner so it is clear the existing unexcused absences apply to any registered domestic partner. I think what Miss O'Connell is asking for is it be expanded beyond simply domestic partner and include a significant other, at least that's what I'm understanding, because currently the law does require us to recognize registered domestic partners in the same manner which you recognize a spouse, so I don't think that is an issue with regard to the legislation, however, if we're being asked to include the word or the person who would be a significant other, that would require additional work to modify the code and it would require we do some kind of definition of significant other. But as you mentioned, it is not appropriate for us to have a full discussion of this, however, it is appropriate to agendize it for the rules next week.

>> I'm trying to be cautious about the discussion. It sounds like the laws are clear. All of the rights of opposite sex couples are also given to registered same-sex couples.

>> Spouses.

>> What are they called, registered partners?

>> Registered domestic partners.

>> They get the same rights.

>> As any spouse under the rules and regulations the city has.

>> It sounds clear, so maybe you could ask the speakers to contact the city clerk's office for clarification.

>> Madam Chair, as you know, the committee in council last year improved a structural improvement program. [inaudible] Is happening, creating standardized dialogue that would be for all the working commissions and the section regarding these absences. This is part of a larger [inaudible] The clerk's office has already embarked upon.

>> Thank you very much. I think that's appropriate that be directed to the work the city clerk has already engaged in.

>> You can direct the matter to the clerk's office.

>> Thank you very much. So we have a motion and second to note in the file for the public record. All those in favor? All those opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Item 10.1. That is the approval of the designation of disaster and emergency preparedness conference as a city council sponsors special event in District 10.

>> Thank you very much, my staff has been working very, very hard on this. We expect at least 1,000 people minimally to attend. Just about everything you ever thought about in reference to getting ready for an emergency situation will be available at this conference. So I heartily recommend that we approve it and that also attend. We need to have you there so we can help you out. Kits are available on-line. Just go to the ... I think you know it is provided here and we will get it for you and you can order the kits on-line for \$20 and it has ... you would be paying at least 50 otherwise, and pick them up the day of the event.

>> Can we consider that a public service announcement?

>> Absolutely. You caught me. [inaudible]

>> As soon as possible.

>> One week turn around.

>> Right.

>> Do I have a second on that?

>> Second.

>> you already made the motion. [laughter]

>> Second.

>> I have a motion and a second to approve item 10.1. All those in favor? All those opposed? Hearing none, motion carries. That appears to be our agenda for today. I think there is just the open forum. So anyone wishing to speak, I will give two minutes to each speaker. Come up and identify yourself and you have two minutes.

>> Hello, I'm David Walsh.

>> You're a little tall too.

>> For all the time here at rules, you still run the fastest rules committee ever. That is not picking on the mayor, you just run the best and God speed for a fast recovery. Thank you.

>> Thank you. I believe our meeting is adjourned, so thank you all.