

City of San Antonio



City Council A Session

No in-person access for this meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2020

9:00 AM

Videoconference

ROLL CALL

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. City Clerk Tina J. Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Dr. Ed Newton, of Community Bible Church, guest of Councilmember Courage, District 9.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes from the City Council Meetings of June 4, 2020 and June 10, 2020

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the June 4, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Minutes. Councilmember Courage the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 4.

4. Second Public Hearings on the City's 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Scott Huizenga, Director, Management & Budget]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing and announced that the second of two combined FY 2021 Budget & Tax Year 2020 Tax Rate Public Hearings was hereby opened. He stated that anyone who wished to express their views may do so, however comments must be limited to matters about the Budget or the Tax Rate. He added that if speakers discussed any other subjects or topics he or she would be interrupted and the speaker's audio connection to the meeting would be terminated.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals registered to speak. Antonio Diaz spoke in opposition of the Property Tax Rate noting that several people have complained to him about their taxes.

Diana Uriegas spoke in opposition of the Property Tax Rate noting that homeowner taxes were too high.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that City Council would vote on the City of San Antonio Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2020 on Thursday, September 17, 2020, which would begin at 9:00 am and would be conducted via videoconference.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that having heard all comments from those individuals who wished to speak on the Budget and Tax Rate, the second of two combined FY 2021 Budget & 2020 Tax Rate Public Hearing was hereby closed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Viagran announced that the fifth annual World Heritage Festival would take place from September 8 through September 13, 2020. She noted that on July 5, 2020 the City celebrated five years of the World Heritage Inscription and noted it was the only World Heritage site in the State of Texas. She added that due to COVID-19 many events would be virtual.

Councilmember Viagran stated that this year, Mission San Jose was celebrating 300 years. She outlined several virtual events beginning September 10, 2020 with the Virtual San Antonio Missions Trivia Night. She reported that September 11, 2020 would be the Virtual Classical Concert celebrating Mission San Jose held inside the Mission San Jose Church. She added that September 13, 2020 was the El Camino de San Antonio for the outdoor Mass at Mission San Jose Church. She noted that Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller would preside over the Mass. Lastly, she challenged her Council Colleagues to a Virtual Bike Tour of all the Missions in San Antonio on the beautiful trails.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan stated that she reached out to several District 2 residents who had lost four youths with ages that ranged from 12 to 19. She called for 30-days of peace to end the gun violence. She asked that we light our homes with a yellow light to represent peace within our community and strive for unity. She asked the youth to reach out to anyone with their yellow light on to ask for help, as this was their path to peace.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan announced that on September 19, 2020 there would be a moment of silence and vigil with the Mothers of District 2 who have lost someone to senseless gun violence. She asked that we step up as a community and inform the youth that they have a bright future.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Nirenberg announced that no Items were pulled for individual consideration.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the following individuals registered to speak on the Consent Agenda.

Morris “Mo” Lewis stated that Belt Built Contracting was his firm and was one of ten Job Order Contractors (JOC) for the City of San Antonio. He noted that his firm was the only African-American contractor who secured the JOC award and had worked for the City since 2015. He added that his firm had established a Federal SBA approved office in San Antonio on the East Side. He noted that there had been an ongoing campaign to disparage his firm and that the false accusations had slowed down his

plans in San Antonio. He stated that his business was qualified to work for the City and asked that the petty disparaging of his company please stop.

Antonio Diaz spoke on behalf of the Indigenous People of San Antonio. He noted that he participated on the 2013 Committee for the World Heritage Site and requested that the celebration continue and signify that Indigenous families built and maintained the Missions.

Councilmember Gonzales highlighted Item 9 regarding the Commerce Street Bridge Project that was part of the 2017 Bond Program. She noted that the City would receive some reimbursements from SAWS and CPS to rehabilitate the area which was part of the Zona Cultural. She also highlighted Item 19 regarding the Tampico Apartment Lofts and noted that the project was a rehabilitation and redevelopment of the old SAHA site that was a warehouse and would be next to the new West Side Creekways. She added that the project consisted of a mixed income apartment complex with some units at 30% AMI to Market Rate apartments.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Councilmember Rocha Garcia for her work on the Committee of Six regarding Item 15 approving the Workforce Solutions Alamo Annual Operating Budget for FY 2020-2021. He acknowledged that budgets in the public sector were affected by the extraordinarily difficult year and he wanted to ensure that the work with area judges and mayors that were part of the network and body would continue.

