

**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 11, 2017

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

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

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Saldaña was out of town attending the Communities in Schools 40th Anniversary and 2017 Leadership Town Hall but was participating in the council meeting via videoconference.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Ann Helmke, Faith Based Community Liaison, guest of Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, District 8.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council meetings of April 5 - 6, 2017.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council meetings of April 5-6, 2017. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Medina recognized the St. Paul's Student Council and School Principal that were in attendance and welcomed them to the City Council Meeting. He also recognized District 7 Councilmember-Elect Ana Sandoval who was present.

Councilmember Krier recognized Dr. Francisco Cigarroa who was in attendance and welcomed him to the City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No items were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak on the consent agenda.

Christopher Herring stated that he was the Chairman of the Five-Year Contract and Diversity Plan and supportive of the contract with SJ&J Solutions dba Affordable Window Washing Services (Item 6A).

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the On-Call Professional Engineering Services Agreements (Items 8A and 8B) due to the campaign finance contributions various businesses made to City Councilmembers.

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

AYE: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

ABSENT: 1 - Nirenberg

2017-05-11-0316

5. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Compumeric Engineering, Inc. dba Bearsaver Securr to provide 110 stainless steel indoor trash and recycle containers for the Convention and Sports Facilities Department for a total cost of \$68,090.00, funded

from the FY 2017 Community & Visitor Facilities Fund Operating Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2017-05-11-0317

6. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$137,733.68: (A) SJ&J Solutions dba Affordable Window Washing Services for pressure washing services and (B) CCG Systems, Inc. dba Faster Asset Solutions for an amendment to the annual contract for Faster Fleet annual support. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

7. Consideration of the following items related to the Quintana Road Project from Harmon Avenue to McKenna Avenue, a Local Agency Management Project, funded by the Federal Highway Administration, State of Texas Economically Disadvantaged County Program, and Port San Antonio, located in Council District 4: [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2017-05-11-0318

- 7A. An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to accept an additional \$58,800.00 from federal funds and an additional \$57,921.00 from state funds for a total not to exceed amount of \$7,903,948.00 for project costs related to the construction of the Quintana Road Project.

2017-05-11-0319

- 7B. An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of San Antonio and the Port Authority of San Antonio providing reimbursement to the Port Authority of an additional \$298,900.00 for a total not-to-exceed \$1,018,900.00 for project-related expenses; reducing the Port's funding responsibility by \$64,448.00 due to increased federal and state participation through an amendment to the existing Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); and establishing the Port Authority's total funding responsibility in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,322,718.00; and the Port to fund an estimated \$131,100.00 of in-kind design costs directly to the Designer, bringing the Port's total project contribution to an estimated \$2,453,818.00.

8. Consideration of the following items pertaining to On-Call Professional Engineering Services Agreements: [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2017-05-11-0320

- 8A. An Ordinance authorizing the execution of three On-Call Civil Engineering Services Agreements with R.H. Shackelford, Inc., RPS Klotz Associates, Inc., and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., each in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 per year for a term of one year with one additional one-year extension option to provide On-Call Civil Engineering Services for Infrastructure Management Program and the Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program projects.

2017-05-11-0321

- 8B. An Ordinance authorizing the execution of two On-Call Civil Engineering Services Agreements with Gonzalez, Kypuros & White, Inc. and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., each in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 per year for a term of one year with one additional one-year extension option to provide On-Call Civil Engineering Services for Federally Funded Projects.

