

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, April 1, 2021

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 Sister Odilia Korenek, guest of Councilmember Viagran, Council District 3.
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 January 20, 2021, January 21, 2021, and February 3, 2021

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2021, January 21, 2021, and February 3, 2021. 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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Nirenberg announced that Items 16, 18, 27, Z-1, Z-2, P-1, Z-3, and P-2 were pulled for Individual Consideration.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Viagran stated that the annual Viva Poesia was being hosted on Saturday, April 3, 2021. She added that April was National Poetry Month and the theme for 2021 was “Palabra, Musica y Cultura” (Word, Music and Culture). She noted that the event would host some of San Antonio’s best spoken-word artists including the current Poet Laureate, Andrea Vocab Sanderson. She invited all to attend the event.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that Palo Alto College had kicked off its Educate South Initiative. She noted that the Southwest General Hospital was now known as the Texas Vista Medical Center. She added that the Medical Center was under the new leadership of CEO John Turton who would concentrate on the delivery of health equity. She highlighted the Healthy Horizons Program which reinforced Texas Vista’s commitment to promote health equity and closed the gap in health disparities on the Southside.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted the health issues that were prevalent on the Southside to include diabetes, blood pressure, cardiovascular issues, and food insecurities that caused determinants to health care. She added that the Healthy Horizons Initiative brought together community partners such as school districts, the Food Bank, and other medical organizations in the delivery of health services.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Steward Health System for their decision to invest in the community. She added that Steward Health Systems was the largest private physician owned and managed healthcare network that included over 5,000 physicians across 800 communities and provided healthcare to 12 million patients.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia introduced Dr. Sanjay Shetty, President, Steward North America. Dr. Shetty thanked the Dias for recognizing the momentous event for Texas Vista Medical Center. He noted Steward’s commitment to continue to invest and support the programs and technologies necessary to deliver quality healthcare.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia introduced John Turton of Texas Vista Medical Center. Mr. Turton thanked the City leadership during the COVID-19 health crisis. He noted that the Southside community had some of the largest healthcare disparities in the country and city. He added that Texas Vista was committed to transforming the delivery of healthcare in the community and would champion the issue of health equity.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan noted that Council District 2 would be hosting the Let’s Read Together District 2 Literacy Initiative. She added that the Council District would be partnering with

local bookstores and San Antonio Poet Laureate Ms. Andrea Vocab Sanderson on a poetry competition. She invited all District 2 residents to participate in the event. She stated that the competition winner would be announced on April 30, 2021 through the Department of Arts and Culture.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan noted that the Council District would be hosting an Easter Basket Giveaway event on April 3, 2021 where 200 Easter baskets would be donated to district resident children.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan noted the energy storage partnership of Matthews International, the Economic Development Foundation and the City's Economic Development Department. She introduced Mr. Abe Moyer, Lead Engineer with Matthews International. Mr. Moyer stated that Matthews International would consider bringing many well-paid and highly skilled positions to the area based around machining and technical services in the areas of mechanical, electrical, computer programming controls and engineering positions. He added that the positions would support the growth of the energy storage business and he was excited to grow in the San Antonio area.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Viagran thanked Texas Vista Medical Center for their new delivery of medical services on the Southside. She added that the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine had had their first class of learners matched to residencies with some of them being a part of Texas Vista Medical Center. She noted that the Mission Trails Baptist Hospital was opening a new maternity and obstetrics unit which also expanded medical services on the Southside.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Ms. Mitsuko Ramos with Government Relations Group of Texas spoke in support of Item 24 related to Longhorn Master Development Plan within the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) 33.

Councilmember Courage highlighted Items 10A through 10D which approved the acquisition of four conservation easements over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. He noted that these Items displayed the City's continued commitment to the Edwards Aquifer protection. He stated that the acquisition of the four properties added 1,000 acres to the conservation of the Aquifer.

Councilmember Perry highlighted Item 24 and he thanked Bitterblue Inc. and their development efforts in the area. He recognized David Edwards who was a Madison High School football player that sustained a paralyzing injury in 2004. He added that under the development, a road would be named after Mr. Edwards in recognition of his inspirational life of living with a spinal cord injury.

