

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, May 31, 2018

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. 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

1. The Invocation was delivered by Retired Pastor Tom Heger, Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church, guest of Councilmember John Courage, District 9.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting of May 3, 2018.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting of May 3, 2018. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Shaw presented the results of the challenge on the highest amount of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Tests completed by Council District during the month of April. He reported that the winner was District 5 with 506 HIV Tests performed. He stated that District 3 came in 2nd Place with 480 HIV Tests while District 2 came in 3rd Place with 479 HIV Tests. He thanked everyone for their participation and stated that he was pleased that together with community partners; they exceeded the goal of 4,000 tests. Mayor Nirenberg and the City Council commended Councilmember Shaw and the Health Department for their work.

Councilmember Sandoval recognized the 8th Grade International Baccalaureate students from Woodlawn Academy, their Sponsor, Ms. Jocelyn Shapiro, and their Principal, Ms. Karen Rose. She spoke of the community projects they completed and thanked them for their great service to the City of San Antonio. Mayor Nirenberg and the City Council commended the students for their great work.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items 5, 11, 17, 24, 25, and 26 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Courage moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon Mr. Jack M. Finger to speak.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the economic development project with Kiromic, Inc. (Item 21) noting that the cost to create each job was too high.

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

2018-05-31-0382

4. Ordinance approving a contract with Daniel J. Patino dba Symmetric Sound Productions for sound system services at Market Square in an amount up to \$111,000.00 annually. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager, John Jacks, Director,

Center City Development & Operations]

2018-05-31-0384

6. Ordinance approving a contract with Trane U.S. Inc. to provide scheduled preventive maintenance and other services for chiller systems for the Building and Equipment Services Department for an estimated annual cost of \$214,000.00, funded from the FY 2018 Facility Services Fund Adopted Budget with other years subject to appropriations. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2018-05-31-0385

7. Ordinance approving a contract with The Playwell Group to install rubber playground safety surfaces at various City parks for an estimated annual cost of \$137,000.00, funded from the General Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2018-05-31-0386

8. Ordinance approving the purchase of fitness equipment for various San Antonio Fire Department facilities from Wheels and Fitness in Motion of South Texas, LLC dba Fitness In Motion and BSN Sports for a total cost of \$167,028.71, funded from the FY 2018 General Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2018-05-31-0387

9. Ordinance approving the following purchases for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$2,544,000.00:
(A) Toter, LLC for refuse containers & replacement parts; and
(B) MedWheels, Inc. for Lucas Device accessories.
[Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2018-05-31-0388

10. Ordinance approving a change order to a construction contract with SpawGlass Civil Construction, Inc. as part of the Terminal Area Taxiway Improvements - Package 3 at the San Antonio International Airport for an amount to not to exceed \$178,263.56. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Russell Handy, Director, Aviation]

2018-05-31-0390

12. Ordinance approving task orders to a Job Order Contract with Con-Cor Inc. for the Police Training Academy Pedestrian Lights Replacement and Patio Paver Repair Project for a total cost not to exceed \$183,054.33, funded by the FY 2018 Deferred Maintenance Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge A. Perez,

Director, Building and Equipment Services]

13. Ordinances approving the following two contracts totaling \$9,405,337.55 related to the FY 2018 Infrastructure Management Program: [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2018-05-31-0391

- 13A. The 2018-2019 Reconstruction Task Order Contract Package 13 with AJ Commercial Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,770,856.50 for necessary adjustments to existing infrastructure.

2018-05-31-0392

- 13B. The 2018-2019 Asphalt Overlay Task Order Contract Package 15 with Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,634,481.05, of which an estimated \$88,000.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and an estimated \$32,000.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to existing infrastructure.

2018-05-31-0393

14. Ordinance assigning an El Mercado lease from Rodolfo and Mary Valdez, dba Perales Mexican Imports, to Gabriel Ajanel Vicente dba Unlimited Handicrafts. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations Department]

2018-05-31-0394

15. Ordinance amending a lease with Free Trade Alliance San Antonio, assigning the lease to the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, reducing the leased space to 2,824 square feet for an initial annual rent of \$36,846.96 and increasing to \$37,581.00 during the final year of the term. Amendment stems from Free Trade Alliance San Antonio integration with San Antonio Economic Development Foundation. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

2018-05-31-0395

16. Ordinance accepting an additional \$60,000.00 in funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title V Dental grant for the period ending August 31, 2018 bringing the grant award total to \$271,064.00. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

18. Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the
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remainder of unexpired terms to expire May 31, 2019. Appointments are effective immediately if eight affirmative votes received, or ten days after appointment if passed with less than eight affirmative votes. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

A) Appointing Jeffrey Fetzer (District 9) to the Historic and Design Review Commission.

