

By: Howard of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 3943

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3943:

By: Solomons

C.S.H.B. No. 3943

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement to post notice of the subject of a
3 meeting under the open meetings law as the requirement relates to
4 reports about items of community interest at a city council
5 meeting.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 551.0415 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 551.0415. GOVERNING BODY OF MUNICIPALITY: REPORTS
10 ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE
11 TAKEN. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 551.041 and 551.042, a quorum
12 of the governing body of a municipality may receive from municipal
13 staff and a member of the governing body may make a report about
14 items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body
15 without having given notice of the subject of the report as required
16 by this subchapter if no action is taken and, except as provided by
17 Section 551.042, possible action is not discussed regarding the
18 information provided in the report.

19 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a), "items of community
20 interest" includes:

21 (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or
22 condolence;

23 (2) information regarding holiday schedules;

24 (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public

1 official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a
2 discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public
3 office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary
4 recognition for purposes of this subdivision;

5 (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or
6 sponsored by the governing body;

7 (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or
8 community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the
9 governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a
10 member of the governing body or an official or employee of the
11 municipality; and

12 (6) announcements involving the public health and
13 safety of people in the municipality.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.