

**TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, & UTILITIES COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016  
11:00 AM  
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Ray Lopez, Chair, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Peter Zanoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; Doug Melnick, <i>Chief Sustainability Officer</i> ; Troy Elliott, <i>Director of Finance</i> ; Vincent Nathan, <i>Interim Director of Metro Health</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Direct of TCI</i> ; Stacy Geiger, <i>Special Projects Manager</i> ; Tony Felts, <i>Senior Planner</i> ; T.J. Mayes, <i>District 8</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10</i> ; Michelle Gonzalez, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Raiford Smith, <i>CPS Energy</i> ; John Leal, <i>CPS Energy</i> ; Jonathan Tijerina, <i>CPS Energy</i> ; Rudy Garza, <i>CPS Energy</i> ; Marc Friberg, <i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i> ; Mark Hamilton, <i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i> ; Rebecca Reeves, <i>San Antonio River Authority</i> ; Therese Kenner, <i>San Antonio River Authority</i> ; Ken Diehl, <i>SAWS</i> ; Martin Miller, <i>SAWS</i> ; Baltazar Serna, <i>Serna &amp; Serna</i> ; Erick Piper, <i>Allied</i>

**Item 1. Approval of the Minutes for the December 2, 2015 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes for the December 2, 2015 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Item 2. Briefing by CPS Energy to provide an update on the Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan (STEP) Program**

Councilmember Krier entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Ben Gorzell provided an overview of the CPS Energy Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan (STEP) Program. He stated that the STEP Program was designed to encourage energy conservation with a goal of saving 771 megawatts (MW) of electricity between 2009 and 2020 at an estimated cost of \$849 million over this period of time. He reported that the average residential customer paid \$3.57 per month toward the Program and that an annual independent verification takes place in order to validate Program Results and Costs. He mentioned that City Staff prepared an Annual Report for Mayor and City Council detailing Fuel Adjustment and Cost Schedules.

Mr. Raiford Smith reported that nearly 41 MW of energy had been saved to date and explained that STEP Expenses were reimbursed through Fuel Adjustment Fees. He stated that regular quarterly reports were provided to City Staff with Final Reports issued after Annual Third Party Verification of energy savings. He highlighted the STEP Portfolio of Programs to include:

Demand Response	
Solar Rebates	Weatherization
Commercial Rebates	Residential Rebates

Mr. Smith detailed the impact of the STEP Portfolio Programs and noted that Demand Response had experienced the highest level of impact with Weatherization most prominent within the City Limits and Solar Rebates most prominent outside the City. He highlighted the need for greater distribution of the Program in order to achieve equal funding and efficiency throughout all City Districts. He reported that new billing options would be considered for customers such as Pre-Pay and discussed barriers to Solar Energy Adoption.

Councilmember Gonzales highlighted the high rate of Weatherization in City Council District 5 and asked for information regarding barriers to Solar Adoption. Mr. Smith replied that financial burden, roof ownership, and roof orientation were primary barriers to Solar Energy Adoption. He reported that the new Solar Host and Roofless Solar Programs had achieved success in Weatherization Areas of the City. He detailed future consolidated programs that would allow for greater adoption throughout the entire City.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked about the financial status of the program. Mr. Smith reported that the Program is on track for a cost effective delivery and noted that new offers were underway to further increase the cost effectiveness of the Program. Councilmember Nirenberg asked for detail regarding Step Two of the Program. Mr. Smith stated that the Vetting Process for Step Two would begin in early 2017 or 2018. He mentioned that key stakeholders would be engaged in the process.

Councilmember Krier asked for information regarding Solar Program Costs. Mr. Smith reported that increasing adoption and demand rates would lower costs of Solar Energy. He noted that the Program would need to increase diversity in order to facilitate greater adoption.

No action was required for Item 2.

**Item 3. Briefing and Possible Action on a Request from District 8 Councilman Ron Nirenberg to consider a Prohibition on Coal-Tar Based Sealants**

Mr. Doug Melnick stated that the issue was first initiated in 2014 by the Citizen’s Environmental Advisory Committee followed by Councilmember Nirenberg’s Council Consideration Request. He reported that Coal-Tar Based Sealants were used to seal and enhance the longevity of parking lots and driveways and that Coal-Tar contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH), a carcinogen that can run off into Storm Water Systems over time. He detailed future engagement strategies which would engage industry and community leaders and mentioned that findings and recommendations would be presented to the Committee in June 2016.

Councilmember Nirenberg highlighted the need for public engagement and outreach.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for detail regarding the current usage and practices of Coal-Tar Sealants. Mr. Peter Zanoni reported that the City of San Antonio no longer utilized Coal-Tar Sealants in its operations. Mr. Reinhardt provided examples of alternative pavement practices utilized by businesses.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of noncompliance and enforcement. Mr. Melnick reported that testing and analysis would take place and noncompliant parties would be given a certain amount of time to address issues. Mr. Reinhardt noted that enforcement was addressed in Chapter 34 of the City Code.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to begin a Communication Engagement Strategy among stakeholders to ascertain if a policy prohibiting Coal Tar Sealants is suitable for San Antonio. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Alexander J. Pytel,*  
*Office of the City Clerk*

  
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*Ray Lopez, Chairman*