B) Appointing Malcolm T. Hartman, Jr. (District 1) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 31 - Midtown.

C) Reappointing Mary Hoyt (District 5) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 12 - Plaza Fortuna.

D) Reappointing Greg K. Hammer (District 7) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board.

E) Appointing Maritza N. Anguiano (District 5) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.

F) Appointing Susan Wright, Meghan A. Garza-Oswald and Ramiro I. Gonzales for terms of office to expire December 18, 2018 and appointing Zarathustra E. Haro, Maria T. Nelson, and reappointing Juan A. Garcia for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire December 18, 2019 to the Office of Urban Redevelopment San Antonio (OUR-SA) and the San Antonio Affordable Housing Inc.

2018-05-31-0397

19. Ordinance approving a joint use agreement with AT&T to install telephone lines for the gas station at 8922 Airport Blvd and adjacent areas at the San Antonio International Airport. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Russell Handy, Director, Aviation]

2018-05-31-0398

20. Ordinance approving an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to support a Chief Talent & Recruitment Officer under the direction of, and partnership with, Tech Bloc a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation, funded through the FY 2018 Economic Development General Fund Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

2018-05-31-0399

21. Ordinance authorizing the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation to enter into an economic development project with Kiromic Inc for \$200,000.00 from the

SAEDC Investment Fund [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

2018-05-31-0029R

22. Resolution approving Bexar County's nomination of the TaskUs Project area as a Texas Enterprise Zone Project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

2018-05-31-0400

23. Ordinance approving a Sports License Agreement with SA Five Diamonds Little League for operations and maintenance at the designated sports fields at Stinson Park for a five year term. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

2018-05-31-0404

27. An Ordinance approving On-Call Program Management Services contracts with FM CM Group, Inc., Civil Engineering Consultants, and 6S Engineering, Inc. each in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 per year for as needed On-Call Construction Inspection Services for the City's Street Maintenance Program. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 5:

2018-05-31-0383

5. Ordinance ratifying a contract with with CityFlag, Inc. in the amount of \$62,980.00 to provide task enhancements for the City of San Antonio 311 mobile application, funded from the FY 2018 ITSD Operating Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Craig Hopkins presented information on the new 3-1-1 Mobile Application developed by CityFlag, Inc. He noted the functionality and additional service request types, and highlighted the Social Media-like Engagement and Gamification. He presented the map view of all requests and mentioned that the application was complete and available for download at the iTunes and Google Play Stores.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the maintenance costs. Mr. Hopkins replied that it was

\$6,000 per year. Councilmember Viagran asked if a notation of “Closed” on the application meant the issue was addressed. Mr. Hopkins replied that was not the case as there were some instances in which the issue was not completed in the eyes of the public. However, he stated that they were working on a potential solution such as a new category. Councilmember Viagran suggested that open Board and Commission positions be listed in the Social Media/Gamification Section.

Councilmember Saldaña suggested that the mobile application allow the submission of photos stored in a smartphone library without having to take a new photo. He asked if a submission could be anonymous. Mr. Hopkins replied that it could. Councilmember Saldaña asked for a feature to report the sale of animals. Mr. Hopkins stated that they could work on same.

Councilmember Treviño asked if the application could be tailored to include future requests. Mr. Hopkins replied that it could. Councilmember Treviño commended all that worked on the framework.

Councilmember Pelaez expressed his support for the mobile application noting that it was a great step forward in innovation and technology. Councilmember Sandoval commended staff for their work and stated that she looked forward to future upgrades for citizens to be aware that requests are complete.

Councilmember Perry asked if the initial project was approved by the City Council. Mr. Hopkins replied that due to the amount of the contract; it was not originally approved by the City Council. Councilmember Perry expressed concern and asked that staff discuss the process of entering into contracts without City Council approval.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked of the use of the data collected. Mr. Hopkins replied that the only information collected was name, email, location, and service request type. He stated that the data belonged to the City of San Antonio. Andy Segovia added that if an open records request was received; certain data could be redacted.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 5. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 11:

2018-05-31-0389

11. Ordinance approving a construction contract to Accu Air Mechanical LLC for an amount not to exceed 922,880.00 for HVAC System upgrades at the Frank Garrett Community Center, funded by the Deferred Maintenance Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge A. Perez, Director, Building and Equipment Services]

