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**Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

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, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. A Briefing on the World Heritage Work Plan identifying short- and long-term tasks and deliverables necessary to enhance the visitor and resident experience around the five San Antonio Missions. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager]

Lori Houston presented an update on the World Heritage Designation of the San Antonio Missions. She stated that the anticipated economic impact was \$44 Million to \$105 Million annually, with 500 to 1,000 new jobs created. She provided an overview of the World Heritage Work Plan to include: Infrastructure, Transportation, Beautification, Wayfinding, Small Business Development, Marketing, Land Use, and the Alamo Master Plan. She highlighted the funding from the 2012-2017 Bond Program to address Infrastructure, as well as FY 2016-2020 Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) Funds. She spoke of their work on Transportation to include driving, biking/walking, bus service, and guided tours. She outlined the Beautification Plan that would add landscaping, lighting, banners, and public art.

Ms. Houston stated that they were working on Wayfinding though conducting an Inventory, identifying a unique Branding Strategy, and Implementation Strategies. She noted that they were gathering public input and conducting a Market Assessment to ensure Small Business Development for the area. She mentioned the World Heritage Incentive Policy that would provide fee waivers, grants, and technical assistance for development. She highlighted Marketing Strategies that included a Mobile Application, Website, and Magazine Advertisements. Lastly, she mentioned that the World Heritage Toolkit consisted of various Neighborhood Plans, Overlay Districts, Heritage Impact Assessment, and Rezoning. She added that the next World Heritage Symposium would be held on February 6, 2016 at the STEM Early College High School.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she was excited to hear about the progress that had been made thus far. She noted that she was pleased with the Mobile Application and the Small Business Development Component. She asked of the communication with citizens living in the surrounding area. Ms. Houston responded that they were working with residents that lived within the buffer area to collect their stories.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was also pleased with the great amount of progress made and thanked the many partners for their work. She noted that some incentives should be provided to homeowners in the area that may need funding to rehabilitate their homes. She recognized VIA for extending their bus routes to all of the Missions and highlighted the need for education throughout the community. She asked of the World Heritage Management Plan. Shanon Miller replied that there was a formalized role that every World Heritage Site must have and that Ms. Susan Snow was the Official Local Point Person. Ms. Houston added that the Management Plan focused on the boundaries within the site and ensures that the surrounding area is ready for an increase in activity. Councilmember Viagran asked of the Visitor Center. Ms. Houston replied that each Mission currently had their own Visitor Center and there had been discussions of combining them into one to tell the whole story of all the Missions.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased to hear about the great investments on the South Side of the city and asked of the Heritage Impact Assessment. Ms. Houston stated that it was a tool recommended by the World Heritage Organization to review intangible value and its impact as a result of development. Councilmember Saldaña asked of the potential for Bexar County to assist with the Infrastructure Needs. Ms. Houston replied that it would be part of their assessment and that there were also opportunities to approach the State or Federal Highway Administration to fund some of the projects.

Councilmember Gonzales stated she was excited about the information presented and asked

of the World Heritage Director Position. Ms. Houston stated that it would be a permanent position that would focus on implementing the work plan which would be continuous. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the boundaries of the Buffer Zone. Ms. Houston replied that the boundaries were determined as part of the Management Plan submitted for the Designation. She stated that they had looked at major corridors and the areas along all five Missions.

Councilmember Krier stated that this would be a great legacy and spoke of the challenges to getting locals to visit the Missions. He asked of the Landscaping Plan for the area. Ms. Houston responded that they had hired an outside consultant to help with a Landscaping Plan for the Primary Corridors. Ms. Susan Snow of the National Park Service spoke of their current effort managing 1,000 acres with 36 Full-Time Equivalents. She stated that they worked with volunteers from the San Antonio River Authority and contracted with a Landscaping Company to help with plant beddings.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the homes in the area with Historic Qualities that may not be designated as Historic. Mrs. Miller replied that a large portion of the buffer area was in the Mission Historic District and protected by some regulation. She stated that they would develop additional tools as part of the process. Councilmember Warrick asked how they would address the stray animal population in the area. Ms. Houston stated that Animal Care Services had already increased enforcement in the area and they had discussed opening a clinic to address same.

Councilmember Treviño spoke of the proximity of Stinson Airport and stated that it was important to market it as part of World Heritage Planning.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she looked forward to future updates.

2. A Briefing on the current status of the City of San Antonio's three growth-related plans including the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Multimodal Transportation Plan, and the Sustainability Plan, which are collectively named "SA Tomorrow." [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

John Dugan presented an update on the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan and highlighted the Stakeholder Engagement to date. He outlined the Draft Goals and Policies developed and spoke of the Development Types. He mentioned Trail-Oriented Development and provided examples and photos of same. He mentioned the Annexation within SA

Tomorrow and presented a timeline denoting that the Plan Element Working Group would have a Final Report in April. He outlined the enhanced Public Outreach Strategy, Continued Stakeholder Engagement, and Roadmap to Completion. He highlighted the Post-Completion Implementation that would include Land Use, Fiscal Tools, Public Facilities and Infrastructure. He played a video of the Comprehensive Plan created by the City of Portland, Oregon.

Terry Bellamy presented an update on the Strategic Multimodal Transportation Plan and stated that people in San Antonio wanted and needed improved transit options. He provided an overview of what has been learned thus far such as ensuring that more and better Bike Facilities were a priority. He mentioned that Open House Meetings and Virtual Town Hall that were held to gather input and reported on various Outreach Metrics. He spoke of the Corridor Selection Process and Concepts, and presented options for the Southwest Military and San Pedro Corridors. He highlighted 2040 Travel Demand Modeling using the following scenarios: 1) Business as usual; 2) Capacity and Connectivity; and 3) Promoting all modes. He presented Transportation Plan Elements and noted the outreach and next steps planned for 2016.

