

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council Special Session**

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

Tuesday, September 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: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor stated that the Budget Amendments could be affected by Collective Bargaining and recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:10 pm to:

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 3:23 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

1. Staff presentation and possible City Council action on potential City Council amendments to the FY 2016 Proposed Budget. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Maria Villagomez, Director, Management and Budget]

Mayor Taylor noted that Amendments made today would be limited to the Capital Improvements Budget as Public Safety Contract Negotiations potentially impact the General Fund.

Mrs. Sculley highlighted Memos provided to the Mayor and Council which reflected Answers to Questions made last week and detailed Proposed Budget Recommendations made at Community Input Meetings. She stated that another Memo was provided on September 4, 2015 which addressed Capital Budget Amendments. She reported that the Mayor and Council made Capital Improvements requests totaling \$41.7 Million and that said requests exceeded the \$5.6 Million allocated by the City.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke on the importance of the Indian Creek CentroMed Clinic and stated that said would provide Healthcare needs to Undeserved Patients. He reported that he had been trying to identify funding for said Project for 3 ½ years and was finally able to partner with CentroMed. It was stated that CentroMed received a Federal Grant and that the cost to the City was \$450,000.

Councilmember Medina highlighted the Recommendations for District 7 and requested that said Improvements be considered for inclusion in the 2017 Bond Program. He spoke on the benefits of developing a Traffic Management Plan for Hillcrest Drive to include mitigating traffic congestion and decreasing the number of traffic accidents occurring in residential areas. As it relates to proposed Improvements for O.P. Schnabel Park, it was noted that the City was Partnering with the YMCA to assist with the cost for resurfacing the Field. Councilmember Medina spoke on the importance of said Park to the Community and stated that the Park was visited by Residents in Districts 7 and 8.

Councilmember Viagran spoke on the Funding Allocation for Stinson Airport Signage and highlighted benefits to the Community. She noted that Stinson Airport was celebrating its 100th Anniversary and that Airport Traffic was increasing due to increased Economic Development of the area. It was noted that said Improvement would connect the City to the Historic Missions as well as welcome Visitors to the Airport.

Councilmember Viagran asked of Funding Allocations made for the Vision Zero Plan. It was clarified by Mrs. Sculley that Funding totaling \$500,000 was just for District 5. Mike

Frisbie added that Funding totaling \$2 Million was included in the General Fund and would be used to implement the Vision Zero Plan City-Wide. He highlighted amenities that could be installed with said Funds.

At the request of Councilmember Viagran, Mr. Frisbie spoke on Funding Allocations for making portions of Broadway a Complete Street. He noted that the portion of the street to be developed was from Houston to Casa Blanca and that Casa Blanca was near the Pig Stand Restaurant.

Councilmember Viagran asked for clarification regarding the Community Street Lighting Project. It was reported by Mr. Frisbie that each Council District was being allocated \$20,000 and that said Funds would be used to purchase LED Streetlights and light bulbs. He spoke on the benefits of using LED lights and stated that he would provide the Mayor and Council with the cost for installing a Street Light.

Mrs. Sculley spoke on Councilmember Viagran's request for Signage at Stinson Airport and reported that said Improvements could be funding via the Aviation Restricted Fund. Councilmember Viagran requested that said Project be funded via the Aviation Restricted Fund and the Capital Improvements Fund.

Councilmember Warrick highlighted the Improvement Projects proposed for District 2 and spoke on their City-wide impact. He stated that Funding Allocations proposed for Martin Luther King Park Improvements would encourage Economic Development in the area. Councilmember Warrick highlighted the benefits of having an Animal Care Services Clinic in District 2 and spoke on the possibility of having additional Clinics established in the four quadrants of District 2. He spoke on the benefits of the Community Street Lighting Project to include decreasing crime.

Councilmember Warrick spoke on the parking situation in District 2 and highlighted the benefits of additional Parking under Interstate Highway 281. He asked for the number of Parking Spaces available in District 2. Mr. Frisbie reported that approximately 200 parking spaces were available in District 2 and spoke on events and increased economic development occurring in District 2 near Downtown requiring additional parking.

Councilmember Treviño highlighted proposed Improvements for Lerma's and stated that Funding would be used to stabilize the structure. He spoke on the proposed Funding Allocation of \$90,000 for purchasing a Public Restroom Prototype and highlighted benefits to the Community. It was clarified that said Project was not listed on the Memo provided and asked for said Project to be added.

