

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



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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 Sister Bernadette Mota, Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco, guest of Councilmember Cabello Havrda, Council District 6.
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 March 3, 2021, March 4, 2021, March 17, 2021 and March 18, 2021.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2021, March 4, 2021, March 17, 2021, and March 18, 2021. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Nirenberg stated that there were no Items pulled from the Consent Agenda.

## **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted that the month of April marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She stated that two in five women had been sexually assaulted, and one in five men. She added that 6.3 million Texans had experienced some form of sexual assault in their lifetime. Councilmember Cabello Havrda challenged the community to have difficult conversations around sexual violence and what could be done to not only encourage more survivors to come forward but make sure they were taken care of.

Larissa Martinez, Executive Director and Founder, Circle of Arms, thanked Councilmember Cabello Havrda for allowing her to share her platform and address sexual assault issues. She stated that everyone needed to continue to promote awareness, prevention and change throughout the year. Ms. Martinez added that as a community of leaders and advocates, it was important to believe survivors, and provide more rehabilitation and education to the community.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Ms. Martinez for her work especially in light of recent events such as the murder of Vanessa Guillen and the incident involving a capital staffer. She stated that she had asked colleagues to wear the color teal in recognition of sexual assault awareness month. She noted that in 1974 a resource center was opened in San Antonio that provided access to resources and assistance which was a matter of life and death for people experiencing sexual assault, harassment, and/or abuse, and was grateful that her City Council colleagues supported those impacted by abuse.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Councilmember Gonzales for her filing of a Council Consideration Request (CCR) that requested a report on the status of women in San Antonio and for emphasizing the need for equal pay in employment opportunities. She noted that the report showed disparities in health, educational attainment, employment opportunities, housing, transportation, and digital access for women. She reviewed recent legislation related to the Violence Against Women Act and continued efforts for women's equality.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that when she first joined the City Council, one of the City's delegate agencies approached her and told her of the issues surrounding sexual assault and domestic violence. She reviewed the City programs and initiatives she advocated for related to these issues and the City Council's efforts to address them.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan stated that she had walked in Ms. Martinez shoes and knew what these incidents could do to a person. She noted that the women deserved the same respect as others, and it was important not revictimize individuals who had experienced harassment or assault and for them to receive the proper treatment needed.

Councilmember Pelaez acknowledged his female colleagues for highlighting this issue and noted that males needed to be better men, fathers, husbands, and advocates on the issue. He noted that the LGBTQ community also experienced this type of violence and sexual assault. He added that change was needed and that he would personally donate to the Rape Crisis Center in support of these efforts.

Councilmember Viagran acknowledged her City Council colleagues and Ms. Martinez for their efforts in addressing sexual assault and harassment issues. She encouraged Ms. Martinez to run for public office and to continue to address public policy issues. She stated that the City Council had been very focused on addressing issues of equality and challenged her colleagues to continue to do so after she left office in June 2021.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that State Representative Minjarez had initiated efforts to address women's issues on assault and that she relied on local officials such as the City Council to bolster and support the efforts at the State Capital. She acknowledged her City Council colleagues and City staff to include Dr. Colleen Bridger and the Metro Health Department for their work on the issue. She added that the community and policy makers needed to talk and bring attention to sexual assault in order to address the issues and support women and LGBTQ victims.

Councilmember Treviño supported his City Council colleagues comments and asked that the homeless community be included in these efforts. He added that many homeless individuals were women and LGBTQ individuals that often faced both issues.

Councilmember Courage added his support to his City Council colleague's comments. He stated that as a teacher he witnessed many young students that experienced abuse and it was vital to support all females no matter their age or circumstances.

Councilmember Perry thanked Ms. Martinez for sharing her story and expressed support for his fellow Councilmembers comments and efforts related to sexual assault and harassment.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Ms. Martinez for addressing the City Council and for giving a face to so many stories that were like hers that needed to be talked about. He acknowledged Councilmembers Gonzales and Viagran for their efforts on issues involving women and equality over the past eight years.

#### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that the Alamo Community College District and its partners would break ground on the new Westside Education and Training Center, which would be a 46,000 square foot facility that would be better able to accommodate the growing educational needs of the community. She noted that the original center had been opened in 2006 as a result of a partnership between the Westside Community Alamo Colleges, the Edgewood Independent School District and the City of San Antonio which was a one-stop education and workforce development center designed to meet the community's needs.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that there was to be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the facility and welcomed all to attend. She added her congratulations to the Westside Education and Training Center (WETC) and former City Councilmember Art Hall who represented WETC.

Mr. Hall thanked the City Council on behalf of the Alamo Colleges Board of Directors and Chancellor, Mike Flores for their recognition of WETC. He noted that the \$23.4 million dollar project would provide significant support to the community and acknowledged the support of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County officials in moving forward.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that the WETC, while just outside of Council District 5, provided a great deal of support to District 5 students and an important institute in the area.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Nirenberg stated that there were no Items pulled from the Consent Agenda and called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Jack M. Finger spoke against Item 20.

Councilmember Viagran highlighted Items 5 and 11 which were related to Stinson Airport. She noted the vast improvements at Stinson Airport since 2013. She stated that Stinson was the second longest running airport in the Country, the first commercial airport in the region, and was used by the Military during World War II. She noted that the airport had several improvements to include a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower, connections to bike and hike trails and hosted several events and forums at the site. She acknowledged the Aviation team at Stinson for their hard work at the facility.

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted Item 8 related to the Braun Road Sidewalks Project. She noted that the sidewalk improvements would address many safety concerns associated with foot traffic within the neighborhood and the entrance to O.P. Schnabel Park. She stated that the sidewalks on Braun Road would connect five neighborhoods and would be greatly utilized by residents.

Councilmember Pelaez highlighted Item 23 which related to the acceptance of a \$4.8 million State grant for a cycle track at the Medical Center.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan highlighted Item 17B which reappointed Frank Brown to the City/County's Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs. She also highlighted Item 20 related to an agreement with the Bexar County Hospital District to provide behavioral mental health counseling for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. She noted that it was important to aid and understanding to teen mothers.

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

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**2021-04-29-0271**

5. Ordinance approving a contract with Swift Corporation, LLC, for the purchase, delivery, and installation of six automatic gate access systems for Stinson Municipal Airport for an estimated total cost of \$136,800.00. Three gates, at the cost of \$68,400.00, will be installed in FY 2021 with \$34,200.00 of the cost reimbursed by the Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant awarded earlier this fiscal year and the matching \$34,200.00 from the Aviation Capital Improvement Fund. The remaining three gates will be installed in FY 2022 contingent upon City Council approval of funding in the annual budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2021-04-29-0272**

6. Ordinance approving a contract with Altec Industries, Inc., to provide the Building and Equipment Services, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments with four aerial lift devices for a total cost of \$476,234.00. Funding in the amount of \$245,312.00 is available from the Adopted FY 2021 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund budget and funding for the remaining \$230,922.00 for FY 2022 is contingent upon City Council appropriation. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2021-04-29-0273**

7. Ordinance approving a construction contract with Henock Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00 for the Maintenance Office Renovation Project located at the San Antonio International Airport. Funding is available from the adopted FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

**2021-04-29-0274**

8. Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Davila Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,087,491.57 with reimbursement from San Antonio Water System and CPS Energy in an amount consistent with necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure for the Braun Road Sidewalks project. Funds are available and included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager, Razi Hosseini, Public Works Director]

**2021-04-29-0275**

9. Ordinance ratifying a task order to a Job Order Contract with Lee Construction and Maintenance Company in the amount of \$191,148.03 for water damage repairs to the Bob Ross Senior Center. Funds will be reimbursed through an insurance claim and Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-04-29-0276**

10. Ordinance awarding Task Order Contract for Construction Projects Package 2 to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC for completion of capital projects located throughout the City in the amount not to exceed \$7,486,600.00 with reimbursement from San Antonio Water System and CPS Energy in an amount consistent with necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager, Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-04-29-0277**