2017-05-11-0322

9. An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement with Imperial Aviation, LLC for Hangar 7 at Stinson Municipal Airport and is expected to generate \$10,690.47 in annual revenue. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Russell Handy, Director, Aviation]

2017-05-11-0323

10. An Ordinance authorizing submission of an AmeriCorps VISTA grant renewal application to the Corporation of National and Community Service, and acceptance if awarded, for the period of May 29, 2017 through May 28, 2018; a cash match of \$23,760.00; and amendments to agreements as required by the grantor. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

2017-05-11-0324

11. An Ordinance appointing and reappointing members to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board for terms of office effective June 1, 2017 to expire May 31, 2019; and waiving the City Code Residency Requirement in Chapter 2, Article IX, Section 2-529(B) for specified appointees. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

2017-05-11-0025R

12. A Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Westside Development Corporation Board of Directors. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

2017-05-11-0325

13. An Ordinance amending the FY 2017 Annual Operating Budget based on actual revenues and expenditures for the first six months of FY 2017 (October 2016 to March 2017) and projections for the remaining six months of FY 2017 (April 2017 to September 2017) in the General Fund and various Restricted Funds and authorizing positions. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Justina Tate, Director, Management and Budget]

2017-05-11-0326

14. An Ordinance approving the Pre-K 4 SA program Fiscal Year 2018 Budget in the amount of \$48,274,336.00 Pre-K 4 SA program as adopted by the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors on April 18, 2017. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA]

2017-05-11-0327

15. An Ordinance approving an agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma and accepting up to \$200,000.00 for services provided by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department to Embrace Hospice, LLC patients. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

2017-05-11-0026R

16. A Resolution directing the Department of Planning & Community Development to prepare a Service Plan regarding the annexation of the Neal Road Area consisting of approximately 5.9 square miles in south Bexar County, generally located north of South Loop 1604 East, east of Applewhite Road, west of Pleasanton Road, and south of Mauermann Road. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning & Community Development]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 4:

2017-05-11-0315

4. An Ordinance authorizing an extension to the Cooperative Agreement among the City of San Antonio, Texas General Land Office, and the Alamo Endowment Board to provide for design and implementation of the Alamo Master Plan and approval of the Alamo Master Plan and conceptual approval of the following: Closing of Alamo Street from Houston Street to Market Street and Crockett Street from Losoya Street to Bonham; Repairing and relocating the Cenotaph; and the future conveyance to the State of Texas the rights-of-way and parts of Alamo Plaza that are necessary to reclaim the historic Mission Plaza. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager]

Sheryl Sculley provided an overview of the process and summary of the recommendations regarding the Alamo Master Plan. She noted that she and Councilmember Treviño serve as members of the Alamo Management Committee.

Lori Houston presented a power point noting that the initial concept plan was developed by PPS and included stakeholder meetings, two public workshops, and a City Council B Session. She stated that in March 2014, the Alamo Advisory Committee was appointed by the Mayor and City Council. She noted that they created a vision and guiding principles, as well as updated the 1994 Alamo Plaza Study. She reported that the vision and guiding principles were approved by the City Council in December 2014. She mentioned that on October 15, 2015, a Cooperative Agreement was approved among the General Land Office (GLO), Alamo Endowment Board, and the City of San Antonio, for the development of the Alamo Master Plan. She indicated that Preservation Design Partnership (PDP) was selected to lead the master planning process in association with San Antonio-based Fisher Heck Architects and Grupo de Diseño Urbano (GDU) of Mexico City.

Mrs. Houston provided an overview of the partners and highlighted the great amount of public engagement. She spoke of the key concepts to include restoration of the church and long barrack. She presented photos of the exterior and interior that were in need of repair and noted that they would work to reestablish clarity and order through the delineation of the historic footprint. She referenced the work to recapture the historic Mission Plaza which includes street closures, as well as repair and relocation of the Cenotaph. She highlighted the recommendations to provide a world-class visitor center and museum, create a sense of arrival to the site, and enhance connectivity between the site and other public spaces.

Mrs. Houston stated that Alamo Plaza was a place for the community to gather for celebrations, ceremonies, events, and exercise first amendment rights. She noted that there were currently 2.28 acres of public space in the Alamo area that includes the 1.78 acre Alamo Plaza, the Paseo, and Blum Alley. She reported that the proposed Master Plan will

increase the public space from 2.28 acres to 9.54 acres and expands the opportunities for community celebrations, ceremonies, and first amendment rights. She highlighted the proposed public space, parade re-routes, shade, porosity, and accessibility. She stated that the GLO used the majority of the 2015 budget appropriation to purchase the Crockett, Palace, and Woolworth Buildings. She added that the city continues to work with Ripley's and Phillips Entertainment on the creation of an entertainment district. She outlined the funding and economic impact and next steps to include continued public engagement.