Jorge Perez presented an overview of the Frank Garrett Community Center HVAC System Upgrade. He outlined the project scope and noted that it was funded through the Deferred Maintenance Program. He highlighted the procurement process and contract schedule. He stated that staff recommended approval of the acceptance of the lowest responsive bid with Accu-Aire Mechanical LLC to upgrade the HVAC System at the Frank Garrett Community center in an amount not to exceed \$922,880.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of the saving due to the new HVAC System. Mr. Perez replied that they anticipated savings of 30% of their total electrical consumption. Councilmember Sandoval stated that she was pleased with the savings and that the project could be used as a model for future upgrades.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he was pleased with the investment being made in the West End Park which includes the Frank Garrett Community Center. Councilmember Shaw recognized the District 2 Business Owner, Monica Harris, and expressed support for the project.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if there would be an impact to Seniors or any other groups that utilize the center. Melody Woosley stated that there would not be an impact to Seniors or Youth Programs and that construction would begin in September. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the high cost of the system. Mr. Perez explained that the high cost was due to the scope of work that requires replacement of all of the piping for chilled and hot water. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the funding. Ben Gorzell stated that the project would be funded through Certificates of Obligation.

Councilmember Perry asked of the monitoring. Mr. Perez replied that they would be able to access the system through the Internet using a Smartphone or laptop. He noted that they did not have a centralized control system. Councilmember Perry stated that he wanted to ensure that they were not increasing the manpower requirement due to the system. Mr. Perez confirmed that they were not.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 11. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Saldaña

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 17:

2018-05-31-0396

17. Ordinance amending Article I and Article VIII to Chapter 33 of the City Code (Vehicles for Hire) by defining "Owner/Operator" and providing for single taxicab owner/operator permits. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Police Chief]

Erik Walsh presented proposed amendments to Chapter 33 of the City Code (Vehicles for Hire). He reported that 200 Independent Taxicab Drivers had submitted a petition requesting the creation of an Owner/Operator Permit Category for Drivers. He stated that the Transportation Council Committee suggested that a neutral party mediate between Taxi Companies, Taxi Co-ops, and Taxi Drivers. He noted that there were eight participants in the mediation. He mentioned that the Mediator presented her conclusion to the Transportation Council Committee on March 27, 2018 and the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) on April 23, 2018. He provided a comparison between the Mediation and TAB Recommendations and noted that staff recommended the following: 1) Create independent operator taxi permits; 2) Issue 75 permits to new single taxicab companies in three different distributions (redirect 32 existing permits to be released by October 1, 2018; 25 from Yellow Cab and 7 from a population formula). 25 New Permits shall be released on October 1, 2019 and 18 New Permits shall be released on October 1, 2020. 3) The Chief of Police has the authority to release permits ahead of schedule if demand requires after October 1, 2019.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

John Castro spoke in support of the release of permits to taxi drivers noting that they would be able to compete with Transportation Network Companies (TNCs).

Robert Gonzales of National Taxicab Services stated that business had dropped significantly due to TNCs and this was a good compromise.

Luis Garcia expressed support for releasing the permits but noted they did not want too many restrictions.

Octavio Manresa stated that he was supportive of the release of the permits but did not want to wait three years.

George Alva, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board, spoke in support of their recommendations.

Luis Rodriguez stated that although he supports the release of permits; he does not agree with the formula.

John Bouloubasis, President of Yellow Cab, spoke in support of the recommendations.

Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone that had worked on the project. She asked of the 128 unassigned permits. Mr. Walsh replied that they were assigned to three companies that pay an annual fee for the permits. Councilmember Viagran asked if the permits would be monitored. Mr. Walsh stated that they would work through monitoring issues with the Ground Transportation Industry.

Councilmember Pelaez noted that the taxi industry was struggling throughout the U.S. and he had recommended mediation among the affected parties in San Antonio. He asked of the outcome of the mediation. Mediator Danielle Hargrove stated that the process had gone well and that everyone had given something up in an effort to come together for a common good.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 17. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion.

Councilmember Treviño thanked everyone involved and expressed his support.

Councilmember Courage asked of the permits available noting the potential reassignment of the unused permits. Mr. Walsh stated that there was no consensus regarding the unassigned permits. Councilmember Courage stated that he would like to see the permits issued sooner and offered a friendly amendment that the Chief of Police could release permits ahead of schedule if demand requires after October 1, 2018. Councilmember Pelaez accepted the friendly amendment.

Councilmember Brockhouse noted that he did not want to release all of the permits at once and expressed concerns with issues at the Airport.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of the Transportation Advisory Board. Mr. Walsh stated that throughout the past few years; they had not recommended the release of any permits. However, after mediation; they recommended the three-phase approach to releasing permits.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed support for releasing the permits over a three-year period. Mayor Nirenberg added that this was a good compromise and thanked everyone for their work.

