

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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Wednesday, November 1, 2017

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

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The City Council of San Antonio convened in the "B" Room of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

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

1. A Briefing by the San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Police Department, and Transportation & Capital Improvements Department on emergency preparedness capabilities and Hurricane Harvey response. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Patrick Zepeda stated that the mission of the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) was to coordinate activities of the City Departments responsible for continued operations during disasters and coordinate and communicate with State and Federal Agencies. He noted that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) opened in 2007 and that there were four phases of emergency management: 1) Prevention and mitigation; 2) Preparedness; 3) Response; and 4) Recovery. He spoke of the following readiness levels:

- Readiness Level IV
- Increased Readiness Level III

- High Readiness Level II
- Maximum Readiness Level I

Mr. Zepeda stated that the EOC would be activated at Level I. He noted that the Emergency Management Basic Plan outlined the City of San Antonio's approach to emergency operations and described the city's emergency response organization and assigned responsibilities for various emergency tasks. He noted that the city was required to submit said plans to the State of Texas every five years. He mentioned that prevention and mitigation included: 1) Understanding local hazards; 2) Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA); and 3) Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that many training events were held annually and reviewed the warning and alert systems in use. He reported that expenses related to Hurricane Harvey totaled \$8.6 million which would be reimbursed 100% by the State. He stated that the City of San Antonio conducted After Action Reviews (AARs) for all major events and exercises which identified best practices, improvements, and corrected actions. He stated that as the result of the AARs; all plans would be updated as needed.

Nefi Garza described the flooding potential in San Antonio based upon the flood caused by Hurricane Harvey. He spoke of the flood plain and the continued investment in infrastructure. He stated that resources were available to let the public know when areas were flooded.

Chief McManus reviewed incident types to include: 1) Terror attack; 2) Active shooter; 3) Hostage/barricaded subject; and 4) Bomb threat. He spoke of the preparedness of the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) for said threats. He stated that SAPD coordinated with event planners of city-wide celebrations and special events. He noted that all SAPD personnel were trained to respond to an active shooter event. He stated that a threat assessment was conducted by the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and the venues were surveyed. He noted that SAPD partnered with the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), and State and Federal partners which played a role in events. He stated that resources would be pre-deployed at said events such as special response vehicles and special operations personnel. He played a video regarding active shooter events. He stated that incident response included: 1) Primary response and on-duty patrol resources; 2) Special operations support; 3) Medical treatment and evacuation; and 4) Investigative follow-up.

Chief Hood spoke of preparations to be made regarding an active shooter event and stated that the Rescue Task Force was comprised of specially trained firefighters and paramedics. He noted that active shooter preparedness included: 1) Rescue Task Force; 2) Community-wide active shooter presentations; 3) Ongoing training; and 4) Purchase and testing of response equipment and ballistic gear. He stated that the Rescue Task Force was specially trained and equipped teams which would be deployed with Law Enforcement

during an active shooter event or a complex coordinated terror attack. He noted that the Rescue Task Force would treat, triage, and transport victims. He stated that “Stop the Bleed” kit stations would provide bystanders and initial first responders with quick and easy access to essential medical equipment to stop life-threatening bleeding in public buildings and populated public areas. He stated that downtown planning was assisted by use of the U.S. National Grid which improved emergency response planning, the ability to share information with other agencies, and faster deployment of lifesaving resources.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if other such events in other places were evaluated by staff. Chief Hood stated that white papers of other incidents were developed and reviewed by staff. Chief McManus stated that incidents such as the one in Las Vegas were studied at length. Mayor Nirenberg asked how often the Olmos Dam was evaluated and by whom. Mr. Garza replied that the Olmos Dam was evaluated several times per year by Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) staff in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Nirenberg asked if staff had an evaluation of critical structures in the flood plain. Mr. Garza replied that Watershed Master Plans were developed for all watersheds.

Councilmember Treviño asked how some of the larger scale drainage projects were identified and communicated to the community. Mr. Garza replied that it was based on Master Plans developed with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), Bexar County, and the Army Corps of Engineers. He stated that benefit to cost ratios were reviewed to identify said projects and are brought before the voters in a Bond Election.

Councilmember Viagran asked what the city was doing to make sure that the 14 Clinics or Retirement Homes were out of the flood plain. Mr. Garza stated that staff would partner with the Development Services Department to ensure that structures were kept out of the 100-year flood plain.

Councilmember Gonzales asked how cyber threats were addressed. Chief Hood replied that a cyber-exercise had been held in the past and that staff plans for a cyber-threat.

Councilmember Perry asked of the current grade of the Olmos Dam. Mr. Garza stated that he would provide that information to the City Council.

Councilmember Courage asked if arrangements had been made to include sign language for citizens who were deaf. Mr. Zepeda replied that they had.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if the metrics determined the extent of a catastrophe’s impact on the community by the number of deceased and property damage. Mr. Garza replied that it did.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if staff had identified a list of issues to be discussed regarding emergency response. Erik Walsh replied that they had. Councilmember Sandoval requested that such a list be provided to Councilmembers.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:30 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Legal issues related to the competitive matters of CPS Energy as a publicly owned utility pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Deliberate issues related to the San Antonio Public Safety Radio System pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.076 (security devices and audits) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- D. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- E. Issues relating to the City's Lease Agreement and License Agreement with Google Fiber pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- F. Legal issues relating to the SAPD independent investigation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

### **RECONVENED**

Mayor Pro Tem Pelaez reconvened the meeting at 6:03 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Pelaez called upon the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Dr. Meredith McGuire spoke in support of changes to the Ordinance regarding public demonstrations to improve public safety and asked City Council to reject the proposed SAWS rate increases.

Mark Perez spoke of public safety concerns and businesses operating without the necessary permits.

Liz Franklin asked the City Council to protect the Hays Street Bridge from changes by developers because of its historical significance to District 2.

Henry Rodriguez, representing LULAC Concilio Zapatista, asked the City Council to assist Rose Lopez in maintaining her small business on the Riverwalk.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez shared an article regarding the terrorist attack in New York City and spoke of the coming of end times according to the Bible.

Alice Canestaro-Garcia asked the City Council to reconsider the current water delivery plans with SAWS and the proposed rate increase.

Hector Garcia asked the City Council to release taxi permits to drivers and spoke of abuses of the current permitting system. Octavio Manresa spoke of his difficulties working for taxi companies.

Isaac Garcia asked the City Council not to approve the proposed SAWS rate increases and consider using an equity lens to distribute necessary costs to constituents.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony highlighting the Vista Ridge Project. He wrote of the suicides occurring among young Veterans. He highlighted the \$1 million donation from Charles Butt to the City of San Antonio for improvements to Lincoln Park.

**RECESSED**

Mayor Pro Tem Pelaez announced that the Executive Session would continue the following day after the Business Portion of the Council Meeting. There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Pelaez recessed the meeting at 6:47 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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