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Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

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

Wednesday, September 16, 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

1. A briefing by the San Antonio Water System on proposed recommendations to make certain modifications to the SAWS water and sewer rate structures. [Robert R. Puente, SAWS President and Chief Executive Officer, Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer]

Robert Puente, SAWS President and CEO, presented a Power Point and highlighted the Innovative Successes of the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) that include being the largest Direct Recycled System and Groundwater Based ASR System in the United States. He reported that SAWS was the first in the United States to convert methane gas to energy. He provided an overview of the Average Water and Sewer Residential Bills in the State of Texas noting that SAWS remained the lowest among the five largest Texas Cities. He highlighted the work of the Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) and spoke of the Rate Study. He explained that the Rate Study was conducted to develop pricing structure recommendations to reflect utility and community objectives. Additionally, the Study

ensures that the cost of service is recovered and reviews how customers are charged.

Mr. Puente provided an overview of the Rate Design noting that key objectives were to allow the utility to meet its revenue requirements, continue support of Conservation, and ensure Residential and Business Customers pay for themselves. He highlighted SAWS' continued focus on Conservation noting that there had been a 40% reduction in water use in the last 30 years. He mentioned the Residential Irrigation Rebate Online Sites and outlined their strategies to reduce per capita peak use every year. These include a Weekly E-Newsletter, Social Media, and Landscape & Patio Coupons. He reported that Commercial Conservation was key to the Water Savings Portfolio and highlighted the Commercial Rebate Programs that encourage businesses to use less water.

Mr. Puente outlined the Water Rate Structure Recommendations noting that a reduction in rate and fixed charges was recommended for the Residential Life Line Supply Block. He stated that they would encourage Conservation, increase the number of rate blocks, and eliminate Seasonal Rates. He provided a comparison of the current and Residential Structures and reported that 60% of Residential Customer bills would be reduced. With regard to the Wastewater Rate Structure, Mr. Puente stated that they recommended maintaining the existing minimum allowance of 1,496 gallons and a Tiered Fixed Charge based on Meter Size. He noted that they recommended a Two Block Volumetric Rate for Residential Class that was significantly lower for the Life Line Supply Block.

Mr. Puente presented a Residential Bill Comparison of combined Water and Sewer Charges utilizing existing and proposed rates. He also provided a Commercial Class Bill Comparison noting that water conscience businesses would realize lower bills. He outlined the Potable Water Usage versus Allocated Cost.

Mr. Puente reported that SAWS continues to be among the most affordable in the nation. He stated that they had expanded their outreach regarding Affordability Programs, simplified the process for qualifying and recertifying participants, and proactively identifying and repairing leaks. He mentioned that donation opportunities for Affordability Programs were available through bill distribution. He indicated that the Affordability Programs were based on Federal Income Assistance Guidelines and included: 1) Bill Discounts; 2) Project Agua; and 3) Plumbers/Laterals to People. He stated that non-income based programs included the waiving of late penalties for Senior Citizens and Disabled Customers.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Puente for the presentation and recognized General LaBrutta of Joint Base SA. She asked of the water that SAWS would be supplying to the Military. Mr. Puente replied that they had identified ways to supply water to the Military to include

building a water main at Camp Bullis, Fort Sam Houston, Lackland, and Security Hill totaling \$16.5 Million. He noted that there was an opportunity to receive State Funds to address Military Water Issues. He added that they would work with the Military Transformation Task Force on Resolutions of Support to ensure the application for funds was submitted with the best opportunity for funding. General LaBrutta spoke and thanked the City Council and SAWS for their continued support of the Military. Mayor Taylor asked how often Rate Studies were conducted. Mr. Puente replied that they were conducted every five years.

Councilmember Krier asked of the time frame for achieving all of the Military-Related Work. Mr. Puente stated that they were aiming for a one to two year time frame noting that the largest project was already underway. Councilmember Krier commended SAWS for their Conservation Efforts and asked if SAWS had enough water supply even with the current levels of Conservation to meet the future demand. Mr. Puente responded that they were confident that they had enough water to meet future demand using today's Conservation Levels. Councilmember Krier spoke of the Affordability Programs and the outreach efforts by SAWS to inform the community about the various programs. He stated that the proposed rate structure provided the best incentives for Conservation.

Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of the decrease in per capita water use over 30 years and asked what proportion of time there had been Stage Restrictions. Mr. Puente replied that Stage Restrictions became effective in January 2008 and that they had been in Stage One or higher 50% of the time; 80% since 2011. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of managing water demand moving forward. Mr. Puente stated that they would continue Conservation Efforts and were adding water to the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Facility. He noted that they were looking at the weather patterns of El Niño and identifying alternative sources of water to meet future demands. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of irrigation systems and recommendations for same. Mr. Puente spoke of the various options to include the use of rain sensors and customizing irrigation systems for the business and residential community. Councilmember Nirenberg asked if SAWS maintained a Financial Reserve. Mr. Doug Evanson replied that they were required to maintain an Operating Reserve of two months of Operating and Maintenance Payments; however, did not have the exact figure. He stated that he would provide the information to the City Council. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of incentivizing efforts such as Rainwater Harvesting. Mr. Puente stated that they would look at the potential for a Rebate Program for same.

Councilmember Medina thanked SAWS for their work with the Military and asked of outreach to Small Businesses regarding Commercial Rebate Programs. Mr. Puente responded that they work very closely with Small Businesses and were aware of their water usage. He stated that they reviewed their Business Plan and Finances and provided options

to be more cost effective. Councilmember Medina stated that he was pleased that they would be looking at potential rebates for Rainwater Harvesting and thanked SAWS for their work.

Councilmember Viagran asked about the Two Block Volumetric Rate for Residential Class. Mr. Puente replied that it was a block within the Rate Structure in which the Wastewater Portion of the bill would be lower for the Life Line User. Councilmember Viagran asked of the transition regarding Water Meters. Mr. Puente stated that they were looking to resolve issues with Meter Readers and focused on making sure that meters were read correctly and on time. Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased to see the amount of bills at or below Block 3 per Council District but requested to see the same for Blocks 4 and higher per Council District. Mr. Puente stated that they would provide that information to the City Council. Councilmember Viagran asked of additional outreach to the community. Mr. Puente stated that they were hosting meetings in each of the quadrants of the city and could attend neighborhood meetings as requested. Councilmember Viagran asked of the impact of implementing Stage 1 Water Restrictions permanently. Mr. Puente indicated that there would be an impact but was not sure yet what it would be.

Councilmember Gallagher asked how the water issue was being addressed at Randolph Air Force Base. General LaBrutta stated that they utilized the water source through the City of Schertz and did not have a water issue for Randolph. He clarified that the issue was not about Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) but was about the future viability of Military Operations in Joint Base San Antonio. Councilmember Gallagher asked who would be responsible for paying for the water at the bases. Mr. Puente confirmed that the Military would pay for the water.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the various sources of water supply. Mr. Puente replied that they received water from the Edwards, Trinity, Canyon Lake, Canyon Regional Water Authority, Medina Lake, Carrizo, and Gonzales County. He indicated that 85% of water came from the Edwards Aquifer and that 10% would come from the Desal Plant once it was online. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the impact of annexation. Mr. Puente stated that they were preparing for growth whether annexation occurred or not and would work with the city to ensure an adequate water supply for new residents. Councilmember Gonzales asked if they would have sufficient water to move forward with annexation without the Vista Ridge Pipeline. Mr. Puente replied that they would not and would have to identify other sources of water. He added that conservation efforts would not be sufficient. Councilmember Gonzales asked when the Water Study Report would be released. Mrs. Sculley replied that the Report was not complete and was in the process of being finalized. Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern that they would not receive the Report until after a vote occurred on the Rate Changes. She asked how much was spent on the Water

Study. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that it was just under \$100,000. Mr. Puente stated that the City of Fair Oaks had paid for the Study.