Doug Melnick presented an update on the Sustainability Plan noting that it was a Roadmap to enhance the community's quality of life and build overall resilience. He outlined the Sustainability Plan Process and Focus Areas: 1) Energy; 2) Food System; 3) Green Buildings & Infrastructure; 4) Natural Resources; 5) Land Use & Transportation; 6) Public Health; 7) Solid Waste Resources; and 8) Innovation Economy. He spoke of their Public Engagement Plan and mentioned the Sustainability Forum and Working Group Meetings held. He stated that the Plan Structure included a Hardcopy Plan Summary and Web-based Plan. He provided examples of their Draft Goals and Strategies and highlighted the Vulnerability Assessment. Lastly, he mentioned next steps and stated that Draft Plan Open Houses would be held throughout the Council Districts in March 2016.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentations and stated that they would have to make important policy decisions in the future; specifically with regard to the 2017 Bond Program. She asked of the involvement of the School Districts. Mr. Dugan replied that they had made initial presentations to all of the Bexar County School District Superintendents letting them know about the process. He stated that they had representatives on the various Plan Element Working Groups and were looking to host an Education Summit Coordination Meeting to present information and gather feedback. Mayor Taylor asked of the Corridor Option Scenarios. Mr. Bellamy stated that they had been working with VIA Metropolitan and their 2040 Plan identified many of the same corridors that could be Premium Transit. Mr. Jeff Arndt of VIA added that they were working closely with City Staff and would continue to identify the High Capacity Transit

Corridors in the 2040 Plan. Mayor Taylor spoke of the need to redevelop corridors and provide opportunities for vigorous commercial activity.

Councilmember Nirenberg recognized one of the Tri-Chairs of SA Tomorrow, Darryl Byrd. Mr. Byrd thanked staff for their hard work and spoke of the importance of the Community Engagement Process. Councilmember Nirenberg thanked Mr. Byrd for his service and stated that he was pleased that a Draft Plan had been distributed.

Councilmember Warrick spoke of the importance of engaging with School Districts and asked of adapting to future Transportation Methods. Mr. Bellamy replied that they needed to address infrastructure and were aware that the future was calling for alternative modes of transportation. Councilmember Warrick asked if they had worked with the City of Austin. Mr. Dugan replied that the City of San Antonio's Comprehensive Plan was very similar to theirs which was focused on higher density development, growth centers, and trying to control urban sprawl.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he hoped they could figure out ways to put ideas into practice through dedicated funding. He spoke of the funding needed for VIA Metropolitan and stated that he looked forward to continued conversations regarding same.

Councilmember Viagran asked who would be responsible for following through with the Multimodal Plan. Mr. Dugan replied that there was a Steering Committee comprised of the Chairs of the Comprehensive Planning Working Groups and that there would be an Implementation Program once the Plan was adopted by the City Council. Mrs. Sculley added that the City could not implement the Plan alone and that it would take a community effort to be effective.

Councilmember Lopez thanked the members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that were present and spoke of the MPO's work to address Transportation Needs. He mentioned the many partners throughout the community that would help make SA Tomorrow a success.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the update and commended staff for their work thus far.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:58 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 Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:31 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She announced that the Executive Session would be reconvened the next day following the Business Portion of the City Council Meeting.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Taylor presented the 5th Annual “Light Up Downtown” Holiday Lights Contest Awards. She noted that businesses in the downtown area competed for the best and brightest holiday lights display during the holiday season. She added that the goal of the contest was to create an illuminated view of the downtown skyline and showcase the heart of the city to locals and visitors for a unique holiday experience. Awards were presented in the categories of Best Store Front, Best Building, Best Pop-Up Store, Best Use of Space, Best Overall, and CPS Energy Greenest Lighting Display.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 29th Annual MLK March that will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 to celebrate the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It was noted that the three-mile journey will begin at 10:00 am at the MLK Freedom Bridge (3500 MLK Drive) and end at Pitman-Sullivan Park (1101 Iowa). It was further noted that San Antonio hosts one of the largest marches in the United States, which is expected to draw more than 200,000 participants.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation for School Board Recognition Month that would be celebrated by the City of San Antonio in the month of January. It was noted that the observance is a way to show school board members that their dedication and hard work is

appreciated. It was further noted that Board of Trustee Members play a crucial role at the schools and in the community; and it is their actions and decisions that can affect the present and future lives of school children.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the facilities operating without the proper permits including the AGE Refinery Building at 7811 S. Presa.

Roger Fisher expressed concern with the salary of the City Manager.

Will McLeod expressed concern that the Citizens to be Heard Portion of the City Council Meeting was not broadcast on television. He noted concerns with bandit signs throughout the city and the converter box required by Time Warner Cable.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez referenced a newspaper article regarding the Religious Organizations to be taxed in the future.

David Klar addressed the City Council and spoke of concerns with the Vista Ridge Project. He asked the City of San Antonio to opt out of the project.

Jose Mascorro addressed the City Council and expressed concern with the amount of time that it has taken San Antonio Police Officers to respond to 9-1-1 phone calls.

Brian Hummel addressed the City Council in support of the purchase of Government Canyon Land in an effort to protect the Recharge Zone. He spoke of the benefits and noted that it would ensure water supply for future generations.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony regarding the San Antonio Police Department using Body Worn Cameras. He submitted various newspaper articles on the following topics: Trans-Pacific Partnership Deal, UT Coach Charlie Strong, Climate Change, and Rules on Payday Lending.

RECESSED

Mayor Taylor announced that the Executive Session would be reconvened the following day after the Business Portion of the City Council Meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 6:38 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC
CITY CLERK