Councilmember Viagran highlighted Item 9 related to capital improvements to the McCreless Branch Library under the 2017 Bond Program. She also highlighted Item 15 which addressed a street name change on the Brooks Campus to Sous Vide Way. She noted that the name change was in conjunction with the relocation of Cuisine Solutions, Inc. to the Brooks Campus. She added that the Cuisine Solutions development would employ over 500 individuals at the site. Councilmember Viagran stated that the new facility had been recognized by Food Engineering Magazine as 2021's Sustainable Food

Plant of the Year. She noted that the facility had incorporated best industry practices including solar power, a water recycling program and other LEED certification components.

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted Items 10A through 10D that supported conservation efforts over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. She also highlighted Item 21 which developed a fee structure for the telemedicine services under the San Antonio Fire Department.

Mayor Nirenberg added his support of Items 10A through 10D. He asked what the remaining fund balance of the proposition that supported easement purchased related to conservation efforts was. Parks and Recreation Director Homer Garcia stated that approximately \$20 million remained in the land acquisition fund.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked the community and the City Council for their support of Edward's Aquifer conservation efforts. He added his thanks to Matthews International, Inc. for their investment to establish a manufacturing center on the San Antonio's Eastside that supported the operations of leading car and lithium-ion battery producers and provided high wage jobs to individuals.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Courage, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. 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

2021-04-01-0197

5. Ordinance approving the final renewal option of a contract with Wells Fargo Bank for corporate purchasing card services extending the contract for an additional two-year period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. The contract is expected to generate \$70,000 in revenue annually for the Purchasing and General Services Fund. [Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer]

2021-04-01-0198

6. Ordinance approving a contract with HUB Parking Technology USA, Inc., to provide nine ZEAG Parking Revenue Control Systems cash handling stations for the San Antonio Aviation Department, Parking Division, for a total cost of \$71,067.42. Funding is available from FY 2021 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2021-04-01-0199

7. Ordinance approving a contract with Abatix Corporation to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with 225 cases of half mask respirator filters for a total cost of \$105,948.00. Funding is available through the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2021-04-01-0200

8. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$240,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2021 Adopted Budget: [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial

Officer, Finance]

- (A) Most Dependable Fountains, Inc., for fountains, fountain accessories and parts for repairs;
- (B) Unified Services of Texas, Inc., for tank cleaning and fuel circulation services for the City's underground fuel storage tanks; and
- (C) Tamez Refrigeration, Inc., for appliance repair services for the San Antonio Fire Department.

2021-04-01-0201

- 9. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Con-Cor, Inc. in an amount of \$125,439.22 to provide energy efficient lighting upgrades for the McCreless Branch Library located in Council District 3; and authorizing the appropriation and amending of the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program with these funds from the Energy Efficiency Fund to the McCreless Branch Library project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
- 10. Ordinances approving the acquisition of four conservation easements in the cumulative amount of \$1,667,595.58 for 541.246 acres located outside of the San Antonio city limits in Bexar and Medina Counties over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones. [David W. McCary, CPM, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

2021-04-01-0202

- 10A. Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 48.2-acre tract of land known as the Smith Property located in Bexar County, Texas from Flora Louise Smith, at a cost of \$820,336.85, from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

2021-04-01-0203

- 10B. Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone on a 217.405-acre tract of land known as the Smart Ranch located in Medina County, Texas from Randy Ferrell Smart, Sr. aka Randy F. Smart and Darla J. Smart, at a cost of \$328,066.15 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

2021-04-01-0204

- 10C. Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone on a 97.112-acre tract of land known as the Klaus Ranch located in Medina County, Texas from Jacqueline E. Klaus, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Allen R. Klaus, deceased, at a cost of \$227,705.87 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

2021-04-01-0205

- 10D. Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone on two tracts of land totaling 178.529 acres and known as the Jagge Foley

Addition located in Medina County, Texas from Pamela Jagge Foley, at a cost of \$291,486.71 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

2021-04-01-0206

11. Ordinance approving the submission of a Truancy Intervention and Prevention Program grant application and acceptance of funds, upon award, in the amount of up to \$708,037.54, from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office, for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. [Carla Obledo, Presiding Municipal Judge]
12. Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointment for the remainder of unexpired term to expire May 31, 2021 or for the term shown below. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]
 - A) Appointing Dagoberto Patlan (District 1) to the San Antonio Art Commission.

