

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
114 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, April 8, 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: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

ABSENT: 2 - Trevino, and Warrick

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Treviño was serving as a Panelist at the Children & Nature Network 2015 Conference and Councilmember Warrick was testifying before the Texas House Government Efficiency and Transparency Committee on the G.J. Sutton Building.

1. A Briefing on the current status of the City of San Antonio’s three growth-related plans including the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, and the Sustainability Plan. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

John Dugan outlined SA Tomorrow consisting of three Growth-Related Plans: 1) Comprehensive Plan; 2) Sustainability Plan; and 3) Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. He highlighted the SA Tomorrow Timeline and reported that the Community Kick-Off Event

would be held on April 11, 2015. He provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan noting that they had continued their assessment of Existing Conditions. He reported that they held a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group Kick-Off Meeting and Plan Element Working Group Kick-Off Meeting and presented to the Comprehensive Planning and Infrastructure and Growth Council Committees. He noted that the Tri-Chairs consisted of Councilmember Nirenberg, Dr. Elnakat, and Darryl Byrd. He mentioned that they had briefed the San Antonio Area School Districts and held two Media Education Sessions.

Mr. Dugan spoke of the Plan Element Working Group Kick-Off Meeting in which they asked participants what they felt was the greatest challenge facing San Antonio over the next 25 years. He outlined the Existing Conditions Report which identified nine critical areas: 1) Growth & Population; 2) Land Use; 3) Urban Form & Urban Design; 4) Transportation; 5) Community Health; 6) Housing; 7) Historic Preservation; 8) Military; and 9) Economic Competitiveness. He mentioned that the Baseline Study provided a fiscal impact of Alternative Growth Scenarios and noted that there was a great demand for growth. He indicated that the Consultants had modeled various growth scenarios to distribute the population which include Conventional Neighborhoods, Walkable Neighborhoods, Walkable Neighborhoods with a Mix of Housing Types, Suburban Activity Centers, and Urban Activity Centers. He spoke of the fiscal impact to the City's Budget for each model.

Terry Bellamy provided an overview of their work thus far on the Strategic Multimodal Transportation Plan. He stated that they had continued their assessment of Existing Conditions which provided insight on Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. He noted that with the information, they were able to develop a Pedestrian Safety Plan with Funding Recommendations. He indicated that they met monthly with outside partners to include VIA Metropolitan, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He reported that they had presented the 2040 MPO Plan to the Infrastructure and Growth and Comprehensive Planning Council Committees.

Mr. Bellamy outlined their focus on Public Safety and provided data regarding Automobile, Pedestrian, and Cyclist Crashes from January 2013 to October 2014. He spoke of the importance of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians to co-exist noting that they all shared the same Right-of-Way. He presented a map comparing Traffic Congestion in 2010 to 2040. He stated that they would continue to discuss future transportation needs through various types of outreach and utilize Best Practices of other cities.

Doug Melnick presented information on the Sustainability Plan. He reported that they had awarded and executed a Consultant Contract to assist with the Plan and had initiated data collection. He stated that Sustainability in San Antonio included a thriving economy,

healthy environment, and inclusive and fair community. He outlined the scope of the Sustainability Plan to include: 1) Sustainability Scan; 2) Public Engagement Plan & Tools; 3) Indicators, Baselines, & Targets; 4) Air Quality Implementation Strategies; 5) Greenhouse Gas Inventory; 6) Vulnerability Assessment; 7) GIS; and 8) Sustainability Plan. He highlighted the Focal Areas and Cross Cutting Themes of the Sustainability Plan and spoke of the Return on Investment.

