

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

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| Members Present: | Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>Chair, District 8</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>Chair, District 3</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> |
| Members Absent: | Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> |
| Staff Present: | Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Christopher Monestier, <i>Assistant Chief, SAFD</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director, Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Berta Rodriguez, <i>Census Director, Government & Public Affairs</i> |
| Others Present: | None |

Call to Order

Chairman Peláez called the meeting to order.

1. A Briefing on House Redistricting Committee Hearings [Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government & Public Affairs*]

Jeff Coyle presented information on the Decennial Census count which is used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, determine the number of Electoral College votes per state, and redraw Congressional and State Legislative Boundaries. He stated that the next U.S. Census is scheduled for April 1, 2020 and would be available to the public online, by phone and by paper form. He stated that the House convened a Redistricting Committee to assist the State Legislature in making redistricting decisions. He added that coordinated statewide hearings were underway to gather public input. He stated Texas' projected population growth increased by 14% from 2010-2018 with a projected gain of three additional congressional seats. He noted that Bexar County, Travis County, Harris County, and Dallas County experienced huge population growths in the range of 100,000 to 900,000 since the last U.S. Census taken in 2010. He added that out of the 254 counties in Texas, 72 rural counties were projected to decline in population which would cause a significant redrawing of boundaries. He stated that the local Bexar County population growth was projected to increase by 22% from 1.7 million in 2010 to 2.1 million in 2020.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked for the amount of Bexar County's census budget. Mr. Coyle replied that it was \$50,000 for FY 2019 and \$50,000 for FY 2020. He added that the City budgeted close to \$400,000 for marketing and advertising and the addition of two full-time staff members, and he noted that the State did not contribute any funds.

Chairman Peláez asked how the City's Census Budget was allocated. Berta Rodriguez replied that a \$50,000 Social Media Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in FY 2019, and that a \$300,000 Media Planning RFP was to be issued in FY 2020, with the remaining \$44,000 earmarked for collateral production and funding training for stakeholders.

Councilmember Viagran requested the issuance of public service announcements as the U.S. Census undertaking would also coincide with primary voting elections. She asked for advanced preparedness of radio and tv airtime announcements which could be costly during election time.

Chairman Peláez suggested that public service announcements and literature promoting the awareness and the importance of the Census be distributed at the Municipal Court to target the multitudes of daily walk-in traffic. Councilmember Cabello Havdra suggested that the same be distributed at the County Court as well.

2. A Briefing and Possible Action on Consent for Emergency Services District No. 4's Request to Incur Debt. [Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government & Public Affairs*]

Jeff Coyle explained that Emergency Service Districts (ESD) were created under law in the early 2000's and were approved by voters to provide emergency services in unincorporated areas of Bexar County outside of the City limits. He stated that ESD No. 4 must receive the City's approval of its request to incur \$4.5 million in debt to build a new fire station if it was to be located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). He explained that the City would be responsible for a 20% pro-rata share of indebtedness if it were to annex territory within the ESD No. 4. He stated that the Planning Department reviewed the request to ensure no annexation was planned; the Fire Department reviewed the request to ensure fire equipment compatibility; and that the Finance Department reviewed the request to ensure that there was no impact to the City, reviewed ESD 4's projected revenues and its ability to pay back the debt. He emphasized that the City would not be responsible for any of the debt should ESD 4 default on its loan. He concluded by recommending that the Committee provide consent to ESD No. 4 to incur debt of up to \$4,500,000 for construction of a fire station and forward it to City Council for approval.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve and forward the consent to ESD No. 4 to incur debt of up to \$4,500,000 for the construction of a fire station to City Council for approval. Councilmember Cabello Havdra seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Consideration of items for future meetings:

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 13, 2019.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10: 27 am.

Manny Peláez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*

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