

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



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**Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Taco Cabana’s CEO Richard Stockinger and Regional Director Michael Vela. Mr. Stockinger noted Taco Cabana’s upcoming 40th Anniversary and presented the City Council with Taco Cabana Fiesta Medals.

1. A Briefing by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District on Air Quality and Public Health Impacts. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director, Health]

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that air quality in San Antonio had been improving since the 1990’s but population growth led to the need for increased attention to air pollution. She noted that air quality was of public health importance due to its impact on respiratory illnesses, heart health, and the susceptibility of vulnerable populations. She stated that the Clean Air Act was enacted in 1970 to control air pollution on a national level by requiring the

Environmental Agency to set standards for harmful pollutants. She noted that the following principal air pollutants and provided an overview of the sources and effects of each: (1) Nitrogen Dioxide; (2) Ozone; (3) Particulate Matter; (4) Sulfur Dioxide; (5) Carbon Monoxide; (6) Lead.

Dr. Bridger showed maps detailing the prevalence of childhood, adult, and senior asthma in San Antonio. She noted that the childhood average for asthma in San Antonio was 13.9 per 10,000 children, higher than the state rate of 8.1; while the adult and senior rates in San Antonio were lower than the state rates. She stated that Metro Health Staff utilized 29 air monitors throughout San Antonio to monitor Nitrogen Dioxide, Ozone, Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Carbon Monoxide. She noted that San Antonio participated in the BioWatch program to detect potential bioterrorism agents.

Dr. Bridger stated that individual citizens could reduce air pollution by: 1) Reducing individual vehicular transportation; 2) Maintaining yard equipment; 3) Mulching or composting leaves and yard waste; and 4) Setting thermostats higher in summer and lower in winter. She noted that the City of San Antonio could reduce air pollution by: 1) Encouraging use of public transit and other transportation alternatives; 2) Providing alternative fuel sources; 3) Supporting more green spaces; and 4) Considering air quality in Neighborhood Planning.

Mayor Nirenberg asked of the causes of asthma among children. Dr. Bridger replied that the primary causes were indoor and outdoor air quality. Mayor Nirenberg asked of coordination with the Office of Sustainability. Dr. Bridger stated that she collaborated frequently with Chief Sustainability Officer Doug Melnick.

Councilmember Sandoval spoke of the lack of accessibility to care and insurance and expressed concern that monitoring was not sufficient in densely populated areas. She asked of local influence on pollutant sources and regulation. Dr. Bridger replied that she would coordinate with the Office of Sustainability to provide that information.

Councilmember Pelaez asked of the costs and requirements for air monitor usage. Dr. Bridger replied that the city spent approximately \$795,000 on Air Quality Monitoring including maintenance and calibration. Councilmember Pelaez asked that Dr. Bridger investigate less expensive monitoring systems.

Councilmember Viagran asked Dr. Bridger to dedicate resources to identify the reasons for differences in asthma prevalence between children and adults.

Councilmember Courage asked of San Antonio deaths related to air quality. Dr. Bridger replied that the city did not have that data available partially due to how death certificates are

coded.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

2. A Briefing on the implementation of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Bridgett White stated that the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan was adopted on August 11, 2016 to include an update to the City's Comprehensive Planning Program. She noted that the plan identified 13 Regional Centers and 17 Community Planning Areas. She stated that the Sub-Area Plans in process for Year 1 were: 1) University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), 2) Medical Center, 3) Midtown, 4) Downtown, 5) Brooks, and 6) Westside Community Planning Area. She noted that Project Work Plans contained five phases and the Sub-Area Plans were currently on schedule in Phase 3, Plan Framework. She provided an overview of the characteristics of each Sub-Area including population, income, opportunities, and concerns.

Ms. White stated that Land Use Plans were necessary to identify uses and characteristics of each area and ensure consistency between categories and definitions. She noted that the 30 Sub-Area Plans would create a complete Land Use Map for the City of San Antonio. She stated that the Unified Development Code (UDC) was being updated to provide categories that align with existing Land Use Plans, provide categories that allow the city to implement the Comprehensive Plan, and create a consistent, predictable, and well-defined classification for application across the entire city. She provided examples of differing Land Use Categories and related Zoning Districts. She noted community engagement efforts including 291 meetings, social media campaigns, and email correspondence.

Mayor Nirenberg asked of public concerns that Land Use Plans would prescribe changes to neighborhoods. Ms. White replied that plans incorporated area visions and recommendations from Planning Teams and the communities themselves to ensure consistency. Mayor Nirenberg asked of coordination with CPS Energy and SAWS. Ms. White replied that there was a Technical Working Group that included local utilities as well as a consistent meeting schedule to involve them in the planning process.

