

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



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Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

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 Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. A Briefing on the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Education Grants proposal and awards process for the 2016-2017 academic year [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Kathy Bruck, CEO, Pre-K 4 SA]

Kathy Bruck presented an overview of the Pre-K 4 SA Program noting that it was fully supported by dedicated revenues. She highlighted the Four Pillars of Pre-K 4 SA: 1) Education & Curriculum; 2) Parent Engagement; 3) Professional Development; and 4) Competitive Grants. She outlined the Grants Timeline noting that two Pre-Submittal Conferences were held in November and that proposals were due December 18, 2015. She mentioned that the contracts would be implemented for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Ms. Bruck provided an overview of the funding distribution of enrolled Four-Year-Olds in San Antonio. She reported that they would distribute a total of \$4.5 Million in funds from Pre-K 4 SA with \$3.4 Million allocated to Public/Charter Schools; \$0.6 Million to

Private/Parochial Schools; and \$0.5 Million to Childcare Centers. She stated that the goals were to identify: 1) Innovation, Creativity, Research-Based Practices; 2) Expand or enhance High Quality Pre-K Four Education in San Antonio; and 3) Target underserved four-year-olds. She noted that the projects could not supplant existing funds and should replicate Pre-K 4 SA Components. She highlighted the Program Requirements and noted that the contracts would be executed for one-year with a one-year renewal option based on performance.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the Distribution of Funds. Ms. Bruck stated that they were distributing funds based on the distribution of enrolled four-years-olds in San Antonio. Mayor Taylor asked of funding for Childcare Centers. Ms. Bruck replied that they were not allocating cash funding to Childcare Centers but would offer services and materials. Mayor Taylor stated that she had hoped that Childcare Centers would be eligible for more funding since they had a great need.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the feedback from the public schools that were partners with Pre-K 4 SA. Ms. Bruck replied that all of the feedback had been very positive and most were pursuing grant funding. Councilmember Lopez asked of the number of Charter Schools that had programs for four-year-olds. Ms. Bruck responded that there were very few due to the high costs. Councilmember Lopez thanked staff for their great work.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the cost per student in comparison to the grant program. Ms. Bruck replied that the School Districts would still receive funding from the State for the Pre-K Students that they serve and would add \$2,500 per student if funded through the grant. Councilmember Nirenberg commended the Pre-K 4 SA Teachers for their enthusiasm.

Councilmember Warrick asked if funding was based on rough proportionality throughout the Districts. Ms. Bruck stated that they were not using that as criteria and were more focused on the quality of the programs. Councilmember Warrick requested a map of the location of the programs that would be funded by the grant and spoke of the importance of Professional Development for Teachers in the School Districts.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the number of responses received. Ms. Bruck replied that the responses were due on Friday, December 18, 2015. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he looked forward to hearing about the responses.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked the Pre-K 4 SA Board Members for their service and asked of any behavioral metrics. Ms. Bruck replied that there were and that many of the School Districts had noted that the Pre-K 4 SA Students were functioning well in

Kindergarten.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for their work and presentation.

2. A Briefing by the San Antonio River Authority regarding the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project to include the project scope, status, and next steps. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Interim Director, Center City Development and Operations]

Suzanne Scott of San Antonio River Authority (SARA) provided an overview of the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project. She spoke of the significant re-definition of the project scope in Phase 1 to include relocation of the Amphitheater, coordination with the Alameda, and other stakeholders; property reductions from Travis to Commerce; proposed development of the Dollar General Property; capture of Value Engineering; and Landscape Architecture collaboration. She highlighted Grupo de Diseño Urbano, the Award Winning Landscape Architecture Firm added as a consultant. She stated that they had conducted an overview and tour October 14-16, 2015 and held their first Design Charrette October 29-30, 2015. She reported that second Design Charrette was held November 19-20, 2015 and a third and final Design Charrette would be held December 17-18, 2015. She reported that they had met with key Property Owners, Stakeholders, and Elected Officials December 3-4, 2015.

Ms. Scott stated that the refined designs for Phase 1 and 2 had received positive feedback from property owners and community stakeholders. She reported that the Design Schedule was delayed 9 months with 100% design due in November 2016. She indicated that this delay would also delay the Construction Schedule. She noted that the Project Team was working to mitigate the impact of the delay and design modification on the project budget. She stated that the goal remained to complete the segment by May 5, 2018 to celebrate the Tricentennial. She indicated that they would utilize a Construction Manager at Risk approach with SARA serving as the Construction Administrator. She provided an overview of the Construction Manager at Risk Schedule. She introduced Mr. Mario Schjetnan, the Director of Grupo de Diseño Urbano to provide a Design Update.