11. Ordinance approving a lease agreement with Texas Air Museum, Inc. for a building and 76,154 square feet of ground space located at 1234 99th Street at Stinson Municipal Airport. The initial term is one year with the option to extend for four, one-year terms and will generate at least \$1,800.00 in annual revenue for the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

**2021-04-29-0278**

12. Ordinance approving the acceptance of up to \$7,500.00 from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services for a Senior Congregate Meal Initiative Grant for the period May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and approving a budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

**2021-04-29-0279**

13. Ordinance approving the acceptance of an AmeriCorps VISTA Grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the period May 22, 2021 to February 16, 2022 and a cash match budget of up to \$28,272.00 to be funded by the Department of Human Services. Funding in the amount of \$28,272.00 is available in the FY 2021 Adopted General Fund Budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

**2021-04-29-0280**

14. Ordinance approving the submission of a grant application and acceptance of a grant in an amount up to \$30,000.00 from The Texas Historical Commission for Strategic Plan for Cultural Context Statements. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Shea Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation]
15. Approving the following two items relating to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (FAA AIP) for airfield projects at the San Antonio International Airport: [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

**2021-04-29-0281**

- 15A. Ordinance approving the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds to the FAA AIP for the Airfield Improvements, Package 7 project at the San Antonio International Airport in the amount of \$14,396,190.00.

**2021-04-29-0282**

- 15B. Ordinance approving the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds to the FAA AIP for the Runway 13R-31L Safety Area Improvements project in the amount of \$6,900,000.00. If the project receives a grant offer, this action will establish a project budget and appropriate funds.

**2021-04-29-0283**

16. Ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the City Code "Water and Sewers", at Article V, Division 3 for modifications to the San Antonio Water System's Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program to comply with new federal regulatory requirements and providing for publication. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
17. 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 Shane Davis and Lance Elliot; and reappointing Teal Hausman and Lazar Hausman to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 17 – Mission Creek Board of Directors.
- B) Appointing Frank Brown (District 2) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs

**2021-04-29-0284**

18. Ordinance scheduling and rescheduling City Council Meetings. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]

**2021-04-29-0285**

19. Ordinance authorizing and approving publication and posting of Notice of Intention to issue City of San Antonio, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in one or more series in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$85,000,000 and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer, Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

**2021-04-29-0286**

20. Ordinance approving an agreement with Bexar County Hospital District, d/b/a University Health to provide behavioral mental health counseling for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program,

funded by the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program, for a term ending September 30, 2021 with renewal options for up to an additional two and a half years for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000.00 including the renewals. [Jennifer Herriott, Assistant Director, Health]

**2021-04-29-0287**

21. Ordinance approving the extension to the Pearsall Road Tower lease agreement with Crown Castle Towers in support of the Enhanced Digital Access Communication System used by the City of San Antonio's Police and Fire Departments, Bexar County and surrounding participating agencies. The overall operational increase is \$48,331.35 from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023, for an overall cost of \$76,950.00. Funding for FY 2021 in the amount of \$25,650.00 is available in the FY 2021 Information Technology Services Fund Budget and funding for future years is subject to City Council approval of the annual budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Craig Hopkins, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services]

**2021-04-29-0288**

22. Ordinance approving a five-year agreement with the Monte Vista Historical Association for use of space adjacent to the main building of the Landa Branch Library, accepting annual financial gifts of \$7,200 for the Landa Branch Library to be paid at the rate of \$600 per month dedicated for the maintenance and preservation of the Landa Branch Library. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Salazar, Director, San Antonio Public Library]

**2021-04-29-0289**

23. Ordinance approving an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, accepting grant reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$57,370.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds; and, amending the FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program with grant funds in the reimbursable amount of \$4,800,000.00 for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Hamilton Wolfe Cycle Track Project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager, Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-04-29-0290**