Councilmember Warrick asked if SAWS was promoting an increase in xeriscaping. Mr. Puente replied that they had implemented an aggressive new Rebate Program that addresses xeriscaping and hardscapes. Councilmember Warrick noted that they had a great amount of vacant homes and lots in District 2 and asked if they were eligible. Mr. Puente replied that every Council District and Homeowner was eligible for the Program. Councilmember Warrick asked of outreach and education to school-aged children. Mr. Puente stated that they created lesson plans for teachers to inform them of Water Conservation Efforts.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Puente for the presentation and stated that she looked forward to future discussions.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Taylor recognized Councilmember Treviño who stated that today they were celebrating Diez y Seis de Septiembre. He spoke of the various events that were held to recognize same and stated that it was important part of History and Culture.

Items 2A and 2B were addressed at this time.

2. Briefings on the following possible amendments to the Unified Development Code regarding the historic designation process and demolition of dangerous structures:
 - 2A. Briefing and possible action on potential amendments to City Code Chapters 6 and 35 related to the process for the review and consideration of “dangerous structures” to determine the feasibility of repair or demolition to abate safety hazards. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services]

Rod Sanchez stated that Councilmember Treviño had submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) on April 22, 2015 to review and modify the City’s Current Demolition Procedures. He reported that the CCR was brought before the Governance Council Committee on May 20, 2015, the Quality of Life Council Committee on June 16, 2015, the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee on June 18, 2015 and the Building Standards Board (BSB) on July 30, 2015. He noted that the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee recommended that the Ordinance, including two modifications made by the BSB, be presented to City Council B Session for further review. He reviewed the current

Demolition Procedures which were contained in Chapters 6 and 35 of the Unified Development Code (UDC). He noted that the Development Services Department (DSD) was the primary department which evaluated structures for demolition in partnership with the Office for Historic Preservation. He stated that the following changes were proposed in the CCR:

1. Provide additional time to develop a Rehabilitation Plan for persons over the age of 65 years, U.S. Military Veterans, persons who have owned/lived in their houses for at least 20 years, and persons with a serious health condition.

Mr. Sanchez stated that this proposed change would give the Director of Development Services, at his/her discretion, the option to allow an additional nine months for the development of a Rehabilitation Plan for occupied homesteads identified. He noted that the occupants would not be fined or subjected to any penalties for not making the ordered repairs within this time period.

2. Modify the BSB to ensure each panel included an Architect, a Civil Engineer, a General Contractor, a Social Worker, a Healthcare Professional, a Retired Person and a Veteran of the U.S. Military.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the current composition of the BSB. He stated that the BSB was comprised of two, seven member panels. He noted that the proposed change to the composition of the BSB would require two Architects, two Engineers, two General Contractors, two Social Workers, Healthcare Professionals, Retired Professionals and Veterans. He stated that there would be two panels with one each from the groups represented. He noted that said revision would include mandatory educational/background requirements for BSB Appointees. He stated that the BSB felt that there should be a Property Manager on each of the panels, so the Property Manager would substitute for the General Contractor or the Social Worker on each panel. He noted that this would be a City Council Ordinance, and as such, if a Council District had a member of the BSB that did not fall into the stated categories, the City Council could waive that requirement.

3. Require a “full BSB (14-member) meeting for “Dangerous Structure” Cases for buildings designated “historically significant.”

- Currently only one 7-member BSB panel was required to order demolition of a historic structure
- Additional hearing was intended to better protect historic structures while safeguarding the public
- Majority vote of the members present would be required for the BSB to take action

Shanon Miller stated that in addition, staff recommended that the City Code be further modified as follows:

- BSB procedures shall require at least one Historic Professional to be present for a Historic Property Dangerous Premises Case.
- For non-emergency demolition conditions, add code language establishing that the City shall be required to obtain at least two Municipal Court Dispositions before a Historic Property Dangerous Premises Case is presented to the BSB.
- Add code language to Section 35-614(b) stating that OHP Staff may collect and utilize bids from third-party contractors to verify economic hardship claims for Historic Property to Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC).
- City Staff shall create policy/criteria to permit partial demolitions where feasible to abate the hazard while maintaining intact those portions of the structure that are safe.
- City Staff shall research the availability and possibility of Stabilization Funds based upon Section 35-617 procedures (i.e., emergency securing measures).
- City Staff shall research possible improvements and additional methods for clearing titles of dangerous properties to help improve the potential for purchase, rehabilitation and redevelopment of properties.

