

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



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**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, May 3, 2018

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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

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

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Dewayne L. Thomas, Westridge Park First Baptist Church, guest of Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, District 6.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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3. City Council of the City of San Antonio will welcome and recognize our Sister Cities, Relationship Cities, Official Guests and Delegations from around the world for Tricentennial Commemorative Week Celebration events. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

Mayor Nirenberg welcomed everyone and spoke of the History of the City of San Antonio.

He noted that in May 1718, the Mission San Antonio de Valero and the Presidio San Antonio de Bejar were established. He mentioned that upon the arrival of Canary Island Families in 1731, a municipality was formed named, "Villa de San Fernando de Bejar," which would later become what was today called San Antonio. He stated that many of the dignitaries and delegates here today represent the city's past and present which was why today was being called, "Founders Day." He added that he was honored that all of the guests had accepted the city's invitation to attend Commemorative Week during the Tricentennial Year.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve a Resolution proclaiming May1-6, 2018 the City of San Antonio, Texas Tricentennial Commemorative Week. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff. Judge Wolff introduced the Duke and Duchess of Bejar, the Most Excellent Pedro de Alcantara Roca de Togores and the Most Excellent Marta Roca de Togores. The Duke and Duchess thanked the City Council for the recognition and stated that they were pleased to be a part of the Tricentennial Celebration. Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Wolff presented the Duke and Duchess with an Honorary Alcalde Certificate and gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Perry spoke of Mexico's important role in San Antonio History and introduced Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendivil, Consul General of Mexico. Ambassador Mendivil read a letter from the President of Mexico, Enrique Pena Nieto, offering best wishes to San Antonio on their Tricentennial Celebration. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Perry presented Ambassador Mendivil with a gift for President Nieto.

Shahrzad Dowlatshahi, Chief Diplomacy & Protocol Officer for the City of San Antonio, introduced Tim Quigley, Chairman of Sister Cities International. Mr. Quigley highlighted the work of Sister Cities International and noted that they were hosting their Spring Leadership Conference in San Antonio this week. He recognized their National Leadership Team that was in attendance and thanked Mayor Nirenberg for serving as the Chair-Elect of Sister Cities International. Mayor Nirenberg presented a gift to Mr. Quigley from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of the Sister City Relationship with Guadalajara that was established in 1974 and introduced Mayor Enrique Ibarra of Guadalajara, Mexico. Mayor Ibarra stated that it was an honor to be here celebrating San Antonio's Tricentennial. Mayor

Nirenberg and Councilmember Gonzales exchanged gifts with Mayor Ibarra.

Councilmember Saldaña introduced Claudio Ruz, Director of Diplomacy and Protocol for Mexico City and noted that San Antonio has had a permanent presence in Mexico City since 1985 through Casa San Antonio. Mr. Ruz congratulated the City of San Antonio on their Tricentennial and stated that the Mexican Government was gifting the City of San Antonio with a sculpture by Jorge Marin named "Alas de Mexico." Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Saldaña presented a gift to Mr. Ruz from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Sandoval welcomed representatives from San Antonio's Sister City Gwangju, Korea noting that the Sister City Relationship was established in 1981. Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Yoon Jang-Hyun, Mayor of Gwangju. Mayor Jang-Hyun recognized the City of San Antonio for their great work on the Tricentennial and highlighted the peaceful and well-managed Riverwalk. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Sandoval presented an Honorary Alcalde Certificate and gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Viagran stated that the Sister City Relationship with the City of Kumamoto, Japan was established in 1988 and that there had been many successful exchanges over the past 30 years. Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Kazufumi Ohnishi, Mayor of Kumamoto. Mayor Ohnishi congratulated San Antonio on their Tricentennial and stated that he looked forward to further developing ties between the two cities. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Viagran presented an Honorary Alcalde Certificate and gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Courage stated that San Antonio and Wuxi, China had become Sister Cities in 2012 and highlighted Wuxi's strong focus on textiles, manufacturing, and technology. Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Xia Liu, Vice Mayor of Wuxi. Vice Mayor Liu congratulated San Antonio on its Tricentennial and spoke of the profound exchanges that had occurred among the two cities. She gifted the City of San Antonio with a pair of clay figurines and a piece of Chinese Calligraphy to symbolize their congratulations. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Courage presented a gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that a Sister City Relationship had been formed with Windhoek, Namibia in 2016 and that Windhoek was most known for its tourism, transportation, communication, agriculture, finance, and business services. Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of Windhoek. Mayor Kazapua expressed his appreciation for the hospitality accorded to their delegation since they arrived. He congratulated the City of San Antonio on their milestone achievement and added that they were honored to be present. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Brockhouse presented an Honorary Alcalde Certificate and gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Pelaez welcomed representatives from the City of Darmstadt, Germany, noting that it was the most recent Sister City Relationship established in October, 2017. He noted that Darmstadt was considered Europe's Silicon Valley and was currently on the waiting list for World Heritage Status for its famous Artists' Colony. Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Rafael Reiber, Mayor of Darmstadt. Mayor Reiber stated that they were honored to be part of San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration and noted the accomplishments of the two cities thus far. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Pelaez presented an Honorary Alcalde Certificate and gift from the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Treviño read a letter from Ron Huldai, Mayor of San Antonio's Friendship City of Tel-Aviv, Israel. The letter extended their warmest congratulations on San Antonio's Tricentennial and spoke to their commitment to Innovation while acknowledging and preserving rich history and long-lasting tradition.

Ms. Dowlatshahi introduced Peter Chen, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston. Mr. Chen read a letter from Chen Chu, Mayor of Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The letter congratulated San Antonio on their Tricentennial. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Treviño presented a gift to Mr. Chen for Mayor Chu.

Councilmember Shaw recognized David Garcia Lira, Director of International Affairs for the State of Zacatecas. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Shaw presented a gift from the City of San Antonio for Alejandro Tello, Governor of Zacatecas.

Councilmember Shaw introduced Rolando Garcia, Director of International Affairs for Chihuahua. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Shaw presented a gift for Maria Eugenia Campos, Mayor of Chihuahua.

Councilmember Treviño introduced Lourdes Garrido, Deputy Mayor and Director of Culture, and Diego Roper, City Councilman and Archivist, for the City of Moguer, Spain. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Treviño presented a gift from the City of San Antonio.

Ms. Dowlatshahi recognized additional guests that were present: Julio Fiol, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Chile, Washington D.C.; Ambassador Reyna Torres, Consul General of Mexico in San Antonio; Alexis Andres, Consul General of France in Houston; and Adrian Farrell, Consul General of Ireland in Austin. She asked any other members of the Consular Court to please stand and be recognized.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked everyone for joining in the ceremonial beginning to Founders Day and welcomed everyone to San Antonio.

RECESSED

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 10:45 am and announced that the Executive Session would be held at 2:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the Executive Session at 2:00 pm for discussion on the following:

- 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).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 4:43 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 4:43 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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