24. Ordinance approving an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, accepting grant reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$216,000.00 from TxDOT for non-construction related expenses and approving payment in the amount not to exceed \$1,512.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds. In accepting these funds, the City agrees to Local Government participation in the amount of \$54,000.00, constituting a 20% local match for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Clean Air Educational Outreach Program. Funds are available from the FY 2021 Public Works General Fund and Transportation General Fund budget to fund the required local match and associated administrative oversight costs. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

25. Approving the following two items relating to the financial matters of the City of San Antonio, Texas: [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

**2021-04-29-0291**

- 25A. Ordinance approving a contract with Hilltop Securities, Inc. to provide Co-Financial Advisor Services in connection with various City financings for a period to commence May 1, 2021 and

terminate April 30, 2024, with an option to extend the contract for one additional two-year period under the same terms and conditions.

**2021-04-29-0291**

- 25B.** Ordinance approving a contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. to provide Co-Financial Advisor Services in connection with various City financings for a period to commence May 1, 2021 and terminate April 30, 2024, with an option to extend the contract for one additional two-year period under the same terms and conditions.
- 26.** Approving the following items in connection with Witte Museum located in Brackenridge Park: [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

**2021-04-29-0293**

- 26A.** Ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$16,100,000 “City of San Antonio, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2021”, providing for the payment of the certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and further securing the certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues; providing the terms and conditions of the certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of the certificates; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase and Investment Letter; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company’s letter of representations; and providing an effective date.

**2021-04-29-0294**

- 26B.** Ordinance authorizing a Loan Funding Agreement to provide funding for the Witte to pay off the loan with Frost Bank plus any deferred interest by providing consideration to the Witte for its return to the City previously transferred real property.

**2021-04-29-0295**

- 26C.** Ordinance approving Amendment No. 9 to the Lease with Operating Standards Agreement with the Witte for its return to the City of previously transferred real property including the Mays Family Center, the Feik Family Pavilion, the Admissions Building and the parking lots associated to those buildings.

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 4.

- 4.** Briefing and possible action on legislation filed in the 87th Regular State Legislative Session, an update on the status of proposed State legislation and its impact on the City of San Antonio. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager]

Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle provided a brief associated with any Senate and House Bills (SB/HB) legislation filed in the 87<sup>th</sup> Regular State Legislative Session. Mr. Coyle stated that SB 1 associated with the State Budget was debated on the House floor and provided the following keynotes:

- \$30 million for Defense Economic Adjustment Assistant Grant Program (DEAAG)
- \$152 million for San Antonio State Hospital
- Transportation Funding Steady (Propositions 1 & 7)



- Federal Relief Funds – TBD
- Medicaid amendment failed (HB 3871)
- Lobbying amendment failed

Mr. Coyle provided an update on the City of San Antonio priorities on Police accountability and transparency bills:

- HB 1087 (180 Day Rule) – voted out of committee
- HB 1561 (Points for local candidates) – voted out of committee
- HB 1563 (Opening of Personnel Files) – voted out of committee
- HB1940 (Arbitration limits) – heard in committee

Mr. Coyle provided an update on the City’s priorities on public health:

- HB 3781 – Live Well Texas program (Medicaid) had no significant change in status
- HB 3493 – Department of Family and Protective Services prevention and early intervention on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) had progressed in the legislature
- SB 1 – Department of State Health Services (DSHS) received a 5% cut to their budget

Assistant City Manager Coyle noted that the HB 5 associated with broadband development across the State had passed the full House, passed the Senate Committee and was effectively on the consent agenda for the Senate.

Mr. Coyle noted the following updates under the City’s priority of Local Control:

- HB 3519/SB 1992 – Release from extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) was stalled in committee
- HB 1869 – Redefining debt in tax rate calculation was referred back to committee
- HB 1474 – Historic Landmark/District requirements awaiting amendment update
- SB 23/HB 1900 – Police defunding requirements have been moved forward to legislative floors with amendments
- HB 653 – Animal Shelter disease notice is opposed by the City and pending debate

Mr. Coyle provided an update on the following pedestrian safety related bills:

- HB 554 – Requirements for passing pedestrian and bicyclists -passed out of committee
- HB 442 – Prima Facie speed limit – passed out of committee
- H 443 – Stop and Yield to pedestrians – passed out of committee
- HB 42 – Statewide “hands free” while driving – no hearing to date
- SB 1055 – Criminal penalty for causing injury to pedestrian at crosswalk – passed by the Senate

Mr. Coyle stated that the following bills had passed various committee phases of the legislature:

- HB 2365 – BAMC – Medicaid requirements
- HB 872 – Utility customer information protection
- HB 1685 – Municipal Court Recorder

Mr. Coyle noted that preliminary census data for the State had been released but final data would be released by September 30, 2021. He stated that a special session would be required to conduct the

redistricting of the State due to an increase of two seats being added to the House. He added that HB 3112 would create a number of transparency and public participation requirements around the redistricting process.

Assistant City Manager Coyle provided an update on the following bills of interest for the City:

- HB 1927 – Constitutional carry of gun
- HB 1818 – Source limits of pets for sale
- SB 29 – Transgender student participation in K-12 sports

Mr. Coyle noted that the SB 343 required information be put into a database and sent to Police departments when an individual has been issued a bond by a magistrate related to assault or carrying of a weapon. He stated that the bill had passed the full Senate and was scheduled for a floor vote in the House later that day.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the individuals signed up to speak on Item 4.

Jack M. Finger stated opposition to the City's hiring of lobbyists for issues not in residents' interest and requested lobbying be stopped. He noted his concerns related to school choice vouchers funding and transgender sports participation.

Councilmember Courage asked if there was an account of Federal Relief Funds allocated to the State and of how the State had released the allocation of funds. Mr. Coyle stated that the City did not track the funding released to the State directly from the Federal government. He noted that certain programs such as the State broadband initiative were tracked, but other funds associated with school districts were not. He added that the City was working with school districts and other entities to assist or provide support for funding.

Councilmember Courage asked if it were likely that the legislature would mandate how funds would be allocated. Mr. Coyle stated that an amendment had been added to the State Budget where the Legislature and not only the Governor would be able to direct relief funds as needed. He added that the amendment would still need to be passed by the Senate.

Councilmember Courage asked what the implications were for the City regarding the broadband development according to the proposed legislation. Mr. Coyle stated that he had been working closely with Information Technology Services Department Director Craig Hopkins related to the bill which was supported by the City. He noted that the bill would create a State Broadband Office that would address accessibility issues to broadband, education, and affordability for obtaining broadband for communities in need. Mr. Coyle added that Federal funding would fund the initiative and not the State.

Councilmember Courage asked what the implications would be if any of the Police defunding bills passed and the City reallocated funds for services outside the Police budget. Mr. Coyle stated that a large shift in services that would cause an overall reduction in the Budget could have implications to meeting requirements. He noted that the City had notified the State that it was currently evaluating Police responsibilities and the possible transfer of certain duties. He added that the Governor could review Budget adjustments on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Courage asked if the City's tax base would be impacted if Proposition B passed. City Manager Erik Walsh stated that there would still be a need for a Police department and did not anticipate

making any major shifts because of a payment or salary issue that was provided under the Police contract. He added that he did not think that Proposition B would put the City in that position.

Councilmember Courage asked if Section 143 impacted the Budget related to Police incentives. City Attorney Andy Segovia clarified that Section 143 did not disallow incentives but provided for certain incentives to be allowed under a collective bargaining agreement. He added that it provided the ability to defend Budget cuts depending on policy standpoints.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for clarification on the release of State funds associated with school funding. Mr. Coyle stated that the American Rescue Plan had issued approximately \$18 billion for schools to assist with loss of learning that students may have experienced this past year due to COVID-19. He noted that the State released \$11.2 billion of the funding the day prior to include San Antonio area school districts. He added that the Federal funding did not offset the funding provided by the State under HB 3.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for a status on the legalization of marijuana. Mr. Coyle stated that he would provide more information once obtained.

Councilmember Pelaez asked City Attorney Segovia if the bill on pet sales would make the local lawsuit moot. Mr. Segovia stated that it would but that no lawsuits had been filed to date.

Councilmember Pelaez stated his concerns related to the State Attorney General's lawsuit claiming that the State's rights were violated by the Federal Administration's Rescue Act restrictions on funding associated with the defund the Police bill. He noted that the proposed bill would put restrictions on State funding and would hinder cities abilities to make policy or administrative changes associated with the Police Budget. Mr. Coyle noted that the item was a definition of preemptive controls which he felt would be voted on along party lines.

Councilmember Viagran asked what the City's strategy was in regard to the Police defunding bills to make sure certain items were taken out so not to be detrimental to local control of policy. Mr. Coyle stated that the City had offered language to legislators for considered amendments, and City staff had been careful to communicate that the City was not in favor of defunding the Police, but in favor of flexibility and appropriate responses to associated duties and budgets.

Councilmember Viagran asked what the next steps were for school districts in the release of Rescue Funds. Mr. Coyle stated that the City did not have direct input on the funding but would have staff reach out to the three largest school districts to determine their intents.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked for an update on HB 1877 related to affordable housing and vacant buildings and HB 782 associated with charter elections. Mr. Coyle stated that he would follow-up with the related information.

Councilmember Perry asked if the City would be reimbursed for the \$20 million that the City had allocated for internet services to local schools. City Manager Walsh stated that the City would not be reimbursed since this was part of the City's Budget allocation. Councilmember Perry asked that the City consider requesting for reimbursement. City Manager Walsh noted that the City would need to work closely with officials from Bexar County, school districts to make sure that all were trying to achieve the same thing in regard to broadband services.

Councilmember Perry asked if there were certain bills that CPS Energy or San Antonio Water System were pushing for at the legislature. Mr. Coyle stated that both utility organizations had been involved in legislature conversations and would follow up with more specifics after reaching out to them.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for a status on HB 4139 related to creating an office on health equity. Mr. Coyle stated that he thought it was moving forward to the House.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the Federal Administration's position on the Medicaid Wavier Program and if it was going to affect funding for Texas and the ultimate vote for Medicaid. Mr. Coyle stated that it was widely thought that a special session would be needed to discuss the Medicaid expansion issue. He noted that the City had been vocal on the support of the bill but that responses had not been encouraging. He added that funding would run out in September 2021 if the bill did not pass.

Councilmember Viagran asked City Manager Erik Walsh to consider the Southside Independent School District in conversations related to broadband expansion efforts.

Councilmember Courage asked how proposed legislation regarding public facility corporations would impact the San Antonio Housing Trust. Mr. Coyle stated that the proposed legislation would separate the affordability requirements for public facility corporations to those set for private developers since keeping the same requirements could hinder the ability for viability for public development projects. He added that the proposed bills would keep the existing requirements in State law for a developer to build affordable housing. He stated that the City supported the bill as written.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if racism had been declared a public health crisis by the State as done by the City of San Antonio and if any funding had been identified for community needs such as healthcare. Mr. Coyle stated that the State had not declared racism as a public health crisis, but that the bill creating the Office of Health Equity may address that along with other issues of equity.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **27. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Erik Walsh recognized Veronica Soto, Neighborhood and Housing Services Director, who was recently named by Bloomberg Cities Network as one of ten women innovating local governments. He stated that it was an impressive list of women in local government that did great things in 2020 and that Ms. Soto represented the City well in all her efforts.

City Manager Walsh introduced the Employee Spotlight Video which highlighted Julius Hunter who was an Education and Outreach Supervisor under the City's Diabetes Prevention Program with the Metro Health Department.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 11:33 AM for the City Council of San Antonio to meet in executive session to consult with the City's Attorney's Office pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, and to continue deliberations or discussions on the items posted on the City Council Agenda for April 28, 2021 but not reached or finished.

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 12:47 PM and announced that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**

Mayor

Attest:

**TINA J. FLORES**

City Clerk