

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



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

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**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Videoconference**

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. 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

1. The Invocation was delivered by Father Steven Gamez of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, guest of Councilmember Rocha Garcia, District 4.
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 August 19 and August 26, 2020.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2020 and August 26, 2020. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Items 12, 13, and 16 were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Councilmember Pelaez highlighted Item 15 and thanked Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager and Jeff Coyle, Director of Government and Public Affairs for their efforts regarding the approval of the City's State Legislative Program for the 87th State Legislative Session. He noted that Ms. Villagomez and Mr. Coyle met with stakeholders at the San Antonio Police Officers Association (SAPOA) Union and had a healthy discussion regarding the Legislative Agenda. Councilmember Pelaez added that they had a good-faith conversation about going forward and setting an understanding that items regarding police reform do not preempt anyone from coming to the table and negotiating.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted Item 11 and thanked Sydney Knowles for volunteering to serve on the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees. She also thanked Rena Estala and Michael Valdez for volunteering to serve on the San Antonio Youth Commission. She noted that Rena was a student at the Young Women's Leadership Academy and a member of the Students Demand Action in the Mental Health Awareness Club. She added that Michael was a student at Edgewood Fine Arts Academy and a member of the National Junior Honor Society Student Council. Councilmember Cabello Havrda thanked them for being motivated and engaged in shaping the future of San Antonio. She noted that Ms. Knowles would be a force for diversity and inclusion, cultural competence and innovation and would benefit the Mission of the Library Board of Trustees.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan highlighted Item 4 regarding plumbing services for the repair of sewer lines at the Ella Austin Community Center. She highlighted Item 8 regarding a construction contract for \$2.5 million for the Martin Luther King Park Project. She noted that this was a 2017 Bond funded project and urged the public to visit the park and enjoy the natural water from the springs at the park.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked City Staff for working on the Legislative Agenda and recognized the groundbreaking work of aligning City and County Agendas. He noted that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee now had co-chairs of San Antonio and Bexar County leaders for the first time. He stated that the City had supported Medicaid expansion for the first time which was critically important during the public health crisis. Mayor Nirenberg expressed the importance of the City and County working together to ensure our voices were heard.

Councilmember Sandoval 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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**2020-11-12-0821**

4. Ordinance ratifying the purchase of emergency plumbing services from Augerman, Inc., dba AAA AUGER Plumbing Services, for the repair of a sewer line at the Ella Austin Community Center for the Department of Human Services for \$58,200.00. Funding is available from the Deferred Maintenance Program. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2020-11-12-0822**

5. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$707,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2021

Adopted Budget: (A) Doggett Freightliner of South Texas and Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., for replacement parts for brush hauling and garbage collection trucks and equipment; (B) Southland Printing Company, Inc., for parking spitter tickets for the Aviation Department; and (C) Structural and Steel Products, Inc., for flex beams and guard posts. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2020-11-12-0823**

6. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Jamail & Smith Construction, LP in an amount not to exceed \$198,275.00 for ceiling and wall repairs in relation to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Interior Water Damage project, a Hotel Occupancy Tax Improvement & Contingency funded project; and, approving the appropriation and amending of the FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget in the amount of \$198,275.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Improvement & Contingency Fund for the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Interior Water Damage project. Funds for this contract are insurance reimbursements from FM Global Insurance Company for interior water damage repairs and concession costs from the 2018 water damage claim in the Hotel Occupancy Tax Improvement & Contingency Fund. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2020-11-12-0824**

7. Ordinance awarding a task order contract to San Antonio Concepts Construction, LLC for the 2017 Bond Program Pedestrian Mobility & Streets Projects (Package 8) in the amount not to exceed \$3,308,858.00, of which \$98,975.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to its existing infrastructure related to the construction of sidewalks and other required work for the completion of pedestrian mobility and street projects located citywide. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2020-11-12-0825**

8. Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Garren Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,508,410.00 for the Martin Luther King Park project, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 2. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and the 2015 Parks Development and Expansion Venue Fund and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
9. Approving the following two items related to the City Council Chamber Dais Improvements project, a Public Education Government funded project: [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2020-11-12-0826**

- 9A. Ordinance approving an amendment increasing the contract capacity of the Job Order Contract with Con-Cor, Inc. in the amount of \$500,000.00 for construction, renovation, rehabilitation, and maintenance projects in city facilities located citywide.