2021-04-01-0207

13. Ordinance approving the settlement of a claim arising out of the matter styled in re: Legendary Field Exhibitions, LLC, et al., Case No. 19-50900-CAG, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

2021-04-01-0208

14. Ordinance approving a Contract for Election Services with the Bexar County Elections Office for the May 1, 2021 General, Charter and Special Elections at an estimated cost to the City totaling \$615,718.39. Funding is available in the FY 2021 Municipal Elections General Fund Adopted Budget. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]

2021-04-01-0209

15. Ordinance approving the street name change of Aviation Landing to Sous Vide Way, generally located between City Base Landing and Lyster Road. The estimated revenue of \$1,384.68 will be deposited in accordance with the FY 2021 Adopted Development Services Fund Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

2021-04-01-0210

17. Ordinance approving the street name change of a portion of Lou Mell Drive to Pinnacle Oaks, generally located between North Loop 1604 West and Bacon Road. The estimated revenue of \$1,771.50 will be deposited in accordance with the FY 2021 Adopted Development Services Fund Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

2021-04-01-0212

19. Ordinance approving a 10-year, 75% tax abatement agreement with Matthews International Corporation and Agarita Profit Street LLC for real and personal property improvements. [Alejandra Lopez; Assistant City Manager and Interim Director, Economic Development]

2021-04-01-0213

20. Ordinance approving the issuance by the Las Varas Public Facility Corporation of its

Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Copernicus Apartments) Series 2021 (the “Bonds”) for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

2021-04-01-0214

21. Ordinance establishing a fee structure for Emergency Medical Services to charge the Medicare allowable fee for patients using telemedicine or treatment-in-place option as a part of Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) program. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

2021-04-01-0215

22. Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Captain Edward Guerra Jr. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

2021-04-01-0024R

23. Resolution to initiate historic landmark designation for 212 E. Dewey Place and waive application fees. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Shea Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation].

2021-04-01-0216

24. Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the Northeast Corridor TIRZ Board of Directors, Bitterblue, Inc., and the City of San Antonio for eligible public improvements for an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000 reimbursed over three fiscal years (FY 2021-FY 2023) for the David Edwards Drive Extension Project. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

2021-04-01-0025R

25. Resolution of No Objection for Pedcor’s application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits program for the construction of the Summerwalk Apartments, a 164-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development, located at approximately 6221 S. New Braunfels Avenue in Council District 3; allowing the construction of the development to be located within one linear mile or less from another development; and acknowledging the development will result in more than 20% of total housing units in the proposed census tract being supported by housing tax credits. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

2021-04-01-0026R

26. Resolution of No Objection for LDG Development’s application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits program for the construction of the Ostry Ranch, a 408-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development, located at 2075 Schuwirth Road in the City of San Antonio’s Extra Territorial Jurisdiction near Council District 2. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

2021-04-01-0220

- P-3. PLAN AMENDMENT CASE PA-2020-11600073 (Council District 4): Ordinance amending the

Heritage South Sector Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use classification from "Suburban Tier" to "Agribusiness/RIMSE Tier" on 2.48 acres out of CB 4298, located at 13874 Watson Road. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z2020-10700229 S)

2021-04-01-0221

- Z-4.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700229 S (Council District 4): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "NP-8 AHOD" Neighborhood Preservation Airport Hazard Overlay District to "L S AHOD" Light Industrial Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Specific Use Authorization for a Welding Shop on 2.48 acres out of CB 4298, located at 13870 Watson Road. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval, pending Plan Amendment. (Associated Plan Amendment PA2020-11600073)

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS: 2.48 acres out of CB 4298. TO WIT: from "NP-8 AHOD" Neighborhood Preservation Airport Hazard Overlay District to "L S AHOD" Light Industrial Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Specific Use Authorization for a Welding Shop.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 4.