The motion to approve Item 17 as amended prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, and Courage

NAY: 1 - Brockhouse

ABSENT: 1 - Perry

Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Gonzales excused themselves from the meeting and Councilmember Treviño presided.

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 24:

2018-05-31-0401

- 24.** Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,055,000.00 for consultant services related to Year 2 of the SA Tomorrow Area Planning Program. Services will include extensive community engagement for and the development of four Regional Center Plans and two Community Plans. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Bridgett White provided an overview of the services that would be provided by Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. for Year 2 of the SA Tomorrow Area Planning Program.

Councilmember Treviño called upon Ms. Cosima Colvin to speak.

Cosima Colvin stated that she was supportive of the recommendation but requested that public engagement be quantified to hold consultants accountable.

Councilmember Treviño read the following statement: The Planning Department has agreed to use the process and procedure, as outlined in year 1 plans, as follows: Neighborhood Association (NA) Representatives will be a part of the larger planning team for large area discussions and planning; Each existing NA Plan (areas with existing plans) will sit down with the planning department staff to review and update their neighborhood plan. These neighborhood plans will appear in the UDC as subsets of the regional plans. The process will include discussions with previous planning teams, the current NA, and residents/members of the neighborhood community. For areas without existing NA plans, a new document will be

created using this same process since some plans are too old or do not have access to the templates and documents for existing plans. In these instances, a new digital document will be created, keeping the NA plan and updating where the neighborhood would like updates or revisions. One large land use map for the whole area will be created which will be created through a long public process where fluidity along boundaries can be ensured, and discussed with each NA during their subplan discussion. Larger Area planning documents will also include bigger picture discussions, rather than just a SWAT analysis, like infrastructure and transit, which cross many neighborhood boundaries. Ms. White confirmed that was correct.

Councilmember Courage asked of the difference in scope between Years 1 and 2. Ms. White replied that there was not a difference in scope. Councilmember Courage asked if any metrics had been identified. Ms. White replied that there were deliverables for each of the phases and the consultant had to provide a product before being paid.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased that they would engage the current Community Plans. Councilmember Sandoval added that she looked forward to meaningful dialogue between long-standing neighbors that worked on neighborhood plans and newer stakeholders.

Councilmember Courage moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 24. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 7 - Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Sandoval, Pelaez, and Courage

ABSENT: 4 - Mayor Nirenberg, Gonzales, Brockhouse, and Perry

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 25:

2018-05-31-0402

- 25.** Public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving of and providing for the publication of the City's modified youth curfew ordinance, Chapter 21, Article V of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas. Changes include de-criminalizing violations of ordinance by children; and implementing the Youth Reengagement Initiative. [Erik J. Walsh, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Police Chief McManus presented an overview of the Youth Curfew Ordinance. He highlighted proposed revisions to decriminalize violations by creating an asset-based option for youth violators and referral to the City's Juvenile Case Management Program. Rebecca Flores spoke to the Re-engagement Initiative that would be part of the Department of Human Services' Consolidated Funding Process for FY 2019. She outlined the two-phase implementation plan and added that staff recommended approval.

Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Shaw stated that they had worked diligently to decriminalize the status of offenses and was in support of the recommendations.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was very supportive of the recommendations and highlighted the re-engagement initiative. Ms. Flores noted that San Antonio would be the first Texas City to have a comprehensive re-engagement center.

Councilmember Courage stated that this was a smart and compassionate way to working with young people.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that he would support the recommendations but asked that Police Officers use care when enforcing the Ordinance.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she looked forward to the re-engagement center and how it would transform the community. Councilmember Sandoval added her support noting the great opportunity for improvement and engagement. Councilmember Treviño stated that this was an innovative program that would benefit the entire city.

Councilmember Shaw moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 25. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, and Courage

ABSENT: 2 - Brockhouse, and Perry

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 26:

2018-05-31-0403

- 26.** Ordinance approving professional services contracts with Klotz Associates, Inc. dba RPS Klotz Associates for \$165,300.00, Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. for \$165,995.00, and Slay Engineering Company, Inc. for \$166,620.00 for Civil Engineering Services to provide support for the Storm Water Regional Master Plan project in a total amount not-to-exceed \$497,915.00, a Storm Water Regional Fund project. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Sandoval asked of the Storm Water Regional Master Plan. Nefi Garza

stated that the City of San Antonio was the steward of the Storm Water Regional Master Plan. He noted that they identify solutions and share them with the Bexar Regional Watershed Management System that includes all of the Suburban Cities, Bexar County, Texas Department of Transportation, and the San Antonio River Authority. He added that they first look to identify green infrastructure solutions that work well with the environment.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed her support and moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 26. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, and Courage

