

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, June 11, 2020

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

ROLL CALL

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. Acting City Clerk Tina J. Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

Mayor Nirenberg led the meeting in a moment of silence for those who had lost their battle with COVID-19 and all those who are still fighting along with Healthcare Workers, Nurses, Medical Doctors, and First Responders and everyone who was doing their part. He stated that the Archdiocese and Archbishop Gustavo Siller had agreed to ring the bells at San Fernando Cathedral for a full minute. He added that the ringing of the bells would be a good weekly as the City Council came together.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Eddie M. Medal of the Miracle Center Church, guest of Councilmember Viagran District 3.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes from the City Council Meetings of April 14 and April 16, 2020.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the Minutes of April 14 and April 16, 2020. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 11 and 16 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Mayor Nirenberg announced that Item 17 was pulled from the agenda by staff and would not be addressed.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Antonio Diaz spoke in opposition of Item 5 regarding the roof replacement at La Villita Historic Arts Building. He noted that this was a historic area where Native people lived. He requested that the land be returned and restored to its original natural state.

Diana Uriegas spoke about the stress that COVID-19 caused for hard working people especially mothers with children. She added that childcare was an issue and sometimes mothers must miss work due to no childcare. She noted that it was especially hard for single parents.

Councilmember Perry highlighted Item 9 awarding a contract for improvements to Mud Creek Park, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 10. He noted that neighbors in the area were excited to utilize the park and looked forward to completion.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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2020-06-11-0393

5. Ordinance ratifying a contract with Accu-Rite Commercial LLC, dba Accu-Rite Roofing and Construction Services, in the amount of \$54,970.08 for the roof replacement at La Villita Historic Arts Building 9, located at 418 Villita Street. Funding is available from the FY 2020 Deferred Maintenance Program as part of the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2020-06-11-0394

6. Ordinance approving a contract with Moore Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with five, first responder trucks for a total cost of \$409,258.30. Funding for four replacement trucks in the amount of \$338,537.10 is available from the FY 2020 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund and funding in the amount of \$70,721.20 for one additional truck is available from the FY 2020 General Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2020-06-11-0395

7. Ordinance approving a contract with Fortiline, Inc., for manhole covers for an estimated cost of

\$200,000.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2023, with two, one-year renewal options. Funds are not encumbered by this ordinance. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2020-06-11-0396

8. Ordinance awarding a construction contract to M Company General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$242,480.00 for development of the new Pipers Meadow Park, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 6. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2020 - FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

2020-06-11-0397

9. Ordinance awarding a construction contract including five additive alternates to M Company General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$145,873.50 for improvements to Mud Creek Park, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 10. Funds are available from the 2017 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2020 - FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
10. Approving the following two items related to the Broadway Street Corridor: Lower Segment (E. Houston to IH-35) project, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 1: [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

2020-06-11-0398

- 10A. Ordinance approving an amendment in the increased total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 to the \$32,700,000.00 Design-Build Services Agreement with Sundt Construction, Inc. for design and construction services for additional joint-bid utility work associated with the Broadway Corridor-Lower Segment (Houston to IH 35) Project, a 2017 Bond funded project. Of this total amendment amount, \$4,000,000.00 will be reimbursed by AT&T and \$6,000,000.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy. Funding is available from 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and is included in the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program.

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- 10B. Ordinance approving the acceptance of funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 from AT&T and \$6,000,000.00 from CPS Energy; and, approving the appropriation and amending of the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvements Program Budget with these funds for joint-bid utility work associated with Broadway Street Corridor: Lower Segment (E. Houston to IH-35), a 2017 Bond funded project.
12. Approving the following two items related to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (FAA AIP) for the San Antonio International Airport: [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

2020-06-11-0401

- 12A. Ordinance approving the submission of grant applications and the acceptance of funds for FAA Airport Improvement Program grants for four projects in the combined amount of

\$39,983,529.00 with the FAA AIP grant amount of \$29,387,492.00 and the City's share of \$9,795,831.00 to be automatically funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). This action will amend the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program and appropriate funds.

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- 12B.** Ordinance approving the acceptance of funds for an amendment to an existing FY 2020 FAA Airport Improvement Program grant for the Airfield Improvements, Package 6 project. The City's share to the FAA grant in the amount of \$1,041,667.00 will automatically be funded by the CARES Act. This action will amend the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program and appropriate funds.