**2020-11-12-0827**

- 9B. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Con-Cor, Inc. in an amount of \$284,992.75 for the City Council Chamber Dais Improvements project, a Public Education Government funded project; and approving the appropriation and amending of the FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program budget in the total amount of \$338,992.75 for project contingency and associated costs from the Public Education Government Fund for the City Council Chamber Dais Improvements project.

**2020-11-12-0828**

10. Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 1,603.19 acre tract of land known as the Brown Ranch in Kendall County from SST Brown Family Partnership, Ltd., at a cost of \$5,141,740.57, to be funded from the Edwards Aquifer Land Acquisition - 2015 Venue Projects Fund included in the FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]
11. Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms to expire May 31, 2021 or for the terms shown below. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]
- A) Appointing Sydney Knowles (District 6) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees.
  - B) Appointing Rena Estala (District 6) and Michael Valdez (District 6) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.

**2020-11-12-0830**

14. Ordinance approving a financing by the New Hope Cultural Education Finance Corporation to finance certain senior living facilities located within the City of San Antonio, Texas for Morningside Ministries for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

**2020-11-12-0831**

15. Ordinance approving the City's State Legislative Program for the 87th State Legislative Session. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

At this time, City Council recessed and convened as the Board of Directors of the City of San Antonio, Texas Empowerment Zone Development Corporation for Drury Southwest Hotel Project to consider the following item:

**EZDC2020-11-12-0001R**

17. Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Indenture of Trust between the Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, which authorized the issuance of the outstanding City of San Antonio, Texas Empowerment Zone Development Corporation Contract Revenue Empowerment Zone Refunding Bonds (Drury Southwest Hotel Project), Series 2013A and Series 2013B, primarily for the purpose of modifying the interest rate formula related to such bonds [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

The Board of Directors of the City of San Antonio, Texas Empowerment Zone Development Corporation for Drury Southwest Hotel Project adjourned, and the City Council reconvened to consider the remainder of the agenda.

## **CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**

### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 12.

#### **2020-11-12-0829**

12. Ordinance approving funding for SAWS impact fee waivers for a five-year period from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2025. There is no impact to the General Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

Veronica Garcia, Assistant Director of Center City Development and Operations (CCDO), provided a brief presentation of Five-Year Funding Commitment for SAWS Impact Fee Waivers. She noted that the fee waivers were from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) budget but since SAWS was owned by the City, City Council authorization was required. She added that the SAWS Fee Waiver Guidelines were adopted in 2010 and were primarily administered through Inner City Reinvestment/Infill Policy (ICRIP). Ms. Garcia stated that on May 29, 2014, City Council authorized funding for SAWS Impact Fee Waivers through FY 2020. She added that on December 13, 2018, City Council replaced ICRIP with the City of San Antonio Fee Waiver Program as the primary mechanism for awarding SAWS Impact Fee Waivers.

Ms. Garcia noted that fee waivers supported a variety of projects which were within the City limits and met the criteria such as affordable housing projects, small businesses, historic rehabilitation projects, and targeted industry development projects. She added that once eligibility was established fee waivers were approved on a first-come first-served basis.

Ms. Garcia stated that the fee waivers were currently \$3 million per year and each category had funds available to support these types of projects. She noted that CCDO staff administered the Fee Waiver Program as a whole but received support from Economic Development and Neighborhood Housing Services Department (NHSD) Staff. She added that the \$3 million per year commitment for the next five years from FY 2021-FY 2025 was \$15 million and paid through the SAWS Annual Budget. She stated that the five-year commitment was approved by the SAWS Board of Trustees on November 3, 2020 with FY 2021 funding effective on January 1, 2021.