4. Briefing on legislation filed in the 87th Regular State Legislative Session. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager]

Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle provided an update on the 87th State Legislative Session. Mr. Coyle stated that the State Bill filing deadline had been March 12, 2021 and that 6,977 Bills and Joint Resolutions had been filled. He noted that there were several House and Senate Bills (HB/SB) that negatively impacted the City of San Antonio and others that the City supported as priority. He reviewed the bills and legislators that submitted the items as follows:

- SB 10 (Bettencourt) and SB 749 (Middleton) – Prohibited political subdivisions from hiring lobbyists
- SB 1869 (Burrows) – Changing debt definition for property tax rates
- SB 23 (Huffman) and HB 1900 (Goldman) – police defunding
- SB 1261 (Birdwell) – Prohibition on direct and indirect local Green House Gas emission regulation
- HB 610 (Swanson) – Prohibition of local regulation beyond state business license laws
- SB 796 (Schwertner) – requiring public notice and hearing for use of property to house homeless individuals

Assistant City Manager Coyle noted that there were Senate and House Bills that related to the energy and state electric grid issues specifically with ERCOT and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

- SB 2142 (Hughes) – Repricing of wholesale power in response to winter storm

- SB 3 (Schwertner) – Strengthening state prevention and response to energy emergencies
- State Speaker Priority Bills – HB 10, HB 11, HB 12, HB 13, HB 14, HB 16, and HB 17

Assistant City Manager Coyle stated that the following Bills had impact on the Elections process:

- HB 6 (Cain) – Election restrictions
- SB 7 (Schwertner) – Election restrictions
- SB 95 (Menendez) – Expansion of early voting
- SB 98 (Menendez) and HB 111 (Minjarez) – Voter registrations through Driver’s license/ID
- SB 100 (Menendez) and HB 230 (Bernal) – Expansion of eligible identification documents
- SB 1899 (Zaffirini) – Lowering registration age, electronic registration, automatic registration, campus polling places

Assistant City Manager Coyle reviewed the State Bills that had priority for the City of San Antonio under Police Accountability and Transparency:

- HB 1087 (Gervin-Hawkins) – Authorize the Police Chief to discipline officers within 180 days of discovering misconduct
- HB 1561 (Gervin-Hawkins) – Create opportunities to encourage new officers to live in the City in which they serve
- HB 1563 (Gervin-Hawkins) – Allow the release of conduct violations held by a law enforcement agency
- HB 1940 (Gervin-Hawkins) – Limiting an arbitrator to reduce discipline, as determined by the Police Chief

Assistant City Manager Coyle reviewed the State Bills that had priority for the City of San Antonio under Public Health:

- HB 3871 (Johnson) – Live Well Texas Program
- HB 73 (Miles) – Access to local health departments and regional offices under Medicaid
- HB 133 (Rose) – Establishing minimum care eligibility after pregnancy under Medicaid

Assistant City Manager Coyle reviewed the State Bills that had priority for the City of San Antonio under Broadband category:

- HB 5/SB 5 (Ashby/Nichols) – Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas
 - Establishes a Broadband and Development Office that will develop the state broadband plan
 - Require the existing governor’s broadband council to form long-term strategies to promote access across the state
 - Map the quality of internet connections in Texas annually

Assistant City Manager Coyle noted the following City of San Antonio priorities:

- Municipal Court
 - HB 1685 (Cortez) – Ability to use electronic court recorder in SA Municipal Courts

- Other
 - HB 543 (White) – Regulation of working animals
 - HB 652 (Paul) – Disease exposure notice in animal shelter
 - HB 1885 (Harris) – Limiting municipal regulation in areas ineligible to vote
 - HB 2365 (Lopez) – Medicaid participation and reimbursement of military medical treatment facilities

Councilmember Pelaez stated his appreciation to the Government and Public Affairs Team for all their hard work in Austin. He added that many cities had many more consultants addressing their priorities, and the City's team was lean and effective in addressing the City's priorities.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked what the changes to terms of borrowing and repayment would be if HB 1869 became law. City Manager Walsh stated that it would eliminate the City's ability to deal with unforeseen expenses or opportunities. He added that the bill would limit the property tax cap to 3.5% and the City would not have flexibility to deal with its finances and certificates of obligations.