Terry Bellamy provided an overview of the engagement and outreach they had utilized including Community Forums, Social Media, Email, and Websites. He invited everyone to attend the SA Tomorrow Kick-Off Event on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm at the San Antonio ISD Alamo Convocation Center and highlighted the activities that would take place. He thanked Mayor Taylor and the City Council for their support.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the Policy Papers. Mr. Dugan replied that they were initially drafted by the Consultant and that they were working on the Existing Conditions Report. He noted that they would be shared with the Policy Working Groups and then be sent to various agencies for verification. He stated that they would make all drafts available to the public via the City Website. Mayor Taylor noted that future budgets would be affected and asked of the funding to continue said effort. Mrs. Sculley replied that the City Council could set funding aside for the project. She added that based on the outcome, the project could be included in a future Bond Program. Mayor Taylor stated that it would be important to begin utilizing the information for a future Bond Program.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the acres of vacant land. Mr. Dugan replied that the analysis conducted indicated that 20% of the City's Land Area was underutilized or vacant. Councilmember Viagran asked if incentives were provided to businesses that provide transportation options for their employees. Mr. Dugan replied that they did not receive any additional incentives but assisted them with options if requested. Councilmember Viagran recommended that as the city builds new facilities; that they offer various modes of transportation.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the citizen engagement process moving forward. Mr. Bellamy replied that they had implemented an Interactive Website last week for people to provide comments, post photos, illustrations, and ideas. He stated that they had also set up Twitter and Facebook Accounts and would schedule formal and informal focus groups. Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of the importance of citizen input and stated that they had received some good initial information from the Development Community. He noted the need for Affordable Housing and creating a Sustainable System of Resources.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed his support and stated that Planning Efforts were working. He asked of alternative growth scenarios such as Annexation. Mr. Dugan replied that Annexation was a component of the Plan and noted that the County could not sustain future growth.

Councilmember Krier asked of the potential for City/County Consolidation. Mr. Dugan stated that they had reviewed same and highlighted a successful model in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Councilmember Krier stated that Infill Development was the most desirable option but noted the importance of affordability. He asked of the scope of work of the consultants on water issues. Mr. Dugan replied that they were performing a risk assessment of all of the different water sources that the city has over the next 50 years and evaluating them in terms of how long they would be available. Councilmember Krier stated that San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) was the pre-eminent advisor on water and asked why they were not performing the assessment. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that the Texas A&M Water Resources Institute was one of the pre-eminent research institutions in the State of Texas. He noted that there were many questions that needed to be answered with regard to water security in the context of a Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that walkability was very important and would provide savings to the city over the long-term. She spoke of the need to invest in the urban core and specifically, Infill Development. She asked of the costs associated with automobile, pedestrian, and cycling crashes. Mr. Bellamy replied that there was a formula used to determine the cost of crashes to society based on the severity of the accident. Councilmember Gonzales requested said information and asked of outreach to the community. Mr. Bellamy replied that they would perform traditional and nontraditional outreach noting that they would visit Senior Centers during the day. He stated that they could perform other such outreach activities as requested by the City Council.

Councilmember Lopez spoke of the importance of identifying funding for the projects identified in the Plan. Mr. Bellamy stated that they were utilizing information provided by the MPO and had identified some funding for the Transportation Plan. He noted that projects had to be prioritized and that since they had 25 years to implement the Plan; they would continue to work on funding sources. Councilmember Lopez stated that he was pleased and recommended that the Plan be utilized as an Economic Development Tool in the future.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for their work and stated that she looked forward to seeing everyone at the kick-off event on Saturday.

2. A Briefing and update on the project status, project schedule, major timelines, and the proposed processes moving forward for the Alamodome Renovation Project. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Mike Sawaya presented an overview of the Alamodome Renovation Project and noted that the Alamodome was 22 years old. He stated that they were upgrading the facility to host Major Events and secure High Profile Events in the future. He noted that the renovations would better position the Alamodome in the Market Place and highlighted High Profile Event Bids to include the College Football Championship Game and Big 12 Baseball Tournament.

Mike Frisbie played a video highlighting the project and noted various elements that would be incorporated such as a Media Center at Court Level and new exterior walls. He reported that the contract totaled \$41 Million and would be funded by increased revenue at the Alamodome. He stated that the Design-Build Firm was Turner Construction and that Architecture and Engineering would be performed by MarmonMok and Populous. He noted that there would be a great amount of subcontracting opportunities and expected involvement from many Local, Small Businesses. He outlined the project schedule noting completion in November, 2017. He spoke of the Soil Testing for the project in which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approved the work plan in January. He stated that they were coordinating a community outreach event at the Carver Community Center with Councilmember Warrick on April 22, 2015. He indicated that a Final Report on the Soil would be provided in August and hoped to receive approval from TCEQ in September. He reported that all exported soil would be transported to the landfill.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilmember Krier stated that this was a great vision to extend the life of the facility and asked of the life expectancy. Mr. Sawaya replied that the renovation would place them on par with NCAA Standards and make them competitive in the foreseeable future. Councilmember Krier asked of the potential to utilize the Alamodome for NFL or Pro Soccer Events. Mr. Sawaya responded that the Alamodome was sufficient in regard to capacity. Councilmember Krier asked if the ice skating rink under the floor of the Alamodome would be affected. Mr. Sawaya confirmed that that it would not be affected and would remain competitive for events such as Disney on Ice.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the costs related to soil testing. Mr. Frisbie replied that

the testing was part of the project cost and that they were changing the communication component to provide a public process throughout project implementation.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:57 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).