Mrs. Miller stated that if the revisions were approved today, they would be brought before the full City Council for consideration in October 2015 with an effective date for the procedural changes of November 2015. She noted that the effective date for the revised makeup of the BSB would be February 2016.

Mayor Taylor asked if inherent conflicts in the process reported by citizens between the Development Services Department and the Office of Historic Preservation would be solved as a result of the revisions. Mrs. Miller replied that they would. Mayor Taylor asked if Focus Groups had been utilized with those who had gone through the process. Mrs. Miller replied that a formal Focus Group had not been utilized. Mayor Taylor noted that it might be helpful to do so. She further stated that City Staff should prepare action steps with a deadline for making improvements and developing additional methods for clearing titles of dangerous properties to improve the potential for purchase, rehabilitation and redevelopment of properties. Mrs. Miller reported that the Vacant Building Advisory Commission was addressing this item and would present recommendations in the near future.

Councilmember Warrick asked how economic hardship was defined subjectively. Mrs. Miller replied that economic hardship was defined in the Unified Development Code.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the time between issuance of a Demolition Order and Demolition. Mr. Sanchez stated that a Home Owner would have 30 days from receipt of the Demolition Order and Demolition. She expressed concern over extending the time for demolition to occur in the absence of assistance.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the number of cases each year which the proposed modifications to the existing Ordinance would assist. Mr. Sanchez replied that there were approximately 12 cases each year that would be assisted. Councilmember Viagran expressed concern that the additional time allowed for demolition would be detrimental to neighbors and neighborhoods.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that the 9-month delay might be abused or challenged. Mr. Sanchez noted that the 9-month delay would be utilized by those with Economic Hardship Cases. Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that the membership of the BSB could not be maintained as defined by the UDC. Mr. Sanchez noted that City Council could waive the membership requirements of the BSB when necessary. Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that quorum may not be attained for the full BSB and that cases would be brought before the Municipal Court prior to being brought before the BSB.

Councilmember Krier expressed concern that the current process was too slow as reported to him by his constituents. He stated that the BSB should be comprised of regular citizens.

Councilmember Treviño spoke in support of the proposed changes to the Demolition Procedures and noted they would assist citizens to keep their homes. Councilmember Medina suggested that neighborhood leadership be represented on the BSB and that he supports having regular citizens on the BSB.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed support for the proposed modifications to the Demolition Procedures. Councilmember Lopez also expressed support for the proposed modifications to the Demolition Procedures.

Mr. Sanchez stated that this item would be brought before the full City Council for consideration in October 2015. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

- 2B.** Proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code relating to historic district designation and demolition penalties. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation]

Shanon Miller stated that Councilmember Warrick had submitted a CCR which addressed the following issues:

1. Process for creating Local Historic Districts
2. Penalty for demolition of Historic Properties

Mrs. Miller reported that prior to 2010, the UDC required 51% of those in favor of a proposed Historic District and the application would be valid for one year. She noted that there was concern that some applications could not achieve 51% due to lack of responsiveness. She stated that in 2010, the UDC was amended to reflect said concerns, to be in line with the Strategic Plan and reflect the process utilized by the Federal Government for National Register Districts. She stated that in said process; applications were submitted and if 51% of the Property Owners did not oppose the application, the Public Hearing Process would begin. She noted that the public perceived that if Property Owners did not oppose the application, the City assumed that Property Owners were supporting the application. She stated that in 2012, the process was amended whereby an application was submitted and the neighborhood would submit a petition noting support of 30% of the Property Owners. She noted that this would be verified and a Public Hearing would be initiated. She stated that there was public concern over allowing only 30% of Property Owners to decide whether or not to become a Historic District. She stated that the CCR proposed:

1. To require 51% support to initiate the Public Hearing Process
2. The ballots would be provided by the City
3. Reduce the validity of a proposed Historic District Application from two years to one year
4. Clarification of the language related to the Demolition Penalty

Mrs. Miller reviewed the pathways to demolition and stated that the revision would clarify situations under which the 5-year penalty would apply. She noted that the 5-year penalty provided a disincentive to neglect properties to the point of demolition and would safeguard properties purchased with the intent to demolish for new development. She noted that where there were plans for new development, the standard HDRC Process would be followed. She stated that said penalty would apply to those cases which had received at least two notices, two Municipal Court dispositions and consultation with the owner.

Mayor Taylor asked of the reason for the change in 2010. Mrs. Miller replied that the change in 2010 reflected the Historic Preservation Strategic Plan. She noted that concerns were raised that due to the threshold; districts were not created due to lack of responsiveness.

Councilmember Warrick asked how many Historic Districts had been created since 2010. Mrs. Miller replied that two Historic Districts had been created since 2010. Councilmember Warrick asked how many Historic Districts had been created since 2012. Mrs. Miller replied that no Historic Districts had been created since 2012. Councilmember Warrick expressed concern that City Resources were utilized for Historic District applications without a concentration of support by Property Owners.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 4:44 pm to convene in Executive Session for discussion on the following:

- A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C. 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 5:15 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 32nd Annual National Night Out (NNO) that will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, for the State of Texas. It was noted that NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen community-police partnerships, and foster neighborhood spirit.

Mayor Taylor presented a Citation to the Ambassador Great Debate Team for winning 1st

Place at the 2015 National Hispanic Institute's Texas Great Debate. It was noted that the 29-member team finished first out of seven other regions from around the State of Texas, and made history by winning the Championship for the third year in a row.

Mayor Taylor presented a Citation to Mr. Chris Alvarado for receiving the 2015 Pharmacist of the Year Award from the Texas Pharmacy Association. It was noted that Mr. Alvarado was a native of San Antonio, a graduate of Health Careers High School, and was in the very first graduating class of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 3:

3. First Public Hearing regarding the voluntarily requested full purpose annexation of approximately 36.123 acres located at 5710 East Evans Road adjacent to City Council District 10 as requested by Fair Oaks Mosaic TBY, LLC [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Lopez would not be present as he was attending a Solid Waste Management Public Meeting being held in District 6.

Mr. John Dugan reported that the proposed annexation was a voluntary request and addressed property on East Evans Road, adjacent to the San Antonio City Limits. He stated that the property was a 185-single family housing division to be built on 36 acres and maintained by a Home Owner's Association. He noted that the property must satisfy State Requirements and explained that services would be provided by Bulverde Station #48, as well as the Police Station on Jones Maltsberger Road. He explained that City Services would be available upon annexation and detailed the following Annexation Schedule:

- Public Hearings on September 16, 2015 and September 17, 2015
- City Council Consideration on October 15, 2015
- Annexation effective on October 31, 2015

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing on the voluntary full purpose annexation of approximately 36.123 acres located at 5710 Evans Road and called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern for the expansion of services to annexed areas and chemical

facilities operating without the proper permits.

Daniel Ortiz expressed support for the voluntary annexation and requested approval from the City Council.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke in favor of the proposed annexation and noted that services would be expanded to include new neighborhoods.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for information regarding impervious cover on the property. Mr. Daniel Ortiz responded that the property was not currently vested but eligible for impervious cover credits.