Chief Financial Officer Ben Gorzell stated that certificates of obligations were really important tools that allowed the City to meet the needs of the community especially in times of emergency such as experienced during 2020. He added that the certificates allowed for flexibility to utilize self-supporting debt which in the past allowed for improvements to the Alamodome, street projects, and other capital improvements. Mr. Gorzell added that not being able to use the certificates of obligation would mean that the General Fund would need to be used and that would hamper daily operations to include Solid Waste, Development Services and Airport operations.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if there was any data from around the state that warranted the need for the bill. Mr. Coyle stated that there was not but that the author of the bill stated that the 3.5% cap could be worked around through non-voter debt. He added that the larger issue was that voters would need to approve all debt which would hamper flexibility. He stated that there was significant resistance for the bill from Senate Committee members and possibly not move forward.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the City was in support of public health bills to include HB 133. Mr. Coyle stated that the City was in support of the Medicaid expansion bills. Councilmember Sandoval asked for more information on SB 7 and possibility of it moving forward. Mr. Coyle stated that election integrity had been a priority to both political parties and would likely move out of Committee. He added that the bill had been signaled as a high priority for State leadership.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the impact of SB 1261 related to Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Mr. Coyle stated that the bill was broadly written and left open to interpretation. He noted that the bill was unclear if the State or local municipalities had jurisdiction in the regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Councilmember Viagran asked if climate change had been in State committee discussions and if there had been any scientists that testified. Mr. Coyle stated that there were many environmental groups and cities that opposed SB 1261.

Councilmember Viagran asked clarification on SB 10 in relation to political subdivisions and if Police and Fire Associations fell into these groups. Mr. Coyle stated that the Police and Fire groups did not

meet the definition of political subdivisions of the State.

Councilmember Viagran expressed her concern on HB 1869 and limitations to funding flexibility. She added that she was concerned with bills associated with voter integrity and that putting restrictions on voting. She recommended that a resolution to the City's Federal Delegation be written in support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for clarification on SB 221 regarding lowering residential speed limits. Mr. Coyle stated that the City did support the bill that would allow the four largest cities in Texas to lower residential speed limits from 30 to 25 miles per hour without having to post signs or do engineering studies. He added that the City of Dallas had fluctuated in the support of the bill which could hinder its moving out of committee phase.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked clarification of how a SB or HB would not be supported by the City. Mr. Coyle stated that if a SB or HB undermined the City Council's ability to make decisions or took away the City's local ability it would be considered an unsupportive bill.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated her support of HB 12 related to weather alerts. She asked how SB 23 and SB 1900 would address the need for additional resources within the Police Department as the City grew. Mr. Coyle stated that the bills would allow the addition of Police Officers and other resources but that in the following year that adjustment would become a new budgetary baseline. He added that that budget baseline could not be lowered unless the overall budget was lowered accordingly. He noted that there were exceptions to the rule for Federal grants and disaster expenditures. Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez added that the bill would require voter approval to reduce the number of Police Officer positions.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked why SB 1561 only addressed the requirement for new police officer positions be required to live within City limits. Mr. Coyle stated that under State Law the City could not mandate existing officers to move into the City but that they could be incentivized to move. He noted that the City had implemented an incentive program for existing officers.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked for clarification on the witness testimony process to the State Legislature where Chief McManus and City Attorney Andy Segovia were to testify. Mr. Coyle clarified that the names of individuals to testify had to be submitted a week in advance and due to schedule conflicts, Assistant Police Chief Reyes and Deputy City Attorney Debbie Kline testified in their place. He added that this was primarily due to Police contract negotiations which Chief McManus and Mr. Segovia were a part of.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if the Governor's Office was in support of HB 1087 and HB 1940. Mr. Coyle stated that the Governor's Office gave positive feedback on the bills.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked how she could become more involved in the legislative input process. Mr. Coyle stated that City Manager Walsh had scheduled a legislative update at every A-Session meeting through the rest of the Legislative Session. He added that he would gladly talk to her by phone while he was in or traveling from Austin and receive her input.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if the Federal Delegation approval of the George Floyd Act

provided any strength to House Bills 1087, 1561, 1563, and 1940. Mr. Coyle stated that it did not since the bills were related but not technically connected. He noted that HB 88 addressed police reform but still required much support in its current format.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how HB 6 on election integrity related to the City since the elections process is handled by the County at the local level. Mr. Coyle confirmed that this was a county function, but the City still had an interest on voter issues. He added that HB 6 and HB 7 were contentious items with interest on both sides of opinion.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how Mayoral local authority related to HB 4155 and HB 4215. Mr. Coyle stated that the bills preempted local authorities to deliver individual orders after 30 days of a Governor's Order has been enacted. He added that the bills prohibited local governments from creating any election protocols without permission from the Secretary of State.

Councilmember Courage stated his concern that proposed legislation would prohibit cities from their priorities and overall goals. He noted that he did not understand the bills brought forward from legislatures that were not in the best interest of people who lived in cities and metropolitan areas that represented 80% of the State's population.