Mr. Mario Schjetnan was joined by Mr. Steve Tillotson of Muñoz and Company and they presented design sketches and project elements throughout various sections of the project. Ms. Scott concluded the presentation by stating that Bexar County had committed \$125 Million to the project and the City had donated property for the project. She added that they would continue to work with adjacent property owners on necessary acquisition.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation and stated that it was an exciting project.

Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone for their work and asked for examples of other projects in which the Construction Manager at Risk Construction Method had been utilized. City Manager Sculley replied that they were utilizing this method at the Consolidated Car Rental Facility (CONRAC) Project at the Airport. Councilmember Viagran asked of the \$125 Million commitment from Bexar County. Ms. Scott replied that the funds would be used for Phases 1 and 2 of the project.

Councilmember Krier stated that this was one of the most exciting proposals he had seen for the Downtown Area and would help increase property tax revenue over the next few years. He asked of the amount of water that would be needed to operate and if it was recycled. Ms. Scott replied that they had been working with SAWS on Reuse Water and that there was a tunnel under San Pedro Creek and a pump system for said water. She stated that they may need additional water and were working with SAWS to utilize water from the San Antonio River. Councilmember Krier asked of the timeline for the Weston Project. Ms. Lori Houston stated that most of the Tower should be complete by May 2018 and were coordinating with that project. Councilmember Krier spoke of the need to address the impact to Small Businesses and asked of project maintenance. Ms. Houston replied that they were working with SARA and Bexar County on an Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Creek. Councilmember Krier stressed the importance of coordination with the Federal Courthouse Project.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed his support for the project and stated that it should be a model for Reclamation Projects that could be done along the Watershed. He asked how data would be collected. Ms. Scott replied that they would perform some pre-construction monitoring and post construction water quality monitoring after the storm water features were installed.

Councilmember Treviño stated that they could learn from the Low Impact Development (LID) Features that would be utilized and noted the important investment on the design professionals.

Mayor Taylor stated that she looked forward to progress on the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:50 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- B. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- D. Discuss legal issues relating to SB273 and HB910 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She addressed Citizens to be Heard.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Jill Thrift addressed the City Council in opposition to the UDC Amendment regarding the proposed definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers. She expressed concern with the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Mark Perez addressed the City Council and expressed public safety concerns due to businesses operating without the proper permits. He also expressed concern with various City Staff that had not responded to his requests.

Norma Reyna expressed concern with the improper zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. She asked the City Council to vote no to the UDC Amendment related to the definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Mike Knuffke spoke in opposition to the UDC Amendment related to the proposed

definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers. He expressed concern with various staff of the Development Services Department.

Danny Petri expressed concern that the voice of the citizens of Dreamhill Estates had not been heard and spoke in opposition to the proposed definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Patrick Von Dohlen expressed concern with the improper zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and the Director of the Development Services Department. He spoke in opposition to the proposed UDC Amendment related to the definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Gerald Ripley spoke of the six functions of Government that include: 1) Serve; 2) Set Policy; 3) Protect Citizens; 4) Give Oversight; 5) Ensure Transparency; and 6) Give Account.

Sylvia Villarreal expressed concern with the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and with the UDC Amendment related to the proposed definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Betty Eckert expressed concern with Planned Parenthood Facilities and the abortions they perform. She spoke in opposition to the UDC Amendment related to the proposed definition for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez referenced Jeremiah Chapter 10 in The Bible and expressed concern with Christmas Trees.

Will McLeod expressed concern that citizens could not watch City Council Meetings without the required converter from Time Warner Cable. He requested that the 3-1-1 Office be staffed 24 hours per day 7 days per week.

Rhett Smith spoke of the First Amendment and the American Revolution and noted that he was supportive of San Antonio being a Sanctuary City.

Henry Rodriguez expressed concern that there were too many Police Officers at Sanchez Icehouse #2 and that they were deterring customers.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony to include various newspaper articles regarding the following topics: Vista Ridge, School Shootings, Toyota Visitors, Obamacare, and Electronic Cigarettes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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