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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2020-09-10-0626

5. Ordinance approving a contract with Abbott Informatics, Inc., for upgrades to the StarLIMS Public Health software application for an estimated cost of \$429,006.39 over a five-year period. Funding in the amount of \$337,170.00 for the system and application upgrade and associated services is available through the FY 2020 – FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program. Annual system maintenance and support in the amount of \$18,367.28 is funded from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Operating Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

2020-09-10-0627

6. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$296,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2020 Adopted Budget:
- (A) RockGuard AutoGlass LLC, for automotive glass repair and replacement services;
 - (B) Siemens Industry, Inc., for HVAC control services for the San Antonio International Airport;
 - (C) OAG Aviation Worldwide LLC, for OAG flight view data services.
- [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2020-09-10-0628

7. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Belt Built Contracting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$172,380.00 for the Beacon Hill Linear Park project, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 1. Funds are available from the 2017 General Obligation

Bond Program and are included in the FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program.
[Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

2020-09-10-0629

8. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Belt Built Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$358,955.20 for the McFarlin Tennis Center Facility Roof Renovation & HVAC System Replacement project, an FY 2020 Deferred Maintenance funded project, located in Council District 1. Funding is available from the FY 2020 Parks Deferred Maintenance Program and is included in the FY 2020 - FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

2020-09-10-0630

9. Ordinance awarding a construction contract including two additive alternates to Harper Brothers Construction LLC in the amount of \$10,384,984.94 of which \$1,417,706.50 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and \$538,868.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project, located in Council District 5. Funds are available from Certificates of Obligation, the General Fund and the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2020 - 2025 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
10. Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms to expire May 31, 2021 or for the terms shown below. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]
- A) Appointing Nicholas Whelan (District 1) to the San Antonio Youth Commission
 - B) Appointing Rob McDaniel (District 8) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board
 - C) Reappointing Russell Persyn (Category: Medina County) to the Conservation Advisory Board

2020-09-10-0631

11. Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Joint Base San Antonio for animal care shelter services, for a three-year term with the option to renew for up to three two-year terms. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Heber Lefgren, Director, Animal Care Services]

2020-09-10-0632

12. Ordinance approving a High Volume Pet Partner contract with San Antonio Pets Alive! in an amount not to exceed \$330,750.00 for the rescue of up to 4,410 animals from the City's Animal Care Services facility, for a one-year term with the option to renew. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Heber Lefgren, Director, Animal Care Services]

2020-09-10-0633

13. Ordinance authorizing the Aviation Department to submit an application to host "Routes Americas 2022" with Informa Markets (UK) Limited, for a hosting bid of \$443,000.00; If awarded, funding for the initial \$150,000.00 payment is available from the FY 2020 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Budget and funding for the remaining \$293,000.00 is included in the FY 2021 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Proposed Budget. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

2020-09-10-0634

14. Ordinance approving settlement of litigation styled Blanca Idalia Degollado and Priscilla Degollado v. City of San Antonio in the amount of \$275,000.00 payable from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

2020-09-10-0635

15. Ordinance approving the Workforce Solutions Alamo Annual Operating Budget for FY 2020-2021 as recommended by the Committee of Six on August 26, 2020. [Carlos J. Contreras, III; Assistant City Manager; Alejandra Lopez, Director, Economic Development]

2020-09-10-0636

16. Ordinance for the City Public Services Board authorizing the issuance of obligations designated as City of San Antonio, Texas Electric and Gas Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series and in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,185,000,000. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

2020-09-10-0637

17. Ordinance approving an agreement with Rebecca A. Davenport, D.D.S. for dental clinical and consulting services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health Program in an amount up to \$61,000.00 for a term beginning October 1, 2020 and terminating on September 30, 2021 with options to renew for two, one-year terms. Funding for the agreement is provided through the General fund and Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program funding. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager, Interim Director, Health]

2020-09-10-0638

18. Ordinance approving an amendment to the agreement with Triple P America, Inc., for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Violence Prevention Program to adjust the training, accompanying materials and compensation in an amount up to \$180,801.85 for the implementation of the Triple P Program in San Antonio for a term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2020. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager, Interim Director, Health]

2020-09-10-0639

19. Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the Westside Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Thirty Board of Directors, and Tampico Apartments, LP, for eligible development costs for up to \$328,341 for the Tampico Apartments located at 200 Tampico Street, San Antonio, TX, 78207 in Council District 5. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

2020-09-10-0640

20. Ordinance approving the continuation of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Department of Public Safety to conduct blood alcohol and drug toxicology analysis in intoxication assaults and intoxication manslaughter cases for a period beginning September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2025, to be paid for out of the City's General Fund. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONCLUDED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

21. City Manager's Report

City Manager Walsh reported that as of September 9, 2020, 50 City employees had tested positive for COVID-19 and were out of the office. He noted that the numbers had drastically dropped since the peak in early July 2020. He stated that an employee at Pre-K 4 SA had passed away and noted this was the fifth City employee to pass away from COVID-19. He expressed condolences to the families of those impacted. He provided a spotlight video of Health Department Employees. He noted that Dr. Aga from the Metro Health Department, Emily Royal from the Innovation Department, and Shaun Cummings from the ITSD Department had worked together to provide information to the public by creating the dashboard of COVID-19 updates on the City website.

Mayor Nirenberg and City Councilmembers sang Happy Birthday to City Clerk Tina Flores whom celebrated her birthday on September 10, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 9:48 am to convene in executive Session to discuss the following items:

- A. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- C. Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Legal issues related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Discuss legal issues relating to COVID-19 preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 11:49 am and announced that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:49 am.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
City Clerk