Councilmember Gonzales questioned how the fee waivers were used in the past and suggested that the City have a more targeted effort especially regarding rehabilitation of homes and affordable housing. Ms. Garcia reported that the Item before City Council was to approve the funding for the program. She added that they were not making changes towards the policy or the way fee waivers were awarded. Ms. Garcia noted that CCDO was working with NHSD which was undergoing the Housing Implementation Plan and that the Planning and Land Development Committee received an update recently. She added that stakeholder and community feedback would be taken into consideration and new policies and programs may be developed and considered for utilization of City fee waivers. Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager reported that funds were awarded for affordable housing projects since City Council

adopted the new program guidelines. She noted that the SAWS and City fee waivers had assisted with the creation of over 2,100 housing units and of those, 75% would be affordable to households below 30% up to 80%. Ms. Houston added that of the 2,100 new housing units created, over half were for families below 60% AMI. Ms. Houston stated that the program also assisted 22 small businesses with the City and SAWS fee waivers and were able to assist three targeted industry projects. Ms. Houston noted that almost every Council District had received some level of funding.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if SAWS was providing the City 4.2% of their budget or 2.4%. City Manager Walsh reported that of the SAWS revenue; the City received 4% of SAWS gross revenue. He added that SAWS had been paying 2.7% that had not changed since the creation of SAWS until a year and a half ago, where it changed to 4%. City Manager Walsh reported that the Ordinance creating SAWS permitted the rate to go up to 5% of gross revenue. Councilmember Gonzales requested a more targeted approach instead of on a first-come first-serve basis. Councilmember Gonzales suggested a need-based or project-based approach instead.

Councilmember Perry asked how much was spent was over the last five years and if all the funds were expended. Verónica Soto, Director, NHSD, reported that NHSD received \$3 million per year with the ability to carry over a maximum of \$5 million each year. Ms. Soto noted that if a developer did not use their waiver in the year awarded, and depending on the timeline for development projects, they could utilize the waiver for up to 18 months and would be required to pay a renewal fee for the waiver. She added \$5 million could be rolled over each year, but \$3 million was awarded on an annual basis to development projects.

Councilmember Perry asked of the \$15 million awarded over five years; what was the average impact to homeowners or businesses. City Manager Walsh reported that the money was from the SAWS budget and that he would ask SAWS to calculate the percentage of the average bill and report back to City Council.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the \$15 million from SAWS for fee waivers was sourced from SAWS Impact Fees. Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the \$15 million was a credit that SAWS built into their Budget based on an assumption that they were not going to collect \$3 million in impact fees, and which meant that their general fund operating Budget would cover the difference. Mr. Gorzell added that it was a waiver of an existing impact fee.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if there were any carryover funds available from the previous year. Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager, reported that \$3 million was committed and allocated in FY 2020 and would be rolled over in FY 2021. Ms. Houston added that additional funds would not be awarded until January 1, 2021.

Councilmember Sandoval asked what first-come, first-served meant because potentially if someone requested the fee waiver first but did not use it and carried it over to the next year, they did not actually use the fee waiver first. Ms. Houston reported that once financing was approved for a project, the City authorized the waiver. She noted that multifamily projects could typically take anywhere from 18 to 24 months to construct and there could be rain days or COVID-related delays, so fee waivers might not be utilized until halfway or three quarters of the way through the project; thus, the need to carry over the fee waivers. Ms. Houston reported that typically, single-family affordable housing projects utilized fee waivers within three months.

Councilmember Courage noted that in light of the discussion, he suggested a 60 to 90-day delay of any awards until after City Council received a final recommendation on any new process that might change fee waivers. City Manager Walsh reported that the Housing Strategic Plan was being updated and that affordable housing continued to be the focus and the Economic Development Incentive Ordinance was kicking off the approval of the SAWS Fee Waiver budget and needed to be approved today. He recommended approval of the SAWS Fee Waivers and would provide an update next week.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Item 12. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 13.

**2020-11-12-0050R**

13. Resolution in the spirit of equal justice for all honoring the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

Chelsea Mikulencak, Assistant City Attorney, presented the Council Consideration Request (CCR) submitted by Councilmember Viagran for the consideration of a Resolution to honor the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) on October 28, 2020. She stated that the CCR was presented to the Governance Council Committee on November 4, 2020 where it was recommended to be brought forth to the City Council for consideration today, November 12, 2020.