Councilmember Treviño thanked everyone for their work and spoke of the importance of ensuring that spaces are preserved. He highlighted the diverse professional Citizen Advisory Panel and the partnership with the State of Texas. He recognized the following individuals to speak.

Sue Ann Pemberton and Marise McDermott addressed the City Council. Ms. Pemberton stated that the Committee was tasked with reviewing and updating the 1994 Alamo Plaza Study. She noted that members of the GLO and other State Agencies participated in the process along with the public. She reported that the Vision and Guiding Principles evolved from the meetings and were adopted by the City Council in December 2014. She added that the Master Plan aligned with the Vision and Guiding Principles and they looked forward to an active role in the future design of The Alamo. Ms. McDermott concurred with Ms. Pemberton and stated that they had worked hard on the Vision and Guiding Principles. She spoke in support of the Master Plan and added that the Advisory Committee looked forward to engaging with the City of San Antonio in the interpretive strategy on the design.

Ramon Vasquez stated that he was a member of the Advisory Committee and had been involved in the Alamo Process since 1994. He noted that members of his family had been instrumental in the closing of the plaza and had been fighting for their rights as Indigenous People from the Missions for a very long time. He spoke of the Committee's work in developing the Guiding Principles that were a foundation for the Master Plan.

George Skarmeas commended the City of San Antonio for their effort to make The Alamo a World Heritage Site. He stated that History could be presented through actual evidence or through interpretation and presentation to the public. He spoke of the importance of authenticity, integrity, and accuracy.

Gen Dawson stated that they had been reviewing the traffic downtown as part of the process to include capacity and connectivity. He referenced an ongoing mobility study for downtown and added that they were confident that they could close Alamo Street without a negative impact to the rest of downtown.

Jim Gray stated that he was a partner with Realto Studios and spoke of the work they would accomplish to preserve trees in the area. He noted that some would remain on site and others would be relocated.

Jon Hockenyos highlighted the economic impact of the project. He noted that \$400 million would be injected directly into the San Antonio Economy with most of the funds coming from sources outside of San Antonio. He indicated that the impact doubles to \$800 million and that 5,000 jobs would be created for the life of construction. He added that the time that people spent on site would increase and would equate to more money spent.

Anne Idsal, Deputy Land Commissioner, stated that it was a pleasure to speak in support of the outstanding Cooperative Agreement and partnerships formed.

George P. Bush, General Land Commissioner, spoke of the great responsibility of caring for The Alamo. He stated that a great amount of progress had been made and commended everyone for their work thus far. He noted that they were listening to the public and had already made various compromises. He added that they were pleased to be a partner in redefining and reimagining the experience at The Alamo.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for their words and called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Casandra Matej, President and CEO of Visit San Antonio, addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Ramiro Cavazos, President and CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Rad Weaver, Chairman of the Board of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Don Dixon addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

Don Frost addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Lee White addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

Bill DuPont addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

James Wueste addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Bric Fraser addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Betty Bueche addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Sharon Skrobacek addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Bruce Winders addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Pam Rosser addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Lloyd Jary addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Steve Wood addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Maria Torres representing the Pacuache Nation addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

Lance Aaron addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

Janet Dietel, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society, addressed the City Council in support of the staff recommendations.

Myfe Moore addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

John Wiesen addressed the City Council against the staff recommendations.

Kelli Epp played a video of Red McCombs who spoke in support of the staff recommendations.

Mrs. Vacek announced that one written testimony was received in opposition to the proposed walls from Sarah Reveley.

Councilmember Treviño stated that this was a momentous occasion to vote on a once in a lifetime project. He noted that this was the first step and that they would continue the dialogue with the community.