Having heard all citizens registered to speak, Mayor Taylor closed the the Public Hearing on the voluntary full purpose annexation of approximately 36.123 acres located at 5710 Evans Road.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Joe Lewis, Robert Martinez Jr., and Robert Martinez Sr. representing the Jose Miguel Arciniega Descendants Society (JMADS) addressed the City Council. Mr. Lewis spoke of the historical role of Jose Miguel Arciniega as Mayor of San Antonio from 1830 to 1833. He stated that JMADS had previously voted on and approved an official composite portrait in 2013 and that a former member of the organization was presenting a new composite portrait that had not been voted on. Mr. Robert Martinez Sr. noted that the approved composite was placed in the State Capitol in Austin. He referenced a historical plaque that been placed on Arciniega Street designating the historical home of Jose Miguel Arciniega. He requested that the City Council consider and vote upon the addition of the composite to the Wall of Mayors. Mr. Robert Martinez Jr. expressed concern that the composite displayed in the State Capitol was taken down by a former member of JMADS.

Mr. Danny Petri expressed concern that the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road was improperly zoned and noted negative impacts to the neighborhood.

Donna De Leon, Corrine Martinez, and Rosas Linda Rosas also representing JMADS addressed the City Council. Ms. Donna De Leon, President of JMADS, stated that the Society was recognized by the Texas Secretary of State, the Texas Comptroller, the Harris County Clerk, and the Attorney General of Texas. She noted that the Society had appeared before the City Council three times to represent their ancestor who served as Alcalde,

Alderman, Justice of the Peace, and County Judge. She explained that the Society was composed of descendants from across the Nation with the purpose of honoring Jose Miguel Arciniega who was recognized by the State of Texas as being a distinguished maker of Texas. She spoke of the official designation ceremony of his historical home named the Arciniega House which was attended by State Senators, County Commissioners and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Patrick Von Dohlen expressed opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He mentioned that a similar facility, Alamo Women's Reproductive Center, was properly zoned and that the distinction was due to a Material Similar Use Decision made by the Director of Development Services Department.

Harry Padilla stated his religious beliefs and expressed concern for abortions occurring in the City of San Antonio.

David Klar stated that there was significant public confusion regarding the Vista Ridge Project and expressed concern for the fairness of the Proposed SAWS Rate Structure.

Gianna Rendon expressed concern that the Proposed SAWS Rate Structure would negatively impact large families. She stated that corporations were historically given special treatment at the cost of residents and that noted that it was important for SAWS to focus on educating the population on water usage and conservation practices.

Vanessa Quesada stated that although there was a Lifeline Rate for residents, the majority of SAWS Ratepayers would see increasing bills over time. She asked that rates increase for non-essential water use and that they be reflected with class rate.

Cheryl Hamilton expressed concern for the inequality of income in the City of San Antonio and noted that only a small percentage of residents have large discretionary incomes. She stated that the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure would force all households to pay a much higher monthly fixed charge and place an unfair burden on all residents below the City Median Income.

Meredith McGuire expressed concern that the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure was intended to pay for the Vista Ridge Pipeline and that the findings of the 2014 Water Policy Study had not been released. She stated that the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure fails to encourage maximum conservation of water for all classes of ratepayers and overburdens current residents based on projected future population growth increases.

Terry Burns reported that in the City of Detroit; 30,000 families had their water supply cut

off due to their inability to pay their water bills. He expressed concern that the same thing could happen in San Antonio and stated that local water concerns were due to poorly planned land use and poor water resource management.

Edward Arciniega, Rose Arciniega, and Cynthia White representing the Descendants of Arciniega addressed the City Council. Mr. Edward Arciniega asked the City Council to strongly consider the testimony offered by Donna De Leon as President of JMADS. He noted that Ms. De Leon was able to get Arciniega House dedicated and recognized by the State of Texas and that a composite portrait had been placed in the Library of the Texas State Capitol until taken down due to the efforts of a family relative. He presented a Certificate of Registration to the City Council. Ms. Cindy White reported that the Certificate was received in 2013 and addressed an unofficial composite that was presented by a former member of JMADS. She petitioned the City Council to place the official composite in the Hall of Mayors and thanked the City Council for their consideration.

Edelina Flores stated that she was a direct descendant of Jose Miguel Arciniega and petitioned the City Council to include his official composite in the Hall of Mayors.