2020-06-11-0403

- 13.** Ordinance approving a Joint Use Agreement with the San Antonio Water System to assist in the completion of the W-6 Upper Segment: Highway 90 to SW Military Drive Sewer Main Project; accepting an amount of \$276,726.00 for the permanent and temporary use of City property at Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium; and approving disbursement to the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club Inc. of \$25,000.00 at the end of each of the next three played seasons, for a total up to \$75,000.00, to offset parking revenue loss. The agreement will extend for three years beginning in July 2020. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Patricia Muzquiz Cantor, Director, Convention and Sports Facilities]

2020-06-11-0404

- 14.** Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Engineer Ventura Calderon Jr. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

2020-06-11-0405

- 15.** Ordinance approving a Local On-System Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to allow the City to construct and maintain the roadway within the state highway right-of-way of I-35, necessary for the completion of the Rittiman Road (I-35 to Castle Cross Drive) project, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 2. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Acting City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 4.

2020-06-11-0392

- 4.** Briefing with possible action on the City's response and preparedness for COVID-19.

City Attorney Andy Segovia provided a brief presentation on the Declaration of Public Health Emergency regarding COVID-19. He added that the proposed action was to extend the Local Emergency Order related to the COVID Response so that the City can stay aligned with the Texas Governor's Orders.

Mr. Segovia described Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-26. He stated that Governor Abbott's Order GA-26 was approved June 3, 2020 and was no longer a Stay-at-Home Order. He added that the new Order essentially opens nearly all Texas businesses to some extent but restrictions on gatherings of more than 10 people remained. He noted that people over 65 were strongly encouraged to stay at home. Mr. Segovia provided a briefing to City Council on June 4, 2020.

Mr. Segovia stated that Mayor Nirenberg and Bexar County Judge Wolff revised their respective Orders effective June 4, 2020. He added that the new Local Orders were a lot different than previous Local Orders. Mr. Segovia stated that instead of having a lot of the substance of the Texas Governor's Order included in our Local Order, we simply referenced the Governor's Orders as it relates to open businesses and restrictions. He added that the Declaration of Public Health Emergency continues and was required for potential reimbursements.

Mr. Segovia reported that specific Health Directives that were included in the Local Order had been removed and now Health Directive Orders are issued by the Health Department. He added that the new Local Order is very short and still aligns with Governor Abbott's Order GA-26. He noted that the Governor's Order did not have an end date therefore, he was asking City Council to extend the Local Emergency Order indefinitely. He stated that the Local Order may be rescinded by City Council or replaced by new Declaration from Mayor Nirenberg.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Nazarite Ruben Flores Perez spoke in opposition of defunding the Police. He noted that the Police Department needed funding to fight crime. He added that if a few officers acted bad that they should be disciplined by their supervisors. He stated that removing funds from the Police Department was not the solution for officers that violate the law.

Jack M. Finger noted that he was looking for the COVID-19 recommendations from the City Attorney. He noted that the recommendations change for week-to-week which was very confusing. He added that one week businesses could open at 50% capacity and the next at 75% capacity. Mr. Finger spoke in opposition of defunding the Police Department. He added that would cause lawlessness, looting, rioting, and uncontrolled crime in San Antonio.

Antonio Diaz stated that Native people faced many diseases brought over from Europe which decimated the Native population. He noted that the Police Department received 60% of the City's Budget which in his opinion was not fair. He suggested that the Police budget receive no more increases. He noted that services such as Housing, Nutritional, Educational, and Job Training Programs receive increased funding. He added that these services were needed in San Antonio to help residents recover from the COVID pandemic.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that the proposed Order presented by City Attorney Segovia was in line with Governor Abbott's Order. He noted that an Emergency was still upon San Antonio regarding the COVID pandemic. He added that the proposed action was necessary for the City to apply for and receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding and/or other Governmental Agency funding or reimbursement. City Attorney Segovia noted that Councilmember Pelaez was correct and additional or supplemental information or direction was needed to allow the City to pivot quickly when Emergency Orders were in place.