It was clarified that that the Sub-Freeway Parking Improvements Project proposed for District 2 would result in 450 additional parking spaces.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke in support of the proposed Funding Allocation for Lerma's due to the Buildings Historical significance.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke in support of the proposed Funding Allocation for Lerma's and detailed the Building's importance to the local Community. She detailed the Funding Allocations proposed for District 5 and noted that Improvements were necessary. One Project discussed was Street and Sidewalk Improvements. It was reported that the installation of sidewalks near Schools in District 5 was estimated to cost \$9 Million. Councilmember Gonzales highlighted Improvements for the Commerce Street Bridge and noted that Funding was being requested in FY 2015 and FY 2016. She provided an overview of Improvements to be made as part of the District 5 Park Project and asked that her requests be considered.

Councilmember Gallagher detailed the importance of Friesenhahn Park to the Community and noted that Funding would be used for the purchase of additional land. As it relates to Allocations for repaving Nacogdoches Road, it was noted that said would increase safety for all drivers.

Councilmember Krier highlighted the Hardy Oak Road Improvement Project and noted that said would mitigate traffic congestion. At the request of Councilmember Krier, Mr. Frisbee reported that the City was Funding 30% of the Construction costs with the Developer funding the difference.

Councilmember Lopez spoke in support of General Fund Allocations for Workforce Development and Transportation issues. As it relates to District 6 Capital Improvement Projects, Councilmember Lopez reported that he was requesting Funding for the Environmental clean-up and Renovation of a Former Gas Station. He noted that said Project would require Funding totaling \$2 Million in FY 2017 and that the City planned on leveraging Funds from other sources to complete the Project. He asked for clarification of FY 2017 Funding Allocations. Mrs. Sculley stated that one option was to use Monies Allocated to the City's Deferred Maintenance Program while the other was to include FY 2017 Funding Language in the FY 2016 Budget Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez asked for Council Support for said Project and spoke on the benefits to the Community. He provided an overview of Funding options and stated that the intent was to leverage Funds from other sources.

As it relates to Stinson Airport Signage, Councilmember Lopez spoke in support of said

Project and asked that additional signage be installed to inform Visitors that they were entering Restricted Air Space. He recommended that additional Funding be used, if needed, from the Federal Government or Aviation Budget.

Councilmember Lopez highlighted the benefits of Funding Lerma's and noted that the Community was very passionate about retaining their Cultural History. He spoke in support of Commerce Street Bridge Improvements and recommended that Funding be identified in the 2017 Bond Program rather than the FY 2016 and FY 2017 Capital Improvements Budget.

Mayor Taylor briefed the Council on the Funding Allocation she requested for the Good Samaritan Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center Project and noted that said Initiative began in 2013 with the acquisition of a Building. She stated that Funds were not previously available to make Improvements on the Historic Building resulting in the Organization having to work at St. Phillips College. It was reported that the City was matching Funds provided by the Greehey Family Foundation and that Funds would allow for the Organization to offer additional services at the new Building.

Councilmember Nirenberg spoke in support of Funding for the Good Samaritan Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center Project. He requested that the City Manager identify additional Funding Sources to include developing Partnerships as Improvement costs exceeded Funding Allocations. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that priority be given to Funding Projects based on eminent threats to Public Health and Safety and noted that he considered Lerma's to be a Funding priority. He also spoke on the need for installing signs at Stinson Airport in order to commemorate the 100 year old Facility. Councilmember Nirenberg reported on his Funding Priorities and noted that they were already included in the Capital Budget.

Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of establishing a CentroMed Clinic and for the creation of City-Wide Traffic Management Plans.

Mayor Taylor reminded Councilmembers to review Community Input requests.

Councilmember Nirenberg spoke in support of increased lighting that would result from the Commerce Street Bridge Improvement Project.

Councilmember Warrick clarified that the City's Funding Allocation for the Martin Luther King Park was 30% of the total Project's cost and that the Developer was paying the difference.

Mrs. Sculley reported that the cost to replace a high pressure sodium street lamp to an LED street lamp was \$1,200 while the cost for converting an existing high pressure sodium light bulb to an LED light bulb was \$300. She noted that \$1 Million was allocated for said Project in FY 2015 with \$11.5 Million proposed for FY 2016. It was reported that FY 2016 Allocations would be used for completion of said Project in Council Districts 2 and 5.

Mayor Taylor stated that the Council would discuss General Fund Amendments on Thursday, September 9, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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