

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 08, 2017  
1:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, C ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle ( <i>By teleconference</i> ), <i>Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>Sr. Management Analyst</i> ; Eduardo Carrasco, <i>Sr. Intergovernmental Relations Specialist</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Curt Seidlits ( <i>By teleconference</i> ), <i>Focus Advocacy</i> ; Snapper Carr ( <i>By teleconference</i> ), <i>Focus Advocacy</i> ; Mike Toomey ( <i>By teleconference</i> ), <i>Focus Advocacy</i>

Chairman Krier attended the meeting via teleconference.

**Item 1. Approval of minutes from the January 12, 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Council Subcommittee Meeting**

Item 1 was not addressed.

**Briefing and Possible Action on**

Item 4 was addressed at this time.

**Item 4. State Legislative Update [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs] a) 85th State Legislative Program b) Property Tax Reform & Relief**

Jeff Coyle provided an update on the State Legislative Program. He reported that Councilmember Viagran testified against Senate Bill (SB) 6. He noted that there were 233 people against the bill and 29 people in favor of the bill. He added that SB 6 passed out of the Senate State Affairs Committee with a 7 to 1 vote.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Revenue Caps Bills were rescheduled for March 14, 2017. He noted that cities and counties across Texas would have law enforcement and fire department representation at the next meeting. He added that a San Antonio City Councilmember would represent the City.

Mike Toomey stated that it would be significant to have a strong presence of elected officials along with law enforcement and fire department representation in opposition to the bill.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the position of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT) and other police associations. Snapper Carr responded that the Associations were opposed to the bill.

Mr. Coyle stated that House Bill (HB) 15 was added to the Revenue Cap Bills and noted that HB 21 would add \$1.6 billion to public school funding.

Megan Dodge stated that the City was in support of HB 27 because it would prohibit the dark store strategy.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked where Representative (Rep.) Springer was from and his motivation for filing HB 27. Mr. Coyle responded that Rep. Springer was from the Cooke County Area. He stated that the Texas Comptroller was working on this issue therefore he could be filing on their behalf.

Mr. Coyle reported that SB 88 would prevent local school districts from putting cameras on the stop sign that is attached to school buses and stated that the bill would conflict with the City's Ordinance to allow cameras on the signs. He noted that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Legislative Liaison was testifying in support of the HB 62, Statewide Texting Ban. He added that in April 2017, the Governor would be dedicating a day to law enforcement and mentioned that there would be a few bills passed as well.

No action was required for Item 4.

**Item 2. Federal Legislative Update a) Federal Courthouse; b) Direct Flight to DCA (Washington, DC); c) National Park Service Centennial Legislation for World Heritage Sites.** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Item 2 was not addressed.

**Item 3. State Representation Services Contract Recommendation** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Item 3 was not addressed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
Alicia K. Beckham  
Office of the City Clerk

  
Joe Krier, Chairperson