Councilmember Perry asked City Attorney Segovia to explain the removal of medical requirements

from Local Emergency Orders. Mr. Segovia explained that COVID Testing reporting to the Health Department requirement language regarding long-term care facilities and nursing homes was previously in the Mayor's Emergency Orders but has now been removed. Mr. Segovia added that the City's Local Emergency Order now simply referenced Governor Abbott's Order. Mr. Segovia stated that Health Directives are now moved to a Healthcare Directive issued by the local Health Authority.

Councilmember Perry asked if Governor Abbott made changes further loosening the economy in Texas, how was that then implemented in San Antonio. Mr. Segovia noted that the Local Orders were structured to include any additional Orders, Guidance, or Directives issued by Governor Abbott or any other State Agency authorized to issue such guidance or orders.

Councilmember Viagran asked why we are experiencing an increase in positive COVID-19 tests. Dr. Bridger attributed the increase of positive test results to a couple issues, one was that certain lab testing results were backlogged, and the other working hypothesis was due to community gatherings and community spread from the Memorial Day Holiday and the loosening of Governor Abbott's restrictions. Dr. Bridger noted that the logic of issuing Health Directive might have a better impact on the community and be less polarizing coming from Health Professionals instead of a political body. Dr. Bridger added that the goal was to keep the community safe and healthy from COVID.

Councilmember Viagran asked by the lump test results were coming back late. Dr. Bridger noted that two lump test results were just provided to the Health Department from mid-May 2020. Dr. Bridger added that the Health Department Staff was plotting the epi curve data to the actual onset of symptoms to determine the disease progression through the community.

Councilmember Viagran asked if someone was tested say Monday and they received the call on Thursday that they tested positive for COVID, when was the positive result recorded with Metro Health. Dr. Bridger reported that was an important nuance of reporting test results. Dr. Bridger reported that the first nuance which was the PCR Test which takes a sample from the individuals nose and takes 48 hours to receive results. Dr. Bridger reported that the second nuance was the Antigen Test that provides results in 15 minutes allowing for the individual to self-quarantine immediately reducing the potential for community spread. Dr. Bridger added that with the PCR test, the individual would not receive a phone call until after the positive test was reported to Metro Health and then Metro Health must make the phone call to inform the individual of the positive test result; then the Epidemiologist must conduct contact tracing.

Councilmember Viagran urged those that were demonstrating, to continue their First Amendment Right but to wear face coverings to reduce community spread of COVID-19. She urged those that have recovered from COVID-19 to donate Plasma which helps those that are recovering in the hospital. Councilmember Viagran encouraged the public to register to Vote.

Councilmember Treviño highlighted the seriousness of the condition that San Antonio residents faces as the Bexar County Appraisal District anticipating an increase of property tax valuation protests. He added that property owners were going to protest their property taxes and he wanted to ensure that they were safe and have all options available to allow homeowners the ability to exercise their rights while being safe.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if volunteers were conducting contact tracing. Dr. Bridger reported that the Health Department predominately hired and paid Staff to work on contact tracing and contact investigations.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve Item 4. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Acting City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 11.

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11. Ordinance approving the submission of a Continuation Grant Application and the acceptance upon award of up to \$800,000.00 to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the Regional Auto Crimes Team Project; approving a project budget of up to \$3,941,746.00, which includes the grant funds, a cash match of \$561,746.00 funded by the City's General fund (\$474,547.00) and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (\$87,199.00); and the City's in-kind contribution of \$2,580,000.00; and approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief, Police]

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Gerald Bills stated that he resides in District 6 and was a member of SA Stands. He noted that he was opposed to the Police Department receiving additional funding. He added that Police Department Budget should be defunded in a gradual process and strategically reallocated to mental health providers, social workers, and victim survivors. He stated that crime was not random most of the time crime occurs when someone had been unable to meet their basic needs through other means. He added that shifting funds towards services that meet the basic needs of individuals would in effect reduce crime.

Antonio Diaz was stated that he grew up on the West Side and South Side of San Antonio and that he had been harassed by the Police during his youth. He noted that as an adult, he understands that the Police were needed to protect the people and not the criminals. He added that San Antonio many residents were asking for no funding increases for the Police Department.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how much Bexar County was matching regarding this grant. Police Chief McManus reported that was \$354,625. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked in the City funds were coming from the General Fund. Chief McManus reported that was correct and was allocated in the FY 2020 Budget. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked about the outcome of the program. Chief McManus reported this was the 27th year of the Grant which provided seven Detectives and one Non-Sworn Administrative Personnel.

Councilmember Gonzales asked what the seven Detectives do and if they strictly investigated stolen vehicles. Chief McManus asked Sergeant Carlos Gonzales to respond as the Sergeant oversaw the division. Sergeant Gonzales reported that he was one of the supervisors of the Auto Theft Unit and Vehicle Crimes Unit for the Police Department. He noted that his Unit worked with the Bexar County Sheriffs which comprise a Task Force that was partially funded by the State through funds that come from Insurance proceeds. He added that every vehicle pays \$4 from their policy that goes towards Crime Prevention Programs. Sergeant Gonzales stated that the Unit was responsible for crime prevention and investigating auto thefts, fraud such as title fraud, odometer fraud, and other vehicle

crimes. Councilmember Gonzales asked what crime prevention looked like. Sergeant Gonzales reported that the Unit attends Car Shows and provide print material on crime prevention regarding burglary and theft of vehicles. He added that the Unit also attends Neighborhood Meetings, Substation Meetings, and Car Dealership Meetings all to prevent crime.

Councilmember Gonzales asked what percentage of all crimes committed were property crimes. Chief McManus reported that property crimes outnumber violent crimes in San Antonio. City Manager Walsh reported that approximately 88% was property crimes.

City Manger Walsh reported that the San Antonio Police Department spends approximately \$4 million for the Combined Unit consisting of 28 Officers, 24 from SAPD and 4 from the Bexar County Sheriff's Office. He added that the Item before City Council was requesting approval for the Insurance part of the Grant from the State that was funded through Auto Insurance premiums. City Manager Walsh reported that \$800,000 will go to pay for 7 of the 24 SAPD Officers and was funded from the FY 2020 General Fund. He added that if the Council decided not to apply for the Grant, then the 7 Officers would not be funded, and he would have to move them to the General Fund or reduce the Position Count.

Chief McManus reported that 86% of all crime was attributed to Property Crime annually.

Councilmember Courage asked how many automobiles were reported stolen per month in San Antonio. Chief McManus reported that over 7,800 vehicles were reported stolen last year. Councilmember Courage asked what the value was of each car stolen and how many were recovered. Chief McManus reported that he would provide that data to City Council. Councilmember Courage noted that was the charge of this Unit and that they should track the number of recovered vehicles and the value of same. Councilmember Courage requested a report of the number of vehicles stolen, their value, the number of vehicles recovered, and anything else related to this Item.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he had heard twice that the funding was allocated in FY 2020, but the backup documentation indicates that its really FY 2021. Maria Villagomez reported that the Grant was for FY 2021 beginning September 2020 which a portion of the FY 2020 and the majority of the Grant would be in 2021. She added that the funds were budgeted in FY 2020 for the match. Councilmember Treviño asked that City Staff walk through the process and suggested that there was ample time to address this Item at the Public Safety or Innovation Council Committee. Ms. Villagomez reported that the Item today was to approve the submission of the Grant Application. She added that further discussions with the Council and City Staff could take place. Councilmember Treviño stressed the importance of further discussion at either the Public Safety or Innovation Council Committee.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that the City had applied for this Grant and received funding for the past 26 years. He noted that the City was not doing anything different and was seeking authorization to submit the application for the Grant. He added that once the Grant application was approved, the City utilizes the funding to solve car theft crimes and prevent car theft crimes.

Councilmember Viagran asked if the City's in-kind contribution was \$2.5 million. City Manager Walsh reported that was correct and that the portion of that Unit was budgeted within the General Fund and qualified as the in-kind contribution because that was the City's investment towards the Grant application.

Councilmember Perry asked Chief McManus if he stated that 7,000 vehicles were stolen per year.

