

City of Santa Barbara

**LIVING WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

for

Friday, October 22, 2010

Room 15 – City Hall
735 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara, California

- I. **Roll Call:** Anna M. Kokotovic, Allen Williams, Richard Flacks, Larry C. Lee, and Gabe Dominocielo were present.

- II. **Call to order:** 2:07 PM

- III. **Public comment:** Paul Zinc, a member of ARB, was present and made a comment that he was interested in the committee's work as it pertains to affordable housing.

- IV. **Review and approval of June 7, 2010 meeting minutes:** The approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting since there was not a quorum present from the June meeting.

- V. **Discuss and finalize the report to council including the alternative recommendation:** There was discussion regarding the two recommendations being included in the report to Council, which is not standard City practice. Staff recommended that the committee present one recommendation that represents the majority view. Individuals in the minority can send their recommendation under their individual names to council members AND can speak under public comment at the council meeting. At this point, Mr. Williams felt that his opinions would not be adequately represented and that his opinion did not count and left the meeting.

Mr. Dominocielo requested that the report be deferred until there time to investigate potential gender discrimination and why firms from outside of the county are wining bids. The committee felt that these are worthy issues but should be taken up separately from the report so that the report is not further delayed.

Bob Samario, Director of Finance, expressed the administration concerns on the length on the report and suggested that staff presents a report to Council that summarizes the Committee's recommendations and include the Committee's full report as an attachment. Staff's report would include the staff's responses to the committee's recommendations. The Committee accepted this approach but requested

to see staff's responses in advance of the council meeting.

The recommendations were reviewed one by one. There were some minor edits, the removal of the attachments, and a new recommendation to establish a pool of funds for conducting compliance audits. A motion was made and approved to recommend that a one-time pool of \$10,000 be made available to conduct audits in response to complaints that in the City's opinion have merit. Staff was directed to develop the wording and audit criteria based on the committee's discussion. The staff's responses to the committee's recommendations were discussed and the committee requested to see staff's responses to their recommendations in advance of the November 23 council meeting. After discussion on the recommendation to remove the non-profit exemption, recommendation #4, the Committee accepted Bob Samario's offer to clarify the purpose of the recommendation. The Committee directed staff to delete paragraph 1 in its entirety from Other Impacts and Considerations, to remove the attachments from the report, and include the information in Appendix A, Cost & Benefit Summary for FY'10, in the body of the report. A second motion was made and approved to modify the report as discussed and to go forth with the November 23 presentation to Council.

VI. Schedule next meeting and develop future agendas: Next meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 5 PM.

VII. Adjourn: 4:05 PM