

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



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Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

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, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. Staff presentation and possible City Council action on potential City Council amendments to the FY 2015 Proposed Budget. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Maria Villagomez, Director, Management and Budget]

City Manager Sheryl Sculley presented the City Council with requests for Potential Amendments to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget. She stated that the Budget was balanced with the changes included on Pages 1 and 2 of the Attachment. She reported that the revenue to cover the Amendments was listed on Page 3. She highlighted the additional FY 2014 Revenue and Savings in Expenditures totaling \$1,943,000. She noted that funding would be added to the Storm Water Fund for mowing additional Right-of-Way (six cycles per year) for Arterial and Collector Streets.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for their work and asked of the additional General Fund Revenue. Mrs. Sculley replied that it was due to additional Sales Tax and CPS Energy

Revenue from July that was not available when she presented the Budget in August.

Councilmember Aguirre-Rodriguez stated that she would like to see additional Neighborhood Sweeps in District 7 due to the many overgrown yards and expressed support for adding an 11th Family Partnership. She noted that she was pleased with the Woodlawn WiFi Room included in the Amendments.

Councilmember Bernal expressed support for the funding allocated for the Each One Teach One for the SA-Adult Literacy Program. He stated that he was pleased with the additional \$500,000 for Street Lights and the San Pedro Irrigation System.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the additional mowing cycles within the Storm Water Fund. Mike Frisbie stated that the additional funding would be used for In-House Crews to mow the Right-of-Way within Arterial and Collector Streets. Councilmember Viagran asked of the Budget Effect on the number of city positions. Maria Villagomez stated that they were adding 14 positions for the Mowing Improvement and two positions were being added to the Planning Department to work on the Annexation Program. Councilmember Viagran expressed support for the Capital Funding allocated for Brooks City Base.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased with the funding allocated to the Centro Med Frail and Elderly Program and the Food Bank Project Hope that would assist Seniors with meals. He expressed support for the additional Street Lighting that would be provided in District 5. He asked if the funding for the Let's Paint Home Improvement Program was limited to a specific district. Mrs. Sculley stated that the funds were allocated for District 5 but could be expanded to other areas of the city.

Councilmember Toney expressed support for the funding allocated to the Urban Land Institute East Commerce Study and Project Quest.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked the City Council for their support of District 5 Projects and requested additional information on the Family Partnership Program. Councilmember Aguirre-Rodriguez explained that it was called Neighborhood Health and was a partnership between Elementary Schools and their surrounding neighborhoods to create health and wellness conversations and initiatives. Councilmember Gonzales asked why the Pedestrian Safety Improvements were listed in both the General Fund and Capital Budget. Mrs. Sculley replied that the General Fund would provide the staffing while the Capital Budget included the physical improvements. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was supportive of Hardberger Park but noted that there were many other parks throughout the city that could utilize shelter over the playgrounds and walking trails.

Councilmember Lopez expressed support for the funding allocated for improvement at the

Westside Education and Training Center and asked of the issues that would be addressed. Rene Dominguez stated that they would work to address short term strategies related to the Facility Buildout. He mentioned that they were working to ensure the sustainability of the Center and that partnerships were secured with the Alamo Colleges. Carlos Contreras added that they would be funding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements throughout the facility to expand the services they offer. Councilmember Lopez spoke of the importance of investing in a better job force and training for Technical Jobs.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed support for the funding provided for Hardberger Park and the Street Lighting in District 5. He spoke of the importance of funding for Parks and requested that Capital Funding be allocated to address ongoing Park Improvements.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed support for the additional Right-of-Way Mowing that would be provided. Councilmember Krier commended staff for their work on the Budget and noted that the projects on the list would benefit everyone throughout the city.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:50 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 an alternative water supply pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 4:30 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She announced that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for Citizens to be Heard.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the businesses operating without the proper permits to include DPT Laboratories and the Kimberly Clark Facility. He asked that city staff respond to his concerns.

Bobby Mueller, Nikki Kuhns, and Rhett Smith representing the Citizens for Safe Meters addressed the City Council. Ms. Mueller stated that she lived in a condominium in District 10 and expressed concern with the many electric meters located throughout the complex. She noted that the meters were dangerous to a person's health and was disappointed the ratepayers did not have a choice. Ms. Kuhns expressed concern with the Smart Meter Pilot Program implemented by CPS Energy in her neighborhood. She stated that she was concerned with the process utilized to replace the meters and asked that the meters installed without a contract be removed. Mr. Smith requested that CPS Energy provide community outreach and educate the ratepayers about the potential effects of the meters.

Isabella Hinojosa addressed the City Council and requested that Lucky the Elephant be moved from the Zoo to a Sanctuary. She stated that Lucky should be with other elephants and expressed concern with the living conditions and small space that Lucky was confined to.

John Bachman, Executive Director of Voices for Animals stated that he had been trying to help Lucky the Elephant for many years. He asked the City Council for their assistance in getting Lucky moved to a Sanctuary noting that the city provides funding to the Zoo.

Pedro Ruiz requested additional street lights and expressed concern with the prostitution occurring in his neighborhood along South Presa and Rockwood Street. He invited everyone to attend a march that would be held on October 11th in recognition of Indigenous Dignity Day.

George Benavides expressed concern with individuals that had been targeted and tortured throughout the world. He stated that ordinances should be adopted to enforce surveillance

issues.

Johnny Perez stated that he was a Resident of District 5 and spoke of discrimination he experienced. He noted concerns with Schizophrenia and Obesity throughout the city.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez addressed the City Council and spoke of cases he had worked on in Federal Court. He referenced Yahweh and noted that he hoped

James Justice expressed concern that he had submitted his application for a Construction Project Manager within the TCI Department and was not hired. He stated that he had been waiting to hear from Mike Frisbie but had not received a phone call. He noted that he would not accept no for an answer.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony recognizing the Valero Energy Foundation for their \$1 Million donation to Dress for Success San Antonio. He wrote that the Senate Republicans had derailed attempts to raise the Minimum Wage to \$10.10. He highlighted the new Fire Department Service Building and the Fit Initiatives in District 4. He expressed concern with the VIA Primo Bus Service and asked why youth services were not provided during the Summer at the Kenwood Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC
CITY CLERK