Ms. Mikulencak presented an overview of RBG's honorable legacy and benchmark career highlights. She noted that RBG earned a Bachelor's Degree at Cornell University, spent her first year of law school at Harvard as one of the few women in her class, and earned her law degree from Columbia Law School, and graduated joint first in her class. She reported that RBG served as General Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) during the 1970s, served 13 years at the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, and served 27 years as an Associate Justice with the Supreme Court of the United States, the highest court in the land, until the day she passed away on September 18, 2020. Ms. Mikulencak reported that RBG spent much of her legal career as an advocate for gender equality, having argued and assisted with over 300 gender discrimination cases, six of which were landmark cases argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Mikulencak stated that during her 27 years of service on the U.S. Supreme Court, RBG authored and joined in multiple hundreds of opinions, majorities, concurrences, and dissents; and in very recent history, RBG joined the majority in *Obergefell v Hodges* in 2015 that permitted same sex marriages across the country. She noted that RBG was famous in pop culture for her famous collar collection that she was known to wear to Court when she delivered a dissenting opinion.

Ms. Mikulencak reported that RBG was a great champion for women and the work of women and stated that consistent with the life and legacy of RBG, the City was also a great champion for women's rights. She reported that the City recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the women's suffrage movement and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which gave women the right to vote in the United States through a weeklong series of events and community initiatives. She highlighted the City's Women's

Leadership Mentoring Program which was founded by former City Manager Sheryl Sculley and noted that she was a graduate of the program, and that Councilmember Viagran served as a keynote speaker at the inaugural conference held in 2019. She added that the City observed Women's History Month every March, as designated by the U.S. Congress. She noted that the City sponsored an annual Girls Empowerment Summit which had to be canceled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She highlighted the fact that there was a majority female City Council. She recommended that City Council approve the passage of the Resolution and quoted RBG when asked when she thought there would be enough women serving on the nine seats of the United States Supreme Court and RBG replied, "When there are nine."

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Mara Posada, Director of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood South Texas, stated that she spoke on behalf of the Planned Parenthood South Texas staff, volunteers, and their 17,000 patients in San Antonio in favor of today's Resolution in honor of RBG. She stated that RBG was a remarkable, relentless trailblazer that stood for gender equality, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ freedom, and healthcare for all, and inspired millions of girls and women to fight through sexism and discrimination to make America a better place to work, live and love.

Jack M. Finger stated that RBG was pro-abortion and pro-homosexual which he did not agree with.

Councilmember Viagran mentioned that November 15, 2020 marked the two-year anniversary of the City's adoption of a Resolution in support of women's safety, health, representation, and economic opportunity in the City of San Antonio. She read a portion of the Resolution proposed today which stated that RBG was a champion for gender equality, women's health, voting rights, immigration rights, social justice, and LGBTQ+ rights during her 27-year tenure on the United States Supreme Court, and that the Nation and the City of San Antonio were forever indebted to the work and legacy of RBG.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that it was an honor to serve with six female Councilmembers on the City Council and she looked forward to the day when there would be 11 women serving on the City Council. She recalled how her father empowered her to open a bank account as a young girl and thanked her mentor, Choco Meza, for teaching her so much about the struggles of Latina women.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that as a woman attorney, she owed RBG a debt a gratitude for paving the way that inspired her to lead with a respect for process, the rule of law, and to do so with compassion. She honored the many women in her life and recognized her female council colleagues.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that RBG was a giant lion of a brilliant mind and advocate and described her as the architect of the legal strategy to eradicate gender discrimination of all forms in the United States. He added that RBG should be hailed as a hero for all human beings in a world that required courage to stand up to institutional discrimination.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that RBG became a national and international icon for gender equality and civil rights which set an example of unity and civility.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he hoped his female council colleagues and his female Council District team members knew how much he valued them and dedicated his remarks to them. He stated



that he would take this moment as an opportunity to insist on moving forward to shut down narratives that devalued women based on their gender and to remove gender-based barriers.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan stated that she stood in honor of her grandmothers and the strength of knowing that her skin color and that her gender kept her going forward along with the dignity, pride, education, and loyalty that she had to the Country, the City, and to the City Council. She honored her 70- year old mother for her legacy of stories of strength handed down to future generations. She honored female family members and staff. She stated that the City of San Antonio would give a voice, strength, and encouragement needed for young women to be all they were meant to be.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that it was one of the greatest honors of her life to serve on a first elected majority female City Council and reminded her colleagues of their duty and responsibility to empower girls. She recognized Deputy City Manager Maria Villagómez and female City Council staff members, Chiefs of Staff, and Council District 4 staff for their dedication and stated that she would continue to fight for them in support of women's rights.

