

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
114 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building at 2:00 pm with the following Councilmembers present: Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier, Soules, and Mayor Castro. ABSENT: Medina. City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek announced that Councilmember Medina was out on Temporary Military Leave.

1. A staff update on the City’s Diversity Action Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Mike Frisbie presented an update on the Diversity Action Plan. He stated that voters had approved the 2012-2017 Bond Program in May 2012 and the City Council had subsequently authorized the negotiation and execution of 87 Design Contracts. Mayor Castro had requested that the Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS) Department develop an action plan to increase African American Business Enterprise (AABE) Participation. Mr. Frisbie noted that the City Council had approved the Diversity Action Plan in January 2013.

Mr. Frisbie outlined the goals and strategies of the Plan which included increasing the number of Minority and Woman-Owned Firms in the City’s Central Vendor Registry (CVR) and their participation on contracts. Mr. Frisbie highlighted accomplishments noting that they had added 12 Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Enterprise

(SMWBE) Firms to the 2012 Bond Design Contracts. He reported that they had increased AABE Participation on Construction Projects with the first AABE Prime awarded a contract in December 2013. He stated that they had executed a Memorandum of Understanding with UTSA to provide assistance to SMWBEs and hired a Marketing Firm to perform a Targeted Media Campaign.

Mr. Frisbie spoke of the 2012 Bond Mass Selection Process in which 134 Architectural and Engineering Firm Contracts had been negotiated. He indicated that 119 of these firms were Locally Headquartered or had a Local Office. He mentioned that 14 contracts included AABE Firms and \$667,000 was awarded to AABE Subconsultants. He outlined the Planned Utilization by Category and highlighted outreach and marketing activities. He provided a list of the AABE Firms on City Contracts. He reported that 81 Firms were participating in the Bonding Assistance and Mentor/Protégé Programs. He added that their focus for 2014 would include implementation of an SMWBE Management and Technical Assistance Program and continuing outreach to SMWBE Firms.

Mayor Castro excused himself from the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña presided over the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña stated that he was pleased with the many conversations being held with stakeholders.

Councilmember Taylor thanked the community for getting involved and stated that she was pleased with the initial efforts. She spoke of the challenges for small businesses and the many requirements they must fulfill to participate in the Program. She asked how staff made decisions regarding breaking up larger contracts. Mr. Frisbie replied that they had established relationships with the companies and were aware of their capacity. Councilmember Taylor asked of the small amount of firms participating in the Bonding Assistance Program. Mr. Rene Dominguez responded that it was an issue of when the firms were ready to request assistance. Councilmember Taylor asked if there had been an increase in the number of firms in the CVR. Mr. Frisbie replied that 100 new, local, SMWBE Firms had been certified and entered into the CVR since October 1, 2012. Councilmember Taylor asked of the requirement for businesses to have previously worked for the city. Mr. Frisbie stated that for Discretionary Contracts, there was no requirement of having previously performed work for the city. He noted that they would work to educate the community about requirements. He confirmed that Prime Contractors were required to meet the Minority Participation Goal set by the Goal Setting Committee.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the disadvantage for businesses that have not performed work for the city. Mr. Frisbie replied that they had been working with these Small Businesses over the past 15 months and getting an idea of their capacity. He stated

that the city's payment process had improved with Contractors receiving payment within 10 days of billing which allowed more Small Business Participation. Councilmember Nirenberg asked how staff ensured that the Minority Participation Goals were being met. Alex Lopez stated that they track same throughout the process and work with Contractors when Small Businesses need to be replaced.

Councilmember Bernal asked of the one year that Firms remain in the CVR without activity. Ms. Lopez stated that it was a requirement of the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance. She spoke of the challenges with making contact with the Small Businesses that had not bid on a contract in over a year and the possibility of keeping them in the CVR for two years. Councilmember Bernal asked of lessons learned that could be used for the 2017 Bond Program. Mr. Frisbie stated that although it was a Five-Year Diversity Action Plan, it would continue to evolve. He noted that the goal was to make it sustainable for the future. He added that they would review the status of the Ordinance in preparation for the next Bond Program. Mrs. Sculley added that the Disparity Study was required to be performed every five years.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the number of Contractors in the 2012 Bond Program. Mr. Frisbie replied that there were 134 Contractors working on the Design Components of the Bond Program. Councilmember Viagran noted that she had been informed of challenges with Mentors not assisting the Protégés in the Mentor/Protégé Program. Mr. Dominguez indicated that he was not aware of these issues and would follow up on same. He added that the Protégé was able to select their Mentor.

Councilmember Krier asked if support had been received from the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber. Mr. Frisbie replied that they had received support from the Hispanic Chamber, as well as the Asian Chamber. Councilmember Krier asked if a formal response had been provided to the Fair Contracting Coalition. Mr. Frisbie responded that they had not but would work on same.

Councilmember Lopez asked if staff was working on a standard process for the Mentor/Protégé Program. Mr. Dominguez indicated that the Mentor/Protégé Program was different from the Request for Proposals (RFP) that had been released by the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department. Mr. Frisbie explained that one gap in the Diversity Action Plan was that there were companies that wanted to perform work for the city but needed technical training. He noted that they had released an RFP for a company to provide those services.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña thanked staff for the presentation.

2. A staff briefing on the digital services and technologies available to the public at the San Antonio Public Library. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Salazar, Director, San Antonio Public Library]

Ramiro Salazar presented information regarding the Digital Services and Technologies available to the public at the San Antonio Public Library. He stated that Libraries were more relevant to the community than ever as they helped to advance Education and supported Economic Development. He noted that the role of Technology in Libraries was to facilitate access to content and help bridge the digital divide. He highlighted the Library Strategic Plan that was developed for 2011-2016 noting that it would help embrace Core Values while taking Evolutionary Steps toward the future. He introduced Ignacio Albarracin, Digital Services Coordinator.

Mr. Albarracin reported that they were working to enhance the Library Mobile Experience in an effort to make it easier to perform basic tasks and access popular services. He noted that the trend of individuals having Smart Phones and Tablets continued to increase and staff was working on a Mobile Application to address same. He reported that patrons were using the Internet to find information, perform microtasks, and for entertainment purposes. He mentioned the Do-It-Yourself Revolution and stated that the Library would like to provide patrons with tools to produce content; channels to share content; and instruction to make content. He added that based on trends and patron usage, they would continue to invest in eBooks and enhance the Library Mobile Experience. He stated that there should be a good mix of hard print and eBooks as there was still a demand for both. He highlighted moving forward with Bricks and Clicks by refreshing physical locations while enhancing the digital experience.

Dianna Morganti, Interim Library Services Administrator continued with the presentation and stated that Libraries elevate communities. She noted the \$1.2 Million Stimulus Grant that the city received in 2011 and was used to boost Broadband Infrastructure in 13 Library Branches. She reported that 114 Desktop Computers, 15 Laptops, and 20 Tablets were made available for two hours at the Central Library. She spoke of the digital discovery stations at the Central Library and the training they offer to the public. She stated that Teens were inspired by technology and provided examples of their out-of-school learning experiences.

Mr. Salazar concluded by noting that they would continue to balance print and digital; enhance mobile access; transform Library Spaces; and provide a diverse array of resources and services. He highlighted new Technology Projects to include E-Rate, Digital Magazines, Streaming Movies, and the new District 2 and 9 Libraries.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña noted the great opportunities available to the public at the City's Libraries.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the Bibliotech Facility opened by Bexar County. Mr. Salazar replied that the Strategic Plan speaks to utilizing various spaces for Libraries such as Store Fronts and Kiosks. Councilmember Lopez asked if Code for America had created anything that could be implemented in the City's Library System. Mr. Hugh Miller stated that he had reviewed their portfolio and there was nothing specific to Libraries. He reported that the Fellows assigned to the City of San Antonio would arrive on February 3, 2014 and would begin their work by conducting interviews and gathering information. Councilmember Lopez asked of the status of implementing the Children's Information Protection Act. Mr. Miller replied that it was their responsibility to apply a filter system for children under the age of 18.

Councilmember Nirenberg commended the Library Board and City Staff for their great work on the Library System and Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Krier stated that he would discuss the District 9 Library with Mike Frisbie and Ramiro Salazar in more detail.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the Library Trends of other cities. Mr. Salazar replied that they were trying to find the right balance between print and digital books. He indicated that eBooks were much more expensive than Print Books and there was a discussion with publishers to reduce the cost of eBooks. Councilmember Viagran asked of Online Tutoring. Mr. Salazar confirmed that it is available from 4:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña thanked staff for the presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña recessed the meeting into executive session at 4:32 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. He addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 27th Anniversary of the MLK March and the City's celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It was noted that the March would be held on Monday, January 20, 2014 beginning at 10:00 am at the MLK Freedom Bridge. It was further noted that San Antonio hosts the largest March in the United States and is expected to draw more than 100,000 adults and children.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 65th Annual San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo that will be held February 6-23, 2014 at the Freeman Coliseum/AT&T Center. It was noted that the San Antonio Livestock Exhibition (SALE), Inc. sponsors the event and provides scholarships, grants, endowment and other financial assistance to Texas Youth in Agriculture Programs.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Charles Rogers addressed the City Council and expressed concern with his vehicle being vandalized during the Alamo Bowl. He provided photos of the vehicle and the estimated costs to fix the vehicle.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern with the trees that people decorate during Christmas and the information passed along regarding Santa Claus which The Bible does not reference. He noted that there were issues with what people believed to be The Trinity.

Mark Perez expressed concern with businesses operating without the proper permits and storing hazardous chemicals. He stated that he had not received information he requested from city staff from the Fire and Development Services Departments.

R. L. Wagner requested that more funding be allocated toward transportation to include light rail to and from Austin. He requested that licenses be more affordable for Artists.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that the City of San Antonio should hire a Wildlife Biologist. He expressed concern that restaurants were not being inspected and noted that the cost of the contract with the San Antonio Education Partnership was too high. He wrote that the San Antonio Police Department was looking for new recruits. He highlighted the Bexar

County Bibliotech which was the first Bookless Library. He expressed concern that the Fire Department did not inspect the fire extinguishers at all Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

APPROVED

JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK