

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019  
1:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>Chair, District 4</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle (teleconference), <i>Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Frederick P. Garcia Jr., <i>Municipal Court Clerk</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Carl Wedge, <i>Deputy Fire Chief of Administrative Services</i> ; Mario Martinez, <i>Assistant Director of Environmental Health &amp; Safety Division</i> , Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Other Present:</b>	None

In the absence of Chairman Saldaña, Councilmember Viagran presided over the meeting.

Item 2 was considered at this time.

**2. Proposed amendments to the Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Megan Dodge stated that the City was proposing amendments to the Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Bexar County on service provisions. She noted that the original ILA expired in September 2018 and that the full City Council approved a new Master ILA last year. She added that the County approached the City on other areas that they wanted to include in the Master ILA; therefore, staff had created proposed amendments to include Fire Services, Metro Health Food Service Inspections and Permitting, and Magistrate Services.

Mrs. Dodge reported that one proposed amendment would allow the County to conduct Fire Code Inspections and Construction Plan Reviews in County Owned Facilities that were in City Limits. She stated that the County would be able to review and permit construction plans and conduct fire code inspections in unincorporated areas. She noted that the agreement would require that the County complied with City Codes and would make the information available upon request by the City. She added that the ILA would require the City to provide Pyrotechnic Permits within City Limits; fire watch duty at all events held at the AT&T Center; review and permit one or two family residential construction in unincorporated areas; and would continue to review and permit outdoor food with booths. She mentioned that the agreement would allow the County to review and permit food services and establishments in unincorporated areas.

Mrs. Dodge stated that Municipal Court had worked with the County on an agreement to allow City Judges to provide Magistration of Persons at the Justice Intake Center. She noted that the County would pay the City \$294,000 and that the term of the agreement was prorated. She added that the agreement would be from October 2018 through September 2019 with one-year renewal options. She stated that the Magistration Agreement would terminate on January 1, 2019.

Chairperson Viagran asked who in the County would conduct fire code inspections. Deputy (Dep.) Chief Carl Wedge responded that the County Fire Marshal would conduct fire code inspections in the County. Chairperson Viagran asked if the Fire Marshal would be using the City's provisions to perform code inspections. Dep. Chief Wedge noted that the County would use City Base Codes and Amendments. In response to Chairperson Viagran, Dep. Chief Wedge stated that the ILA would not free up time for City Fire Fighters and Inspectors.

Councilmember Perry asked if there were any additional costs to the City's Expenses. Mrs. Dodge stated that the City would receive compensation from the County to provide services and that there would not be additional cost to fire and food inspections. Dep. Chief Wedge added that there would be a loss of income from decreased permit fees. Councilmember Perry suggested that staff provide the data on the loss income to the City because of decreased permit fees issued. In response to Councilmember Perry, Fred Garcia stated that the formula for the expense was that 65% of the arrests were City and 35% of arrests were County and Suburban Cities; therefore, the total cost was \$841,300 for the City.

Chairperson Viagran requested that staff provide data to the Committee regarding added expenses to the City.

No action was required for Item 2.

**1. Update on proposed legislation for the 86th State Legislative Session** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle reported that the 86th State Legislative Session would be ending May 27, 2019 and that the floor votes in the House Committee were running two days behind. He stated that Senate Bill (SB) 2 passed out of the Committee lowering the roll back rate from 8% to 3.5% and to exceed the 3.5% rate; a taxing district would require voter approval. He noted that the second provision to Revenue Caps House Bill (HB) 2 had incremental growth in exemptions that were offered at the local level and that could be added to the effective rate that would be established on the amount of revenue collected the prior year. He added that there was an amendment accepted on the House Floor that prohibited an elected official or staff member of a taxing unit to serve on the Board of the Appraisal District; therefore, there would not be a position for City Council on the Appraisal Board.

Mr. Coyle stated that Revenue Caps SB 2 was contingent upon the House passing HB 2, but that the Senate had to pass the House Public Education Reform Bill for SB 2 to go into effect.

Chairperson Viagran asked what would occur if the Public Safety Amendment was voted down. Mr. Coyle replied that the amendment allowed incremental growth in a City's Public Safety Budgets from the prior year to the next year and that the growth would be added to the effective tax rate calculation. He noted that the baseline would be adjusted up to account for growth and Public Safety Expenditures.

Mr. Coyle reported that that Cable and Telecom Franchise Fees SB 1152 passed through the Senate and House Committee but was still in Calendars. He stated that the City was not in opposition to Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Regulations SB 422; however, there was concern about the implications on military compatibility protections. He noted that the language in The Alamo SB 1400 was adjusted to allow The Alamo Cenotaph to be removed for repair and relocate around Alamo Plaza. He stated that The Alamo SB 1663 prohibited the moving, relocating, or altering of any monuments greater than 40 years old and was scheduled on the Senate Intent Calendar.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Lobbying Activities HB 281 had not moved from Calendars and that the Lobbying Activities SB 29 was voted out of the Senate but referred to a House Committee. He noted that the Religious Beliefs HB 3172 prohibited government from discriminating against someone for their personal viewpoint. He added that the amended bill excluded government from taking any adverse action related to contracts and subcontracts based on personally held religious beliefs including entities, memberships, donations, contributions, or affiliations with religious organizations.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Bite Sticks HB 2584 was voted out of the House and was on the House Local Calendar. He noted that the Bite Sticks SB 764 was voted out of Committee and placed on the Senate Local Calendar. He added that the Transportation Funding HB 3258 was on the House Floor and that the Transportation Funding HB 130 was pending in the House Calendar.

Mr. Coyle reported that the House included language that was exempt from Non Discrimination Ordinances and would move forward with the Paid Sick Leave Preemption to the Employment Benefits and Paid Sick Leave HB 3728. He stated that Business & Industry Committee Chair Trey Martinez Fischer suggested that all parties collaborate to find compromise for the Workers Compensation HB 3996. He noted that as a compromise; the City had three requests and that the Texas State Association-Fire Fighters accepted two of the requests. He added that the County Permits HB 2741 was on the House Local and Consent Calendar for May 3, 2019 and that HB 3518 was not set to be heard.

No action was required for Item 1.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Rebecca Viagran , Chairperson*

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*Alicia K. Beckham  
Office of the City Clerk*