Diana Lopez expressed opposition to the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure. She spoke to alternative solutions in conserving the public water supply and noted concerns for raises and performance awards received by the SAWS Chief Executive Officer.

Arturo Trejo commented on environmental factors on the public water supply and noted parallels to housing and affordability issues. He noted the need for greater community resilience and housing programs for minority groups. He petitioned the City Council to consider these issues and postpone a vote on the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure.

Joaquin Abrego reported on the connection between Indigenous roots and connection to the local communities. He commented on the need for greater respect for water resources in San Antonio and expressed opposition to the SAWS Proposed Rate Structure.

Belinda Arciniega Zuniga, Tom Cruz Arciniega Zuniga III, and Tomas Zuniga Jr. representing the Jose Miguel Arciniega Photo Group addressed the City Council. Ms. Belinda Arciniega Zuniga stated that Jose Miguel Arciniega was an Alcalde of the City of San Antonio for two terms and his portrait was not displayed on the Wall of Mayors. She described the Arciniega Family's efforts to honor their ancestor. Mr. Tomas Cruz Arciniega Zuniga, III described JMADS as an organization that represents a great man who worked hard for the citizens of San Antonio. He petitioned the City Council to place the composite portrait of Jose Miguel Arciniega on the Wall of Mayors.

Philip Trickett expressed concern with the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He referenced recent polls that showed that 58% of Americans oppose abortion in all cases while 78% disapprove of funding for same.

Francisco Gamez stated that he was part of the Arciniega Family and petitioned the City Council to help reinstate the official composite portrait in the State Capitol.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that violations of the law should be corrected and expressed concern for fluoride in the water supply. He noted support for a low-power television station that would allow free broadcasting of City Council Proceedings.

Jerome Iltis read a statement made by Archbishop Gustavo that addressed the issue of abortion in the City of San Antonio. He referenced the Archbishop's concern for abortion facilities and the role of the Spanish Missions in the cultural and societal foundations of the City.

Antonio Diaz petitioned the City Council for a Resolution recognizing October 12th as Indigenous Peoples' Day. He stated the important role of natural resources in Indigenous Societies and noted that the Yanaguana Name referred to the sanctity of water. He stated that water should be available to all people who have a need and expressed his hope that SAWS would present a more fair Rate Structure.

Sylvia Villarreal expressed concern with the improper zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. She petitioned the City Council to halt the development and operations of the Facility based on recently released videos.

Marion Thompson expressed concern with the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He stated that Planned Parenthood was not in compliance with relevant zoning restrictions and asked that the needs of families in the neighborhood be considered.

Irasema Cavazos described her work with South West Workers Union and the poverty that exists in San Antonio. She noted that the City was very accommodating to businesses and corporations seeking to move to San Antonio and expressed concern that this would be at the expense of low income residents and disenfranchised citizens.

Johnny Joe Perez spoke of various public safety issues in the City of San Antonio and the need for collaboration between Federal and Local Law Enforcement.

Rhett Smith stated that he was inspired by the National Hispanic Institute and wanted to

provide a Spanish Translation of the Bill of Rights so that more people could appreciate the significance of Civil Rights. He addressed Confederate Memorabilia in San Antonio and asked that the name of Robert E. Lee High School be changed.

Lisa Lopez offered a prayer of justice for the afflicted and disenfranchised of San Antonio.

Written testimony was received from Joe Arciniega stating that he was 4th Great Grandson and namesake of Jose Miguel de Arciniega. He requested that the photo of his ancestor be approved by the City Council and placed on the Wall of Mayors.

Written testimony was also received from Judy Paiz, Member of JMADS who expressed concern that the photo of her grandfather had been removed from the wall of the Texas State Capitol. She requested that the portrait be approved by the City Council and placed on the Wall of Mayors.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony to include various newspaper articles regarding Drones, Nuclear Plant Expansion, the Legislative Session, and Amtrak. He requested justice for men in Child Support Cases and wrote that residents opposed increased CPS Energy Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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