

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
1:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Major General Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military Affairs</i> ; Edward Gonzales, <i>Assistant Director, Department of Human Services</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>IGR</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Tom Downs, <i>Venable</i> ; Walters Serna, <i>Serna & Serna</i>

Item 1. Approval of minutes from the September 13, 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee Meeting.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes for the September 13, 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee Meeting. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Briefing on the City's Federal Legislative Program for the 115th U.S. Congress [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle reported that the 115th United State Congress was convening on January 3, 2017, for a two-year Legislative Session ending January 3, 2019. He provided highlights of the 114th Congressional Term and noted that the City's outcome was successful. He stated that the Omnibus Bill awarded \$135 million for construction of a new Federal Courthouse and that the City received a \$1 million grant to fund Body Cameras for San Antonio Police Department. He noted that the World Heritage Designation was approved and that the Export Import Bank was reauthorized by Congress. He mentioned that all the House Seats were up for election; 34 Senate Seats were up for election and that the 23rd Congressional District was the only competitive seat in the State.

Mr. Coyle stated that staff would present a draft of the Federal Legislative Program to the Committee on November 8, 2016 for approval and if approved; it would go before City Council in December 2016. He noted that the City would be supporting Federal Regulations or Legislation which that would benefit the City's Interests. He provided the structure of the Federal Legislative Program:

- Federal Priorities
- Legislative Issues
- Agency Initiatives
- Community Partners

Chairman Krier asked if staff would be working toward getting an Airline Partner. Tom Downs responded that the City would need to collaborate with other communities that want to lobby for direct flights to Washington D.C. He noted that the Airlines would have to lobby for direct flights. Carlos Contreras stated that staff had contacted all the Airlines and received positive feedback. Chairman Krier asked if there was anything the City needed to do to start receiving the funding for the new Federal Courthouse. Walter Serna replied that GSA would be breaking ground either January or February 2017. Chairman Krier suggested that the Consultant Teams identify Transition Teams that the City could build relationships with.

Councilmember Viagran suggested that the Consultant Team and staff make it a priority to locate funding for Transportation, Multimodal and Rail System. Mr. Coyle stated that the San Antonio Mobility Coalition was working with the City, Bexar County, and VIA to identify the revenue sources that may be available. He noted that Federal Funding would be a source, but there would be limitations to the Funding. He added that Transportation was a top priority on the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if the loss of the Police Grant would affect the City's Police Department Operational Costs for next year. Mr. Coyle stated that the Police Grant would not affect the Operational Costs, but the Grant would have allowed the Department to expand.

Chairman Krier asked if the Federal Government would be able to assist in the funding for the restoration of The Alamo. Mr. Downs responded that the City could build a campaign around a multi-year set of improvements to The Alamo to perhaps receive Federal Funding.

No action was required for Item 2.

Item 3. State Legislative Update [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Mr. Coyle provided an overview of the 85th State Legislative Update. He stated that staff was seeking support from surrounding cities in opposition to Revenue Caps. He noted that the Greater Bexar Council of Cities would be voting on a Resolution in opposition to Revenue Caps at the November 2016 Meeting. He stated there was a House, Land and Resources Interim Hearing in September 2016; and staff testified that local representation should be able to make the decision to annex. He stated that there was a request of \$75,000 from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Alamo Funding. He added that the GLO was scheduled to tour The Alamo Site on October 25, 2016.

Mr. Coyle reported that there would be Committee Hearings on the Petitioning Process, Debt Transparency, and Mental Health. He noted that the City won the Highest Award from the Comptroller's Office on Financial Transparency.

Major General Juan Ayala reported on the Mayors of Military Communities Initiatives. He stated that there were two items on the agenda; the first was on item regarding a Summit that would discuss adding military value to 15 installations in Texas. He noted that the second item was regarding the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistant Grant (DEAAG) that would be allocated toward Active Duty Bases.

Councilmember Viagran asked if Texas Compete could collaborate with the City. Mr. Coyle responded that they could not because Texas Compete is not an official organization.

Chairman Krier asked when the Summit of Texas Mayors would be meeting. Mr. Ayala responded that they would be meeting on December 8, 2016.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if staff included School Board Elected Officials in the delegation discussions. Mr. Coyle responded that they were not included in the discussions. Councilmember Nirenberg suggested that staff consider having discussions with Local School Districts because public schools are a City Interest.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.



Joe Krier, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk

