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Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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 and noted the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. A Briefing regarding the Proposed 2017-2022 Bond Program to include recommendations from the Community Bond Committees. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

City Manager Sculley stated that the Community Bond Process began in October 2016 for the 2017-2022 Bond Program and was completed on December 15, 2016. She noted that each Bond Program Committee met five times and took bus tours to review areas of interest for the Bond Program. She stated that the five Bond Program Committee Categories included: 1) Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges; 2) Drainage & Flood Control; 3) Parks and Recreation; 4) Facilities; and 5) Neighborhood Improvements. She noted that more than 1,400 community representatives attended the Bond Program Committee Meetings and that more than 350 Residents spoke at said meetings. She recognized the Tri-Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Committee Members. She stated that the City Council would be asked to vote on the final lists of projects to be included in the Proposed Bond Program on January 19, 2017.

She noted that the Urban Renewal Plan for Neighborhood Improvements recommendations for infrastructure improvements to support housing development would be presented to the City Council on February 2, 2017 for consideration. She stated that the final ballot language for the May 6, 2017 Election would be presented to the City Council on February 9, 2017 for adoption. She noted that the Guiding Principles of the 2017 Bond Program were utilized in the development of the recommendations. She stated that there was no recommended property tax rate increase associated with the Bond Program. She noted that 80% of the Bond Program recommendations were specific to Council Districts and 20% were specific to the Downtown Area. She stated that the 2017 Bond Program would leverage Private, State, and Federal Funds and noted that more than \$350 Million would be leveraged.

Mike Frisbie stated that the 2012 Bond Program totaling \$596 Million for 140 projects was on schedule and on budget. He stated that projects in the 2012 Bond Program were 96% completed or under construction. He noted that the Tri-Chairs for the 2017 Bond Program were Eddie Aldrete, Carrie Baker, and Daryl Byrd. He stated that each Bond Program Committee was comprised of two citizen appointments by the Mayor for each category to serve as Co-Chairs and three citizen appointments per City Council District per Category. He stated that a total of 160 Citizen Appointees served as a diverse group with varied backgrounds and experiences from across the city. He noted the following roles of the Committee Members:

- Serve in an advisory role
- Obtain community input
- Consider potential projects
- Recommend projects to City Council for the proposed 2017-2022 Bond Program

Mr. Frisbie stated that all Committee Meetings were held at the Central Library and were open to the public. He noted that 25 public community meetings and five community bond tours were held. He reviewed the following Guiding Principles for the recommendations:

- Support SA Tomorrow Growth Plan
- Coordinate with other agencies
- Increase connectivity
- Leverage funds
- Project continuation
- Investment in Major Corridors
- Improve and support Vision Zero
- Complete Streets
- Environmental Sustainability

- Operating and Maintenance Budget Impact
- Rough Proportionality

Mr. Frisbie reviewed the number of projects and funding for each of the five bond categories and noted that there were a total of 173 projects for the entire Bond Program totaling \$850 Million. He stated that there would be six propositions for the 2017 Bond Program: 1) Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks; 2) Drainage & Flood Control; 3) Parks and Recreation; 4) Library, Museum & Cultural Arts; 5) Public Safety Facilities; and 6) Neighborhood Improvements. He reviewed the following guides for the Rough Proportionality Method:

- Areas of the city have different infrastructure needs
- Utilize a methodology to identify greatest needs as opposed to funding by geographic areas
- Project selection provides roughly equal investment across the city
- Needs addressed through a variety of programs such as the Proposed Bond Program, Five-Year Infrastructure Management Program, and Linear Creekway Program.

Mr. Frisbie reviewed the staff recommendations by project type and program area. He stated that the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Category included projects to construct or improve streets and street amenities, sidewalks, and multimodal facilities in coordination with established transportation plans of the city and other agencies such as:

- Road reconstruction and widening
- Utilities
- Pedestrian safety
- Medians, turn lanes, multi-use/bike paths
- Curbs, sidewalks, drive-way approaches

Mr. Frisbie noted that this category contained 62 projects totaling \$450 Million and reviewed various projects. He stated that the total for Sidewalk Improvements was \$84 Million and was divided into dedicated Sidewalk Improvements (\$54 Million) and sidewalks included in Streets and Drainage Projects (\$30 Million). He reviewed the potential Pedestrian Mobility Projects to be considered. He noted that the Drainage and Flood Control Category included projects to improve or develop storm water drainage systems to include detention basins, channels, low water crossing improvements, and other drainage projects in coordination with the Bexar Regional Watershed Management Program. He stated that said category contained 19 projects totaling \$144 Million and reviewed various projects. He noted that the Committee for this category created a Project Reserve List for completion if bond savings were realized.

Mr. Frisbie stated that the Parks and Recreation Category included projects that acquire, develop, or renovate parks and park facilities/amenities including but not limited to swimming pools, community recreation and gymnasium facilities, baseball fields, trails, and open space in coordination with established park system plans. He noted that this category contained 84 projects totaling \$116 Million and reviewed various projects. He stated that the Facilities Category included projects that acquire, develop, or renovate existing community and city-owned facilities. He noted that this category contained 28 projects totaling \$120 Million and reviewed various projects. He noted that the Committee for this category created a Project Reserve List in order of preference for completion if bond savings were realized. He stated that the Neighborhood Improvements Category contained recommended Neighborhood Improvement Areas based on the State's Urban Renewal Requirements to prepare sites for Private Sector Development of Single or Multi-Family Affordable Housing Construction. He noted that said category contained 13 areas totaling \$20 Million and that the City Council approved said areas in December 2016. He reviewed the proposed changes submitted by City Council which resulted in no change to the funding amounts for each category.

Mrs. Sculley mentioned that the changes submitted by the City Council constituted less than 2.5% of the Bond Program. Mr. Frisbie stated that a Public Hearing on the Bond Program would be held on January 19, 2017.

Mayor Taylor stated that all of the projects would be well designed, attractive, and help create a great quality of life. She stated that the needs of neighborhoods should be balanced with the type of investments that would lead to catalytic projects which benefit the entire city through making San Antonio more attractive and economically competitive.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that his Committee Members asked why so much was allocated to citywide projects as opposed to district projects and suggested that some of the funds for citywide projects be reallocated for district projects. He recommended that more time be given to the process before a vote was taken noting that the Bond Program needed to have support from residents.

Councilmember Medina stated that if there was a perception that too much was going to be invested in a particular area; this may affect the response of the voters. He asked of the process for reducing funds for some projects and increasing funds in other projects. Mrs. Sculley stated that Councilmembers would need to identify said projects and that reducing funds for a project would also result in the reduced scope of the project. Councilmember Medina asked if there were agreements with partner entities. Mrs. Sculley replied that there were 37 projects which were partnership agreements and Memorandums of Understanding were in place for all of them.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the decrease in funding for the Rape Crisis Center Project. Mrs. Sculley stated that the Committee recommended to fund said project but learned that it was not eligible because it was already under construction. Councilmember Viagran asked of access to facilities at UTSA due to the proposed project allocation of \$10 Million. Mr. Frisbie stated that there would be opportunities for resident use of the site. Councilmember Viagran requested that the \$2 Million allocated for the University of Incarnate Word Sports Facility be allocated instead to Phase 2 of the YMCA.

Councilmember Krier stated that it would be important to demonstrate to the public all of the leveraged projects. He requested a list of the agreements with other entities and their value and suggested that public art funds be utilized for other projects.

Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern over the high cost of drainage projects in the Inner City noting that growth in other parts of the city impacts drainage issues to the south. Mr. Frisbie spoke of the Drainage Master Plan.

Councilmember Warrick asked how large projects would be accomplished. Mrs. Sculley replied that large projects would be completed in phases. Councilmember Warrick noted that projects Downtown drive growth in adjacent Council Districts and spoke of funding something inspirational.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed confidence in the list of projects put forth and asked if Low Impact Development would be a part of the construction of streets and drainage. Mr. Frisbie replied that environmental sustainability was included in the Guiding Principles. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of a cushion built into pricing. Mr. Frisbie stated that today's costs for projects were utilized and a 5% increase per year was built into the calculations.

Councilmember Treviño expressed his confidence in the Bond Program and asked of making the Bond Program part of the Innovation Strategy. Mr. Frisbie stated that context sensitive design was utilized for all projects which would be tailored to each specific project. Councilmember Treviño asked if community input would be incorporated as the projects were developed. Mr. Frisbie confirmed that it would be incorporated.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed support for the Housing Bond and the Committee Process for selection of projects to be included in the Bond Program.

Councilmember Warrick asked of an exit survey for Bond Committee Members. Mr. Frisbie stated that an exit survey was not included but was a good idea. Councilmember

Warrick spoke of the need for standardization of Committee Processes.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:40 pm to discuss the following:

- A. 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).
- B. 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).
- C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Discuss legal issues relating to an interlocal agreement pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Discuss legal issues relating to City policy concerning political activity and City resources pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:25 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Taylor recognized the 6th Annual “Light Up Downtown” Holiday Lights Contest Winners. She noted that businesses in the Downtown Area had competed for the best and brightest holiday lights display during the holiday season. She added 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 Taylor presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 30th Anniversary Martin Luther King, Jr. March that will take place on January 16, 2017. She 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 and end at Pittman-Sullivan Park. She 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 2:

2. First Public Hearing on the US 281 North Residential Area's annexation regarding the provision of services to the area after annexation or for the provision of services to the area in lieu of annexation. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning & Community Development]

Mayor Taylor opened the First Public Hearing on the US 281 North Residential Area's Annexation. There being no citizens registered to speak, Mayor Taylor closed the Public Hearing.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Jean Brady, Lora Eckler, and Paul Stahl representing the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees addressed the City Council. Mr. Stahl expressed support for the proposed funding in the 2017 Bond Program for Libraries and spoke of the benefits of Libraries. Mr. Andy Sarabia, Founding Member of COPS/Metro, noted their support for funding for the Las Palmas and Memorial Branch Libraries in the Bond Program. He spoke of their work in the 1970's to include a Library Bond Issuance and noted the importance of investing in people. He expressed concern with the difference in resources between the poor and more affluent areas of the city.

Linda Arronge stated that she had been working with Libraries for many years and was supportive of the funding in the Bond Program for the Las Palmas Branch Library. She stated that there was a great need for Library Services in that area of the city.

Rhett Smith stated that he had visited the Memorial Holocaust earlier in the day and expressed concern with the many people killed. He asked why some of the Task Force on

Community Policing Meetings were closed to the public.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the many businesses operating without the proper permits throughout the city. He noted that many City Employees had not responded to his requests for information.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that he was concerned that the Muslim Faith did not believe in Jesus. He noted that he had been contacted by the Better Business Bureau regarding funds that were owed to him.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that the Bexar County Courthouse now has a Digital Library Branch. He wrote that the privatization of the County Jail would save \$10 Million. He provided a newspaper article regarding the Air Force bringing 350 jobs and a new center to San Antonio. He wrote that vehicles were the main source of the City's Polluted Air.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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