Councilmember Treviño stated his support of HB 891 that would provide birth certificate assistance to the homeless population and asked if the City planned to support the bill. Mr. Coyle stated that the City supported the item.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he supported SB 7, HB 456, HB 191, HB 1277, and HB 2469. He asked the status of bills associated with homelessness issues. Mr. Coyle stated the City supported the bills and had strong support of the legislature. Councilmember Treviño asked for a report on HB 2642 and HB 2644 related to the protection for residents of public housing facilities post-impact of the recent winter storm. Mr. Coyle stated that he would provide an update after committee hearings were completed.

Councilmember Perry stated the importance of a representative government system at the local, state, and Federal level. He asked how police contract negotiations were effectively conducted when the City was supporting legislation that addressed negotiation items. City Manager Walsh stated that the issues were independent since collective bargaining were authorized under Chapter 174, and the legislative items were under 180-day provisions limiting the authority of an arbitrator to rely more closely on the Police Chief's final decision for discipline. City Manager Walsh added that the legislative strategy had been shared with the Police Union last year and that the City had been transparent with the Union.

Councilmember Perry asked if legislative changes at the state level would impact Police collective bargaining agreed upon items. City Manager Walsh stated that the priorities around police disciplinary and accountability needed to be placed into the police contract. He added that the passage of the related bills would not negate the City's requirement to negotiate those issues or the desire to negotiate them within the contract under Chapter 143.

Councilmember Perry stated that he, like Councilmember Rocha Garcia, would like to be included in any future discussions related to legislative discussions.

Councilmember Viagran asked to be included in legislative discussions.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked the Government and Public Affairs staff for their efforts at the State Legislature. He stated that he had meetings with colleagues in other cities who thought the San Antonio contingency was well prepared and well run. He noted that the City had adopted a legislative agenda and as such the City Council was an agent of the City on behalf of the City and its constituents.

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 16.

CONTINUED UNTIL APRIL 8, 2021

- 16.** Ordinance approving the street name change of a portion of South Medina to Carlos Martinez Drive, generally located between Tampico Street and Chihuahua Street. The estimated revenue of \$1,643.88 will be deposited in accordance with the FY 2021 Adopted Development Services Fund Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to continue Item #16 until April 8, 2021. Councilmember Gonzales 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 18.

2021-04-01-0211

- 18.** Ordinance approving a professional services agreement and business plan with San Antonio Economic Development Foundation for a one-year term, with two one-year renewal options for an annual amount of up to \$635,000. Funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 is available from the FY 2021 Economic Development Incentive Fund and \$135,000.00 is available from the FY 2021 General Fund. [Alejandra Lopez; Assistant City Manager and Interim Director, Economic Development]

Assistant City Manager Alejandra Lopez stated that the agreement continued the partnership with the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF) which had started in 2009. She noted that the partnership had yielded a strategic plan that led to the creation of 18,000 jobs and \$2.2 billion in capital investment to the City. She added that SAEDF had integrated the Free Trade Alliance and SA Works initiatives that had expanded the City's emphasis on international business and workforce development. Ms. Lopez noted that the SAEDF would execute a new economic strategy.

Ms. Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, SAEDF, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated that the SAEDF strategic plan focused on three pillars which were to grow jobs, build people and improve place (San Antonio). She noted that new jobs would focus on targeted industries around cybersecurity and biosciences. She added that SAEDF would continue to scale their work-based learning programs through a continued partnership with SA Works and integrated a new talent retention program with area universities.

Ms. Saucedo-Herrera noted that SAEDF would make a significant investment in the marketing of the

region and would integrate the Airport Master Plan in their efforts. She noted that the agreement would be a performance-based contract and SAEDF would develop a new community dashboard that tracked all efforts and milestones.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked for information on the Career Pathway and graduation retention programs. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that the SAEDF direct scorecard tracked indicators like wage growth, job growth, target industry growth and local headquarter information. She added that professional certifications were another indicator that was tracked to determine if they assisted in gaining high wage jobs with in-demand industries. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that targeted advertising campaigns were an important tool for Career Pathways Program awareness.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked to review the Pathways Program favorability consideration. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that advertising campaigns penetration would be tracked to determine public favorability. She added that comprehensive surveys of participants would be conducted to determine viable opportunities. She stated that the frequency of surveys was still to be finalized.

