



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MELVIN WRENN AND RICHARD MOYA TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: IGR recommends that the Travis County Commissioners Court reappoint Melvin Wrenn (Place 1) and Richard Moya (Place 4) to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners for terms to run from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND: The Travis County Commissioners Court makes five appointments to the **Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) Board of Commissioners**.¹ Appointments are for two years, and there is no limit on the amount of terms an appointee may serve.² At least one commissioner must be “a tenant of a public housing project over which the county housing authority has jurisdiction.”³ There are no other statutory prerequisites for service as a commissioner. Appointments to the HATC are governed by the Uniform Appointment Process adopted by the Court on March 6, 2012.

¹ TEX. LOCAL GOVT. CODE §392.032.

² TEX. LOCAL GOVT. CODE §392.034(a).

³ TEX. LOCAL GOVT. CODE §392.0331(c). The current tenant member is Willie S. Anderson, whose term will expire on December 31, 2015.

The terms of two members of the Housing Authority board – **Melvin Wrenn and Richard Moya** -- expire at the end of this year.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: Because both members have been serving for less than six years, they are eligible for reappointment under Section 1.017(b)(1)(B) of the County Code, which provides:

Reappointments. Before expiration of a term, or upon a vacancy arising for an organization subject to this UAP, the County Judge shall ... in the case of an existing organization member, that by the end of their term will not have served six years, instruct the Coordinator for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) to determine if the member desires to continue for an additional term, and contact the organization to determine if the member has a good attendance of meetings and is a good contributor to the organization. Should the Coordinator for IGR submit an acceptable report to the County Judge, the County Judge shall schedule for Commissioners Court the consideration of the re-appointment.

Both appointees have expressed interest in being reappointed, and have sent letters to that effect to Judge Biscoe. The Housing Authority has provided information regarding attendance and board participation for the two incumbents. The attendance record and letters of interest are attached.

On a related issue not covered in this agenda item, the term of the Precinct 1 appointee to the **Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)**, **Melvin Wrenn**, also expires at the end of this year.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: No fiscal impact.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current membership of the HATC and SHFC boards, as of October 1, 2014.
2. Attendance Record provided by HATC, as of November 18, 2014.
3. Letter from Mr. Melvin Wrenn re reappointment to HATC board, November 4, 2014.
4. Letter from Mr. Richard Moya re reappointment to HATC board, November 4, 2014.

Housing Authority of Travis County, Texas

Board of Commissioners

(This agency is covered under the Uniform Appointment Process)

Place	Name	Appointing Authority	Date(s) of Appointment	Current Term Expiration Date	Adopted* Term Expiration Date
5	Willie S. Anderson	Court Appointment	5/31/2011 reappointed 10/15/2013	N/A	12/31/2015
1	Melvin G. Wrenn	Court Appointment	10/13/1998 reappointed 12/11/12	N/A	12/31/2014
2	Sarah Dale Anderson	Court Appointment	10/26/2010 reappointed 1/24/2012 reappointed 10/15/13	N/A	12/31/2015
3	Philip W. Barnes	Court Appointment	9/8/2009 reappointed 10/25/2011 reappointed 10/15/2013	N/A	12/31/2015
4	Richard Moya	Court Appointment	7/1/2003 reappointed 12/11/12	N/A	12/31/2014

* - ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court, 10/23/12, Item #26

Last updated -- 10/1/2014

Dates	Meeting Type	Richard Moya	Melvin Wrenn
12/20/2012	Special	Absent	Present
2/21/2013	Regular	Present	Present
4/18/2013	Regular	Present	Present
5/7/2013	Special	Present	Present
5/24/2013	Special	Present	Present
6/28/2013	Regular	Present	Present
	HATC & SHFC		
7/16/2013	Planning Session	Present	Present
8/23/2013	Annual	Present	Present
	HATC & SHFC		
9/11/2013	Planning Session	Present	Present
	HATC & SHFC		
9/27/2013	Finance & Personnel	Present	Present
10/16/2013	Regular	Absent	Present
11/8/2013	Planning Session	Present	Present
12/19/2013	Regular	Present	Present
2/20/2014	Regular	Present	Present
3/20/2014	Special	Present	Present
5/1/2014	Regular	Present	Present
6/23/2014	Regular	Present	Present
	HATC & SHFC		
7/3/2014	Transition Committee	Present	Present
	HATC & SHFC		
7/14/2014	Transition Committee	Present	Present
8/4/2014	Special	Present	Present
9/12/2014	Annual	Present	Present
10/23/2014	Special	Present	Present

Melvin G. Wrenn
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Austin, Texas 78724



Dear Judge Biscoe:

This is to confirm my interest in servicing another term at the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) starting in January 2015. Presently my term expires at the end of the year. The housing authority is transitioning through the process of obtaining a new executive director. While the void is there, we have been successful. The goal is to acquire an executive director by year-end.

Since taking over day-to-day management of HATC, we have received recognition by HUD with a High Performance designation. With this rating, the authority will qualify for grants and receive other benefits not available for more than seven years. There is much more work to be done to bring the expenses in line with the revenue, which should be resolved with the hiring of a housing authority professional.

The housing authority faces many challenges; which include but is not limited to:

- Continued decrease in funding from HUD;
- While HUD funding is being reduced, all agencies are working with them to streamline the reporting structure, which challenges staff to adjust to new reporting systems and processes;
- Increasing revenue through partnerships, real estate development ; such as, Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs;
- Positive development in traditional areas of Travis County where NIMBY challenges would be present; and,
- Obtaining an annual, on-going and consistent financial commitment from Strategic Housing Finance Corporation

These are a few challenges. Most important, HATC has to create revenue opportunities to enhance its bottom line. This can only be done with committed board members who dedicated themselves to the preservation of Public Housing and make a commitment to assist those below 30 MFI.

Please consider this request.

Sincerely,

Melvin G. Wrenn

November 4, 2014

The Honorable Sam Biscoe
County Judge, Travis County
700 Lavaca Street, Suite 2.700
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Judge Biscoe:

It has been an honor to serve as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Travis County since 2003. During the intervening years, I have worked to provide access to safe, decent, low income housing to help meet the housing needs of Travis County residents.

As you know, my two-year term on the Board of Commissioners ends on December 31, 2014. I offer my services to continue on the Board and respectfully ask the Commissioners Court to reappoint me for another two-year term to conclude at the end of 2016.

I am proud of the progress that the Housing Authority has made during the last two years, and believe we have a vital role to play in our community. I am grateful for the chance to serve, and to partner with the Court to improve the lives of Travis County residents.

Sincerely,


RICHARD G. MOYA