Chief McManus reported that it was 7,800 vehicles. Councilmember Perry noted that the Grant was to fund 7 people to help recover and prevent auto theft in San Antonio. He asked how San Antonio compared to other Cities. Chief McManus reported that he would have to provide that data to the Council. Councilmember Perry stated that he was interested in reviewing the reports that were requested by Council Colleagues and requested a report on the City's return on investment regarding this Grant program.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed support and stated that it's the money that belongs to the people who have paid their insurance bills and that they deserve to get the benefit from what they have paid for. She added that City Staff should get used to detailed questions regarding Police Budget items going forward. Councilmember Sandoval requested to see the reports requested by Council Colleagues and wanted to ensure that City funds were utilized as efficiently as possible and that the program was effective.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda requested that these types of requests go through the Public Safety Council Committee effective immediately. She added that the Public Safety Committee members could ask all the pertinent questions before presented to City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Gonzales suggested that these types of discussions go before the Audit Council Committee but that she was open to discussions regarding the parameters of which Council Committee would discuss certain topics. She requested a copy of the reports that her Council Colleagues requested.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he agreed on discussions taking place at Council Committees before full Council consideration. He noted that there were discussions taking place about healthy balances in City budgets across the country. He added that there were also items that were uniform and routine such as this Grant Application.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve Item 11. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

Acting City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 16.

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- 16.** Ordinance approving five on-call professional services agreements with Cox McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc., PaleoWest, LLC, Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., Center for Archaeological Research-UTSA, and Hicks & Company, Environmental/Archeology Consultants each in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 per contract year, for as-needed professional cultural resources (historic above-ground and archaeological resources) consulting services related to federal transportation projects, capital improvement bond projects, and other City projects. Each agreement is for a term of one year with options to renew at an additional amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 per contract year at City's discretion, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 per contract. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi

Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Mr. Razi Hosseini provided a brief summary of the proposed On-Call Professional Services Agreement. He noted that he was seeking approval to provide environmental services during design and construction of City projects. He added that for the past five years the City had been aggressively applying and receiving Federal Funds for City projects.

Councilmember Gonzales questioned the small business procurement process and asked if that was utilized for this project. Mr. Hosseini reported that for this project TxDot required 10% minimum go to small minority businesses. Councilmember Gonzales asked if the City could exceed the 10% minimum requirement and Mr. Hosseini reported that the City council exceed 10%.

Councilmember Viagran asked the following questions: 1.) how long were the Professional Service Agreements. 2.) How many times have these five companies received the On-Call Agreements. 3.) Was this the first time any of the five companies were awarded the On-Call Agreement. 4.) Which of the five companies were minority women owned business. Mr. Hosseini reported that he would provide the information to City Council.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Item 16. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

PULLED BY STAFF

17. Ordinance approving an agreement with TXC Texas Creative, Ltd. to develop and implement the SA Climate Ready Public Engagement & Communications Initiative. The initial term is one year with the option to extend for two, one-year terms at a cost of \$195,000.00 per term for a total not to exceed \$585,000.00. Funding for this agreement is available in the Office of Sustainability FY20 Budget. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Mayor Nirenberg announced that Item 17 was pulled by City Staff and would not be addressed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

18. City Manager's Report

City Manager Walsh reported that in the midst of the pandemic, the City had been aggressively recruiting for a new Budget Director. He introduced Scott Huizenga as the City's new Budget Director. He added that Scott was the former Budget Director for the City Kansas City. He noted that Ms. Justina Tate would continue to work through the transition.

City Manager Walsh reported that the Employee Spotlight highlighted the Department of Human Services which provided many services to the community to include meal services to senior participants and care to homeless individuals. He provided a video of Marjorie White, Homeless Services Administrator and others that work within the Department of Human Services.

City Manager Walsh reported that Human Services, Parks & Recreation, and the Public Library Departments have been coordinating with Bexar County Elections Office to utilize City Facilities for the upcoming November Election. He noted that he would provide an email of all the City Facilities that would be utilized. He added that all City Facilities would have hand sanitizer and follow all safety guidelines.

Mayor Nirenberg welcomed Mr. Huizenga to the City and informed him that he was coming in at a time when the City was facing the toughest budget of our generation. He noted that he looked forward to working with Mr. Huizenga and added that he had big shoes to fill from Ms. Tate. Mayor Nirenberg thanked Ms. Tate for the past successful budget fiscal years that she led.

Councilmember Sandoval welcomed Mr. Huizenga to the City and noted that he had a great budget team to work with. She added that Maria Villagomez and Ben Gorzell had done wonders when the City faced tough budget challenges. Councilmember Sandoval requested an update and status report during the next City Manager's Report of other vacancies such as Public Works Director, TCI Director, and Chief Housing Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 10:52 am to discuss the following items:

- 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 collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Legal issues related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Discuss legal issues relating to COVID-19 preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 12:07 pm and announced that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
Acting City Clerk