Councilmember Treviño moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 4. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Krier asked if the City Council was voting on the final design. Mrs. Houston replied that they were not voting on the final plan but on the Master Plan. She noted that the next step would be to hire an architect to design the plaza, museum, and restoration of the church. Councilmember Krier asked if that action would come back to the City Council for approval. Mrs. Houston replied that it would go through the Historic and Design Review Commission and the street closure would come back to the City Council for approval. Councilmember Krier stated that there were still issues that needed to be addressed such as the glass wall and the lack of access 24 hours per day 7 days per week. Mrs. Houston stated that they were working on having more than one entry point into the plaza and more discussions would occur on the design. Councilmember Krier stated that he had studied The Alamo for many years and the Cenotaph was not part of the original plaza. He spoke of the deterioration and need for restoration and thanked everyone for their work.

Councilmember Lopez spoke in support of the Master Plan and all of the work that has been accomplished thus far. He noted that there was still a lot of work to be done and added that this was a critical, significant investment in the community.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in the process. He spoke of the need for flexibility to make changes needed and accessibility for disabled individuals. He noted the need to address parking make it easy for people to visit The Alamo.

Councilmember Warrick stated that he was proud of the work accomplished so far and asked for clarification of what was being approved. Mrs. Houston explained that staff was requesting approval of the Master Plan and conceptual approval of components that would require future council action. She added that the cenotaph would go through a design process to include approval by the Historic Design and Review Commission (HDRC). Councilmember Warrick asked of the public protests in front of The Alamo. Mrs. Houston replied that was not being considered today and but they had identified opportunities with the closure of the streets and reopening of the 1936 Garden. She added that the next 7 years would provide for a public process and they would continue to provide updates to the City Council.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that the concern has been of what this space means to the public and asked of decision points for the City Council. Mrs. Houston stated that Alamo Plaza and Mission de Valero would continue to be a community gathering space. She added that they would continue to have public dialogue on the design process. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the First Amendment space. Mrs. Houston replied that the public would be able to practice their First Amendment Rights in the Plaza de Valero and it would be expanded. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that it was important for the area to remain

accessible and that there should be more opportunities for input from the City Council.

Councilmember Gonzales read prepared remarks regarding the history of Mission San Antonio de Valero which is known as The Alamo. She stated that over the last 180 years; it has been enveloped by the city's growth and changes in the surrounding urban environment. She stated that while she supported the basic concepts of the Master Plan, she felt it should not be closed off with walls.

Councilmember Gonzales moved that a guiding principle be added that the area remain dedicated to the historic use as a public civic space. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he did not want to relinquish all control on the final design and that recapturing the Historic Mission Plaza should not be agreed upon by only 1/3 of the stakeholders. He asked of the impact of adding another guiding principle. Councilmember Treviño stated that the process should be respected and there was a 21-Member Advisory Committee that should be included in the decision.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the Alamo Advisory Committee for their work. She asked of the length of the contract extension. Mrs. Houston replied that it would extend through design and implementation of the project. Councilmember Viagran asked of the urban development around the site and its effect on the World Heritage Designation. Shanon Miller replied that UNESCO was concerned with the existing urban development around the site but did not feel there was anything that would hinder the World Heritage Designation.

Councilmember Krier stated that the proposed plan maintains the ability for substantial free speech and demonstration and increases the space set aside for same.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for their work and the many individuals that have attended the public hearings on the issue. She stated that she was excited about moving forward with the conceptual plan and showing the city's commitment to working with the State of Texas and the General Land Office. She expressed appreciation to Commissioner Bush for being present and for his commitment to preserving The Alamo, as well as the many individuals that have worked on the project. She added that she remained open to the full range of solutions that the design team or citizens will bring forward and that she was in support of the staff recommendation for the conceptual plan.

The motion by Councilmember Gonzales to add a guiding principle failed by the following vote:

AYE: 3 - Saldaña, Gonzales and Nirenberg

NAY: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

The motion by Councilmember Treviño to approve the staff recommendation prevailed by the following vote:

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

17. City Manager's Report

There was no City Manager's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:46 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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