Councilmember Pelaez asked for clarification on the number of jobs created in the next four years. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that 18,000 jobs were anticipated to be created with a \$2.2 million in capital investment to the area. Councilmember Pelaez thanked USAA for their investment in the Program.

Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated the importance of business retention and expansion efforts and the impact to the local economy. She noted that work with different organizations such as chambers of commerce, advocacy organizations and other partners were important to business expansion efforts. Councilmember Pelaez agreed that partnerships were important to expansion efforts.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the Cybersecurity San Antonio Program, operated under the Greater San Antonio Chamber, would be moved to SAEDF. Ms. Lopez stated that the Chamber was expanding cybersecurity development in partnership with SAEDF. She noted that the partnership would support critical industry players to include the local military. Councilmember Sandoval requested a report from the Chamber be provided at a later date.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Ms. Saucedo-Herrera for her work and that she was honored to be working with her as co-chair of the International Advisory Committee working economic issues. She noted the accomplishments of the Economic Development Department to include the expansion of Navistar and other regional plants.

City Manager Walsh reiterated that SAEDF had been a great partner to the City and integral part of recovery efforts. He stated that the information gathered would be tied into the Ready-to-Work efforts the City had begun. He added that the City would sponsor small business memberships in the SAEDF that recognized the importance of small business to the economy.

Mayor Nirenberg noted the importance of the SAEDF mission to the community and businesses as a whole. He stated that cyber security remained an important discussion within the community and that the partnership with SAEDF would be instrumental in the economic development of the sector.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 18. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Gonzales, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Rocha Garcia

2021-04-01-0217

27. Ordinance approving an Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio River Authority for the development and use of a predictive flood modeling system. There is no fiscal impact associated with this Agreement. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works Department stated that the Item was a City-wide project with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) that would develop a flood simulation model to improve emergency responsiveness. He noted that the agreement would terminate in May 2022 and would provide an update to the current flood modeling system. He added that the modeling system would evaluate the San Antonio River system to include the Upper Creek, Martinez Creek, and Lower San Antonio River. Mr. Hosseini stated that the flood modeling would be incorporated into the Emergency Management System.

Mr. Nefi Garza, Assistant Director, Public Works Department, stated that the City was still developing the computerized models that would be used as a storm approached the City. He noted that it was crucial to be able to identify flood risks and determine the impact on the City.

Ms. Aarin Teague, Director of Engineering, SARA stated that this was a project that would run the models and maps of the predicted floodplain. She added that the technology would assist in emergency response actions and plans.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if work crews would still be needed to gage flood levels. Ms. Teague stated that the new system would provide information much sooner and safer which decreased the need for crews to monitor low water crossings in person.

Councilmember Sandoval asked when the system would be put in place. Mr. Hosseini stated the system would be completed and calibrated in late 2021.

Councilmember Pelaez noted that the system would result in saving lives which was the City's first priority. She stated that the new system was cutting edge and he thanked staff for their work on the agreement.

Councilmember Viagran stated that this project led to the transparency for residents to see predictive flooding in area low water crossings.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 27. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Gonzales, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Rocha Garcia

Melissa Ramirez, Assistant Director, Development Services Department read the caption for Item Z-1. She stated that 29 notices had been mailed and received zero in favor and one opposed. She added that the Lavaca Neighborhood Association was opposed, and the applicant requested a continuance until April 15, 2021.

ITEM CONTINUED UNTIL APRIL 15, 2021

Z-1. ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700266 (Council District 1): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-3 NCD-1 AHOD" General Commercial South Presa Street and South St. Mary's Street Neighborhood Conservation Airport Hazard Overlay District to "IDZ-2 NCD-1 AHOD" Medium Intensity Development Zone South Presa Street and South St. Mary's Street Neighborhood Conservation Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted in "C-2" Commercial District and for ten (10) dwelling units on Lots 1 through 6, NCB 6857, located at 114 West Carolina Street. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Councilmember Trevino moved to Continue Item Z-1 until April 15, 2021. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Gonzales, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Rocha Garcia

Melissa Ramirez, Assistant Director, Development Services Department, read the captions for Items P-1 and Z-2. She stated that staff recommended denial, and the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommended approval. She added that 46 notices were mailed and received two in favor, one opposed and the Tobin Hill Association was opposed to IDZ-2.

