

City of San Antonio



AGENDA City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

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

PRESENT: Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry.

ABSENT: Hall and Brockhouse.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

City Clerk Vacek administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, District 5 and noted that the Statement of Elected Officer had already been administered.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Councilmember Gonzales who celebrated her birthday on June 2nd. The City Council sang Happy Birthday to Councilmember Gonzales.

Item 2 was addressed first. City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 2:

2. First public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a 150.26 acre property located at 4526 South Loop 1604, which is contiguous to the city limits of San Antonio and located within the City of San Antonio's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) in southeast Bexar County, as requested by the property owners, Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., near City Council District 3. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing. Bridgett White provided a summary presentation of the proposed annexation. Mayor Nirenberg noted that no citizens were registered to speak and declared the Public Hearing closed.

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 3:

3. First public hearing of a proposed annexation as requested by the property owner, Charles A. Timms, of 124.405 acres generally located southwest of the intersection of Somerset Road and Fischer Road, which is contiguous to the City limits of San Antonio and located within the City of San Antonio's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) in southwest Bexar County. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

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1. Briefing on legislation filed and passed in the 86th Regular State Legislative Session and its impact on the City of San Antonio. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

City Manager Erik Walsh recognized City Staff and Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair of the IGR Committee.

Jeff Coyle provided a recap of the 86th Legislative Session noting that out of 7,541 bills filed; 1,434 passed. He reported that a total of 1,600 bills were tracked by the City of San Antonio (COSA) and stressed that the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills was June 16, 2019.

Mr. Coyle outlined Priorities, COSA Initiatives, Endorsements, Protection of Community Interest, and Partnerships to include:

- Meaningful Property Tax Relief (HB 3 and SB 2)
- Protecting Taxpayers Investment in Public Utilities (HB 4052)
- Preserving Local Decision-Making (SB 1663, HB 1836, SB 1400, and HB 583)
- Support for Military City, USA (HB 2119, SB 422, SB 1443, HB 1326, and SB 1200)
- Keeping San Antonio Competitive (HB 4347, HB 1, and HB 3143)
- Transportation Funding for Current & Future Growth (HB 130, HB 3258, and SB 962)
- City Initiatives (HB 2584)

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Mr. Coyle and his team, the COSA delegation and Councilmember Saldaña. Mayor Nirenberg asked of the legal issues regarding the Right-of-Way. Mr. Coyle noted that the bill was being monitored by COSA and that he would have a recommendation to City Council soon. Mayor Nirenberg asked City Manager Walsh to be prepared during the budget process and make adjustments if necessary. He noted that Dr. Bridger and her team played a significant role in the formation, adoption, and implementation of Tobacco 21 in San Antonio. Mr. Coyle indicated a positive prognosis that the Tobacco 21 Bill would be signed by the Governor.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked City Staff for tracking 1,600 Bills through the Legislative Session. He spoke of SB 1152 regarding utility Right-of-Way reform, the loss of approximately \$8 million in annual revenue, and the impact on San Antonio.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if SB 1152 had been signed by the Governor. Mr. Coyle replied that the bill was on the Governor's desk. Councilmember Pelaez asked if COSA was engaged in conversations with the Governor's Office about the impact this bill will have on San Antonio. Mr. Coyle replied that a brief was submitted on behalf of the Coalition and TML regarding the constitutional issues.

Councilmember Courage asked of the Anchor Neighbors Bill on Slide 6 that did not pass noting that it allowed flexibility for local elected officials to offer targeted tax relief. Mr. Coyle stated that it had a hearing but did not move out of Committee. He stated that the basis of said bill was that if you have been in your property for a long period of time and seen values go up by a certain percentage; your taxes would be frozen. He added that it would prevent people from being taxed out of their home. Councilmember Courage asked to be briefed on the Walking Quorum Legislation.

Councilmember Saldaña requested that the Prima Fascia Bill be addressed at the next IGR Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of the assumption that property taxes or valuations would increase by 4%. Mr. Coyle replied that the Roll Back Rate applied to municipalities and the State Budget would rely on a 5.5% growth this year. Seth Rau, Director of Strategic & Leadership Partnerships for SAISD added that for this biennium; projected is 6.7% growth in FY 2020 and 4.1% in FY 2021. Councilmember Sandoval asked if the Roll Back Rate would affect the City's credit rating or ability to issue Bonds or Certificates of Obligation. City Manager Walsh stated that the Rating Agencies would be asking Texas Cities how they will manage through that and staff would discuss with the City Council during the Special Meeting on June 13, 2019.

Councilmember Viagran asked if staff had discussions with the School Districts related to HB 3. Mr. Coyle replied that they had begun discussions with the School Districts but had not determined how it would be implemented. Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone for their work and asked for a future briefing.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 3:36 pm 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).

RECONVENED

Councilmember Sandoval reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Councilmember Sandoval called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Nazarite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern with an article regarding issues with Southern Baptists and Catholics.

Liz Franklin spoke in support of the land swap regarding the Hays Street Bridge.

Fidel Belmarez spoke in opposition to the abortion and asked for assistance from the City Council to abolish the practice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

Attest:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC
City Clerk