

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015
2:00 PM
PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, *District 9*
Councilmember Alan Warrick, *District 2*
Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, *District 3*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Mike Gallagher, *District 10*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Carlos Contreras, *Assistant City Manager*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jeff Coyle, *Director, IGR*; Sally Basurto, *Assistant Director, IGR*; Christine Wright, *IGR*; Megan Dodge, *IGR*; Eduardo Carrasco, *IGR*; Justin Renteria, *District 9*; Alexander J. Pytel, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Jeff Arndt, *President, VIA*; Lorraine Pulido, *VIA*; Pauline Rubio, *San Antonio Chamber of Commerce*

Item 1. Approval of the Minutes from the December 10, 2014, March 10, and April 15, 2015 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes from the Minutes from the December 10, 2014, March 10, and April 15, 2015 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. San Antonio Metro Health District Interlocal Services & Planning Agreement with University Health System [Dr. Thomas Schlenker, Public Health Director]

Dr. Thomas Schlenker reported that in 2008, most of the clinical services provided by the San Antonio Metro Health District were transferred to the University Health System. He noted that those services constituted approximately \$8 billion in activity and staff. He reported that a contract was negotiated in 2009 in which the University Health System pays fees to the City to provide an array of services for Bexar County Residents. He noted that two contract revisions have since occurred due to disagreements over pricing and renewal cycles. He proposed a compromise in which the contract would be renewed on a yearly basis rather than the current six-month cycle and that prices would remain unchanged from the current \$190,000 per year.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to accept the recommendation and forward to the full City Council for Consideration. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. 84th State Legislative Session update on the status of Proposed Legislation [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Mr. Jeff Coyle reported that there was a lengthy House Floor Debate regarding the budget and tax cuts. He noted that the House and Senate were at odds primarily over the budget and that there is a

severe backlog of bills. As a result, bills are not moving or being heard. He noted that many of the bills that the City supports are part of the budget and thus, required to be addressed.

Annexation

Mr. Coyle reported that House Bill 2221 sponsored by Representative Huberty removes Limited Purpose Annexation and requires a vote of the citizens to be annexed before a full Annexation can be initiated. He noted that the Bill has passed out of House Committee and is currently waiting in Calendars. He stated that Senate Bill 1639 sponsored by Senator Campbell was expected to be heard the following day. He added that SB 615 was in Hearing yesterday and was not expected to leave Committee Consideration.

Councilmember Gallagher asked for a comparison of HB 2221 and SB 1639. Mr. Coyle responded that HB 2221 and SB 1639 were companion bills and very similar in nature.

G.J. Sutton

Mr. Coyle reported that the deadline to include the G.J. Sutton Legislation in the Budget was quickly approaching and efforts were needed to raise the profile and urgency of the Legislation.

Chairman Krier asked how funding would be implemented. Mr. Coyle responded that funding would occur primarily through bonds and that citizen input would be helpful in pressing decision makers.

Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)

Mr. Coyle stated that the City had completed its analysis of HB 2440 and retained concerns over the scope of the Legislation. He noted that all major Texas Cities that have passed Ordinances regulating Transportation Network Companies were in clear opposition to the Bill at this point in time.

Mr. Coyle reported that the Bill requires TNCs to execute their own third party background checks and allows for Cities to require TNCs to access the State Criminal Record Database. He noted that the Criminal Record Database includes only citizens that have been fingerprinted already and therefore, will not entail fingerprinting for every driver.

Chairman Krier asked for confirmation that the Legislation neither requires fingerprinting nor passes that option on to the Cities in their regulatory capacity. Mr. Coyle confirmed that fingerprinting is not a requirement as the Bill is currently drafted.

Councilmember Gallagher asked what stance other major Metropolitan Areas were taking in regard to HB 2440. Mr. Coyle responded that Dallas, Houston, and Austin were all opposed to the Legislation.

Regulatory Authority of Cities

Mr. Coyle spoke of SB 1806 regarding the Regulatory Authority of Cities which prohibits Cities from passing Ordinances in conflict with, or with stricter requirements, than State Law.

Local Preference Bills

Mr. Coyle noted that both HB 3193 and SB 1998 were pending approval in Committee. He stated that the Bills could be bracketed to San Antonio based on concerns raised by other communities.

Missions Resolution

Mr. Coyle stated that there was a resolution on the Senate Floor by Senator Uresti that commended the City of San Antonio and Bexar County for their World Heritage Efforts. He added that a number of groups were recognized for those efforts.

Streetcar Election

Mr. Coyle stated that Representative Larson had pulled HB 527 from consideration due to concerns expressed by Streetcar Coalition Groups and that the Representative's Office did not expect to pursue the Bill. He noted that SB 1837 had left Committee Consideration but did not appear to be moving.

Councilmember Viagran asked how the Streetcar Election Legislation would impact the City of San Antonio's Proposed Charter Amendment. Mr. Coyle responded that the State Legislation would require VIA to hold an election before investing any funds in any rail project. He noted that VIA would also be required to fund the election and that VIA's entire service area would be included in the vote. He added that there was opposition based on having a non-elected body calling an election. He also noted a provision that allowed for the State Legislation to supersede the City's Proposed Charter Amendment, eliminating the need for two elections should both Legislations pass.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Krier, Chairman

*Alexander J. Pytel,
Office of the City Clerk*