Councilmember Viagran asked that focus group participants be active in their Neighborhood Associations and thanked Ms. White and her staff for their work.

Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern that many residents commuted outside their areas of residency for employment. Ms. White stated that the plans were designed to encourage more overlap between employment opportunities and residency.

Councilmember Treviño asked that Land Use Designation be presented to the City Council in advance of implementation. Ms. White stated that designations were already available on the department website and proposed templates would be presented at a later date. Councilmember Treviño asked of coordination with neighboring municipalities. Ms. White replied that the department held discussions regarding regional planning with other cities in Bexar County.

Councilmember Courage asked if feedback from the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force was utilized in the planning process. Ms. White replied that the Planning Coordinator was a member of the Task Force Support Team and shared information between the Task Force and the department. Councilmember Courage asked of inclusion of members of the business and development communities. Ms. White replied that members participated in regular meetings, working groups, and committees.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if tax appraisal impact was being discussed with the targeted communities. Ms. White replied that economic analyses were being performed and communicated to Planning Teams. Councilmember Pelaez asked that the Bexar County Appraisal District be involved in the process to anticipate tax impact.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed support for increasing community engagement, particularly in areas of the city not captured by the Sub-Areas currently in planning. She noted concern that the Comprehensive Plan's components of Land Use, Transportation, and Sustainability were not all reflected in the presented Sub-Area Plans. Ms. White replied that the Sub-Area Plans were developed based on community input and coordinated with other departments to integrate the components that were not highlighted by the community.

Mayor Nirenberg reminded everyone that the Bexar County deadline for property tax protests was May 15th. He thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:17 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).

- C. Legal issues related to State statutes addressing SAPD field recording devices pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 5:22 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. He addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the City of San Antonio's Martin Luther King Jr. Commission in recognition of the Annual MLK March that will be held on January 15, 2018, and celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the 1st March for Justice. It was noted that nearly 300,000 participants were expected for the three-mile journey that will begin at 10:00 am at the MLK Freedom Bridge (3500 MLK Drive) and end at Pittman-Sullivan Park (1101 Iowa Street). It was also noted that the Alamo City was host to one of the largest marches in the United States that celebrates the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Nirenberg presented his 7th Annual "Light Up Downtown" Holiday Lights Contest Winners. He noted that during the holiday season, businesses in the downtown area competed for the best and brightest holiday lights display. He also noted that the goal of the contest was to create an illuminated view of the downtown skyline and showcase the heart of the city to locals and visitors for a unique holiday experience.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Doug Melnick who presented the winners of the 3rd Annual SA Tomorrow Sustainability Awards. It was noted that the award honors local programs, projects and building structures that promote sustainability and engagement with San Antonio residents within their surroundings. It was also noted that each category supports the goals of the SA Tomorrow Plan in the areas of energy; food system; green buildings and infrastructure; land use and transportation natural resources; public health; and solid waste resources.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 69th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo that will be held February 8-25, 2018, at the AT&T Center/Freeman Coliseum Grounds. It was noted that the San Antonio Livestock Exhibition (SALE), Inc., a volunteer organization which emphasizes agriculture and education to develop the youth of Texas, sponsors the annual event.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concerns with business operating without the proper permits and issues with public safety.

Will McLeod spoke in opposition to the Tobacco 21 Initiative and expressed concern that it was contrary to State Law.

Dr. Daniel Deane spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative noting the negative effects of smoking.

Rosie Lopez asked for City Council support to restore her small business on the Riverwalk.

Henry Rodriguez, Rosie Gutierrez, Ignacio Lopez, and Angie Garcia spoke in support of Ms. Lopez's business and asked the City Council to protect small businesses.

Terry Burns thanked the City Council for supporting the San Antonio Symphony and spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Dr. Leah Jacobson spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative noting the negative effects of smoking.

Mary Hernandez spoke of issues with public transit and homelessness.

John Bachman expressed concern with the activities of Animal Care Services and the performance of contractors.

Antonio Diaz spoke against activities that celebrated the history of colonialism and asked that the Christopher Columbus Statue be removed from the park.

Sue Calberg expressed gratitude for her appointment to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board and commended the work of Parks & Recreation Employees.

Raymond Zavala expressed concern with public safety and code compliance and showed photos of an area where the dead body of a homeless person was found.

Cindy Strzelecki spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Karen Weis spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Jennifer Cook spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Joyce Borgfeld spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Claudia Rhodes spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

Jerry Saavedra spoke in support of the Tobacco 21 Initiative and presented letters of support on behalf of the Tobacco 21 Coalition.

Dr. Keely Petty spoke of her experiences with tobacco use at an early age and expressed support for the Tobacco 21 Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC
CITY CLERK