2021-04-01-0218

P-1. PLAN AMENDMENT PA-2020-11600078 (Council District 1): Ordinance amending the Midtown Regional Center Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Neighborhood Mixed Use" to "Urban Mixed Use" on Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 6, NCB 1726, located at 220 and 224 East Courtland Place. Staff recommends Denial. Planning Commission recommends Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z-2020-10700295)

2021-04-01-0219

Z-2. ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700295 (Council District 1): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-2 UC-5 AHOD" Commercial McCullough Avenue Corridor Airport Hazard Overlay District to "IDZ-2 UC-5 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone McCullough Avenue Corridor Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for eight (8) dwelling units on Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 6, NCB 1726, located at 220 and 224 East Courtland Place. Staff recommends Denial, with an Alternate Recommendation. Zoning Commission recommends Approval. (Associated Plan Amendment PA-2020-11600078)

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS: Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 6, NCB 1726. TO WIT: from "C-2 UC-5 AHOD" Commercial McCullough Avenue Corridor Airport Hazard Overlay District to "IDZ-2 UC-5 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone McCullough Avenue Corridor Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for eight (8) dwelling units.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals signed up to speak.

Mr. Jay Loudon spoke in support of the Items.

Councilmember Treviño noted that the project would feature eight new townhomes and that the developer worked with the community and neighborhood association throughout the public process. He stated that the Midtown Regional Plan aimed to broaden housing choices and created diverse housing in the area.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve Items P-1 and Z-2. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 8 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 3 - Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, and Sandoval

Melissa Ramirez, Assistant Director, Development Services Department, read the captions for Items P-2 and Z-3. She stated that staff, the Planning Commission and Zoning Commission recommended approval. She added that 10 notices were mailed and received two in favor, and zero opposed.

CONTINUED UNTIL MAY 6, 2021

P-2. PLAN AMENDMENT CASE PA-2020-11600079 (Council District 2): Ordinance amending the Eastern Triangle Community Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Community Commercial," "Business Park," and "Parks Open Space" to "Business Park" on 12.036 acres out of NCB 10615, located at 418 Southeast Loop 410. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z-2020-10700299) (Continued from March 18, 2021)

CONTINUED UNTIL MAY 6, 2021

Z-3. ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700299 (Council District 2): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "NP-10 MLOD-3 MLR-1" Neighborhood Preservation Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 District and "NP-10 MLOD-3 MLR-1 AHOD" Neighborhood Preservation Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District and "C-3NA MLOD-3 MLR-1" General Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 District to "L MLOD-3 MLR-1" Light Industrial Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 District and "L MLOD-3 MLR-1 AHOD" Light Industrial Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military

Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District (All Overlays Remain the Same) on 12.036 acres out of NCB 10615, located at 418 Southeast Loop 410. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Plan Amendment PA2020-11600079) (Continued from March 18, 2021)

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to continue Z-3 and P-2 until May 6, 2021. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 2 - Rocha Garcia, and Gonzales

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

28. City Manager's Report

City Manager Walsh stated that he had sent a memo to update the City Council regarding the migrant and unaccompanied minors and the efforts that had been requested of the City and the Homeland Security Agency. He noted that the Homeland Security Agency had access to the Hotel Isolation Facility for any COVID-19 positive instances. He added that any expenses associated with the migrant efforts would be reimbursed under FEMA.

City Manager Walsh stated that unaccompanied minors began arriving at the Freeman Coliseum on March 29, 2021. He noted that the contractor hired by FEMA had not been prepared to provide service at the facility and FEMA requested that any City employees licensed to work with children assist at the facility. He added that 80 employees from the Head Start Program started working two different shifts in order to allow the contractor to ramp up their efforts. He stated that he would continue to keep the City Council up to date on the operations.

City Manager Walsh introduced a video that highlighted Solid Waste Management Department employee Ashley Williams. He stated that Ms. Williams was a cashier at the Bitters Brush Recycling Center who was recognized through the City's EnCORE Program for her stellar customer service and positive attitude.

City Manager Walsh noted that the second phase of COVID-19 mask wearing campaign was released which included a video filmed with a local mariachi group. He added that the video was popular on social media. He recognized the efforts of City staff, M&M Creative, and Giant Noise Marketing for their efforts on the video.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or Executive Session, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
City Clerk