Agenda – Council – February 23, 2011

Report – Council Secretariat Committee - February 14, 2011

Item No. 1 Committee Name Change – Council Secretariat Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 16, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Council Secretariat Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the name of the Council Secretariat Committee be changed to the Governance Committee of Council.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 16, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Council Secretariat Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2011, the Council Secretariat Committee recommended that the name of the Council Secretariat Committee be changed to the Governance Committee of Council, and forwarded the matter to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Secretariat

noun

- a permanent administrative office, department, or committee, especially a governmental one.
- [*treated as singular or plural*] the staff working in a secretariat.
- Secretariats are the main intergovernmental agency and central institution of governments. It is responsible for facilitating cooperation between members; organizing meetings, assisting and advising on policy development; and providing assistance to members in implementing the decisions and policies of a central government
- The word *secretariat* evolved from the medieval Latin noun *secretariatus/secretarius*
- Secretariat is, in many cases, interchangeable with the word committee

Governance

noun

- the action or manner of governing a state , organization, etc
- archaic rule; control: *what, shall King Henry be a pupil still, under the surly Gloucester's governance?*
- Governance is the activity of governing. It relates to decisions that define *expectations*, grant power, or verify performance. It consists either of a separate process or of a specific part of management or leadership processes. Governance relates to consistent management, cohesive policies, guidance, processes and decision-rights for a given area of responsibility.
- The word *governance* is, ultimately, derived from the Greek verb κυβερνάω [*kubernáo*] which means *to steer* and was used for the first time in a metaphorical sense by Plato.