ABSENT: 2 - Brockhouse, and Perry

28. City Manager's Report

LEADERSHIP IN COUNTERTERRORISM PROGRAM

Mrs. Sculley reported that in January 2018, Chief McManus was selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership in Counterterrorism (LinCT) Program. She noted that the LinCT Program was a collaborative effort between the FBI, Scottish Police College, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Institute of Police Management. She mentioned that the year-long program focuses on three key themes: leadership, counterterrorism and intelligence and is comprised of four events designed to promote awareness and collaboration to address issues related to domestic and international terrorism. She added that Chief McManus was nominated by the FBI to participate in this program and that all costs associated with this program are paid by the FBI. She noted that Chief McManus is one of only 50 law enforcement officials selected to participate in this program and only one of three municipal law enforcement officials from the United States selected.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA (PRSA) AWARD

Mrs. Sculley reported that earlier this month, the San Antonio Chapter of the PRSA recognized Laura Mayes, Communications Strategist in the Government & Public Affairs Department, as the Public Relations Professional of the Year. She stated that the Public Relations Professional of the Year Award goes to a professional who represents the best in public relations and honors an outstanding individual who achieves success in the communications process that establishes mutually beneficial relationships between an organization and its public. She highlighted some of Laura's contributions to the City of San Antonio and congratulated her on this accomplishment.

CITY HEALTH INITIATIVE SILVER MEDAL

Mrs. Sculley announced that San Antonio has earned a silver medal through the City Health Initiative. She noted that the City Health Initiative assesses the 40 largest cities in the nation on a set of policies that will help millions of people live longer, and better lives in vibrant, prosperous communities. She mentioned that the policies cover smoke free indoor air; complete streets; high-quality, universal pre-kindergarten; tobacco 21; food safety and restaurant grading; healthy food procurement; earned sick leave; alcohol sales control; and affordable housing. She indicated that communities earn medals in each of these 9 policy areas that combine for an overall bronze, silver, or gold medal. She stated that this year, San Antonio received a silver medal making San Antonio's medal the highest medal awarded in Texas. She added that Metro Health would continue to work with stakeholders to strengthen current policies and lay a path for San Antonio to earn an overall gold medal by 2020 or sooner. She congratulated Metro Health for earning this national recognition.

CIVTECHSA - IDEATHON

Mrs. Sculley reported that as part of the CivTechSA Program, the City's Office of Innovation, the Information and Technology Services Department, and Geekdom recently hosted an Ideathon for our local university and college students. She stated that the purpose of the Ideathon was to inspire the community's young talent to become civically engaged and think entrepreneurially; to bring city staff and tech community together; and to enhance the City's capacity for innovation. She noted that students came from a variety of local schools and disciplines, including Trinity, UTSA, Texas A&M San Antonio, St. Mary's, and San Antonio College; with majors in computer science, engineering, cybersecurity, political science and business. She mentioned that five teams competed with entrepreneurs from Geekdom and tech experts from ITSD mentoring them throughout the process. She stated that at the end, students pitched their innovative ideas to a judging panel made up of city staff and community members. She reported that the winning team, CivTeach, pitched an idea for a cloud-based technology training platform for city staff. She noted that the CivTeach students will intern with ITSD in the fall to develop their winning idea and each student will have a dedicated ITSD mentor to ensure that they have a meaningful experience. She thanked everyone that participated in the event.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Mrs. Sculley provided an update on the VITA Program, noting that it was an IRS-sponsored program, run locally by a partnership between more than 30 organizations including the Department of Human Services; the IRS; Catholic Charities; United Way; and other community organizations. She stated that each year, the VITA San Antonio Coalition provides free tax preparation services to individuals or families earning less than \$60,000 annually. She noted that between January 18 and April 18, the Coalition operated 20 VITA sites across the community, with the Department of Human Services operating 16 of these

sites. She reported that this year, VITA served 32,045 taxpayers, returning \$47.8 million in total refunds and approximately \$21 million in tax credits to the community. She stated that VITA also saved taxpayers an estimated \$7.2 million in tax preparation fees. She mentioned that VITA would continue to provide year-round services to low-income taxpayers at three locations: Frank Garrett Community Center, St. Philips College, and Guadalupe Community Center. She thanked the many volunteers, staff, and organizations that coordinate to make the program successful each year.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Councilmember Shirley Gonzales who would be celebrating her birthday on June 2nd. The City Council sang Happy Birthday to Councilmember Gonzales.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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