Councilmember Courage recognized RBG for her trailblazing role and legacy and the manner in which she represented the potential of all women. He thanked the women staff on his team and all the women who aspire as RBG did.

Councilmember Perry noted that he was a conservative on the City Council and stated that RBG and the late Justice Antonin Scalia were at the opposite ends of the political spectrum and were always able to work together respectfully. He recognized current female Associate Supreme Court Justices Sotomayor and Kagan and noted the recent appointment of Associate Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett who assumed office in October 2020 and wished her the best of luck. He stated he looked forward to working with City Council for the betterment of our nation.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he was honored to serve as one of the minority men on a historic City Council that was very forward-looking. He stated that RBG was a titan of the legal profession that made a trailblazing career from uplifting the most marginalized members of society to ensure they received fair treatment in the justice system. He added that the City had benefitted disproportionately by RBG's service due to its historic make up of so many marginalized people and its historic civil rights foundation. He noted that the City had one of the best municipal law offices in the country which was staffed with incredibly talented female lawyers that chose to work for the City of San Antonio. He recognized the City's female executive leadership staff that were quickly rising in the ranks of municipal leaders across the City and the country. He recognized Erika Prosper, First Lady of San Antonio, and thanked her for her strength and guidance. He stated that he and the First Lady were raising their son, Jonah, to do his part in honoring women and stated that he was proud to be a San Antonian.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 13. Councilmember Rocha Garcia 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

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 16.

**2020-11-12-0832**

16. Ordinance approving an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the delivery of professional services related to the Project YES online intervention for depression and anxiety in adolescents for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District in an amount up to \$260,000.00 and a term ending September 30, 2021. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager; Sandra Guerra, MD, MPH, Interim Deputy Public Health Director, Health]

Dr. Junda Woo, Medical Director, Metro Health Department, provided a brief presentation on an agreement with UT Teen Health for Project Youth Empowerment and Support (YES). Dr. Woo stated that one of Metro Health's strategic priority focus areas was prevention of depression and anxiety in adolescents. She noted that there were not enough mental health providers, particularly for adolescents with low income or no health insurance. She added that Project YES was an evidenced-based, single-session online intervention for depression and anxiety in adolescents shown to decrease depression symptoms by half at nine months. Dr. Woo described the three steps to Project YES as Project Personality, Project C.A.R.E, and the A.B.C. Project.

Dr. Woo noted that Metro Health was seeking to enter into an agreement with UT Health San Antonio's UT Teen Health Program for the adaptation, implementation, and evaluation of Project YES. She added that the Adaptation component created a Spanish-language version and recorded Black and Indigenous teen voices to include in the English version by December 2020. She noted that the Implementation component would garner support of at least 10 community youth serving organizations to integrate the Project YES program into their programming by February 2021. She added that the Evaluation component through surveys and focus groups, UT Teen Health would formulate and execute an evaluation plan for the impact of Project YES in San Antonio.

Dr. Woo described the fiscal impact noted that Staff recommended funding of \$260,000. She indicated that the term would commence upon execution and end on September 30, 2021. She added that the funding for this agreement was allocated in the fiscal year 2021 General Fund Budget.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed her excitement and support for this program and noted that it was a great way to intervene. She asked how Metro Health targeted teens. Dr. Woo reported that their efforts would be upstream, and the goal was prevention.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the women leaders of the Metro Health Department and the Mental Health Division that was comprised entirely of women. He thanked the Mental Health Unit and recognized Dr. Bridger and Dr. Woo for their leadership.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if there was an APP available for teens to participate in the program. Dr. Woo reported that recruitment was conducted through APPS and was entirely web-based. She added that individuals could also use the phone without needing to download an APP and that the program was on Instagram.

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

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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### 18. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh reported that the Government and Public Affairs Department and the Metro Health Department had collaborated with local consultants to create and launch a COVID-19 prevention campaign entitled, "What Will It Take?" He added that the campaign message asked the public what would it take to return to a sense of normalcy and it reinforced the simple behaviors required to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as wearing a mask, washing hands frequently, and maintaining physical distance. City Manager Walsh presented three sample campaign videos. He recognized the staff and the creative forces behind the campaign that included six performers and two translators.

City Manager Walsh reported on the lighting of the Riverwalk for the winter holiday and stated that the lighting would be completed in phases and would begin earlier than usual so as to be another bright spot for the City and to urge visitors to enjoy the lights safely.

City Manager Walsh reported that it was Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week. He stated that the City collaborated with the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless and other community partners for a full week of activities which were posted on the City's website.

City Manager Walsh recognized all City employees that were military Veterans in recognition of Veteran's Day and noted that over 2,000 City employees had either served in the military or were currently serving in the military, or were the spouse of someone that was serving. He recognized the sacrifices made by those who answered the call of duty and presented a video in appreciation to all who have served in the community.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked all City employees and Councilmembers that had served in the military. He stated that the video campaign was remarkable and there could not be a more important topic.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan thanked the performers in the video for sharing their creativity and vision to make sure the community was safe.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted how important it was that such talented influencers were actively participating in the campaign. She noted that the diverse messaging resonated with the Hispanic community. She requested additional marketing information.

Councilmember Pelaez noted that if renowned performer Shelly Lares was promoting wearing a mask in the video campaign, then it was a huge win for the community.

Shelly Lares stated that it was a privilege to do something for the City and that she represented the Westside of San Antonio. She added that she believed it was important for people to follow simple COVID-19 guidelines and noted that she had declined worldwide invitations to perform during the Pandemic. She thanked her fans and the opportunity to use a platform that grabbed the attention of Tejano fans through the music, the beat, and the important message.

San Antonio Poet Laureate Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson stated that she was honored to be among the musicians and artists chosen for the “What Will It Take” campaign. She added that the campaign had a very direct and reflective message – that the matter of public safety was literally within all hands.

Councilmember Perry noted that there was not a Veteran’s Day Parade this year due to COVID-19 and he thanked City Manager Walsh for preparing the video message that recognized Veterans in San Antonio. He gave special thanks to over 250,000 Veterans that lived in the City and to the 80,000 members of active duty military personnel stationed in the City.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked Veterans for their service and stated that the campaign videos reinvigorated the public to continue to wear masks. She asked if feedback would be monitored to gauge advertising effect. Laura Mayes replied that the campaign would be broadcast on radio, TV, and through an interactive digital campaign that would test which messages best resonated and campaign advertising would be adjusted as necessary.

Councilmember Sandoval noted that the campaign was a formula for success and asked of the advertising budget. She stated that she appreciated the timing as many college students needed to be tested for the virus before returning home for the holidays. She requested a review of advertising strategies and reiterated the importance of Spanish translation for the Spanish speaking audience. She recommended the potential of sharing personal COVID-19 cases to capture more attention. Ms. Mayes stated that she would provide the budget information and noted that the campaign would be paired with a grassroots campaign in addition to advertising in major TV and radio markets to elevate the message.

Councilmember Treviño thanked the artists for their hard work and thanked the Veterans of the Council District 1 team. He announced that the portable shower system had arrived and thanked HEB for donating the resources.

## **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center (STBTC) for their steadfast dedication to healing the sick, especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He read a Proclamation that announced that the STBTC was in partnership with Be The Match, a national bone marrow donor program, in observance of the National Marrow Awareness Month for November 2020 to raise public awareness for over 10,000 U.S. patients that were waiting for a lifesaving bone marrow transplant. He thanked the committed donors registered on the National Marrow Registry and noted that a person was diagnosed with a blood cancer every three minutes. He noted that registration involved completing paperwork, a cheek swab, as well as a commitment to donate and a match testing took only ten minutes. He encouraged everyone between the ages of 18 and 44 to register to help the 70% of patients that needed a donor match outside of their family.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 11:35 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. Legal issues relating to COVID-19 preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney)].
- F. Legal issues related to City facilities pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:03 PM.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

**TINA J. FLORES**  
**City Clerk**