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Krier reconvened the meeting at 5:15 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

RECESSED

Mayor Pro Tem Krier recessed the meeting at 5:15 pm and announced that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for the Public Hearing and Citizens to be Heard.

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Taylor. He addressed Item 3.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 3:

3. A Public Hearing on the need to continue, abolish or modify the juvenile curfew ordinance, Chapter 21, Article V of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Anthony Trevino, Interim Chief of Police]

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña opened the Public Hearing on the need to continue, abolish or modify the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article V of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas.

Interim Police Chief Anthony Treviño presented a Power Point outlining the Youth Curfew Ordinance. He stated that Chapter 21, Article V of the City Code was adopted on July 25, 1991. He noted that per Texas Local Government Code, the ordinance was required to be renewed every three years. He indicated that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) had conducted a review of the ordinance by meeting with stakeholders including Municipal Court, Park Police, Juvenile Processing, and School District Police Departments. He reported that they all concurred the the Youth Curfew Ordinance was an important tool.

Chief Treviño explained that the objectives of the Youth Curfew were to reduce juvenile victimization and crimes, as well as encourage school attendance by ensuring that school children are at home early on school nights. He stated that a child under the age of 17 could not "purposefully remain, walk, run, stand, drive or ride about in any public place in the City of San Antonio between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm Monday through Friday (school days only) and 11:00 pm to 6:00 am any day of the week or weekend." He provided an overview of exceptions which include a minor attending, going to or coming from a school, government sponsored, or religious activity without a detour or stop.

Chief Treviño outlined enforcement procedures noting that when an Officer witnessed a potential violation, they would: 1) Verify age; 2) May issue a warning or citation; and/or 3) May write a Police Report as circumstances merit. He explained that the Officer may contact a parent or guardian for pick up or bring the child to the San Antonio Police Juvenile Processing Office which would secure the child until a guardian could be located. He provided statistics for the last three years in which an average of 125 violations and 252 warnings were issued. He added that there were no changes recommended to the ordinance at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña opened the public hearing and asked persons wishing to express their views to do so at this time. There being no citizens to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña closed the Public Hearing.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña called upon the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Nikki Kuhns played a news video covering a Smart Meter power surge and subsequent outage in Stockton, California.

John Cope spoke against the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock.

Michael Knuffke urged the City Council to take action against the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock.

Danny Petri expressed concern for the neighborhood impact of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock.

Patrick Von Dohlen spoke of the importance of updating the Unified Development Code and expressed concern with the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock.

George Alejos spoke to legal issues and infractions regarding recycling plants in City Council Districts 3, 4, and 5.

Henry Rodriguez commented on the importance of children and asked that Spirit Groups be allowed to participate in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

Mark Perez spoke of the importance of public safety and noted various facilities throughout the city operating without the proper permits.

Joy Cavazos spoke of the importance of allowing Spirit Groups to participate in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

Marlena Perez spoke of the mandatory micro-chipping for pets and petitioned the City Council to find a more affordable alternative for low-income families.

Artman Bland commented on the importance of integrity in government and citizenship and noted concerns he encountered with Code Compliance Staff.

Paul DiGiovanni spoke of the need for effective methods of engaging with local government and mentioned a new online portal called IdeasForCoSA. He stated that the

portal would allow for citizens and government officials to engage and communicate.

Theresa Berlanga spoke against the issue of abortion.

George Benavides spoke against the issue of torture and abuse of citizens.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern with the misinterpretation of religious holidays.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony highlighting the Future of Texas Ball in which Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick attended. He wrote of the SAWS Water Diversification Project. He referenced a Bill that would assist Veterans to receive needed mental healthcare. He highlighted the top 10 Counties for Oil and Gas Severance Taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC
CITY CLERK