

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



**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council Special Meeting**

Friday, June 26, 2015

9:00 AM

Phil Hardberger Park - West

The City Council convened on Friday June 26, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at Phil Hardberger Park - West, Urban Ecology Center, 8400 N.W. Military Highway. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Gonzales had given birth to Zachary, a baby boy on June 23rd and would not be present.

1. City Council Retreat

Mayor Taylor welcomed everyone to the City Council Retreat and provided opening remarks. She stated that she had an Open Door Policy and would like to keep the lines of communication open with the City Councilmembers. She noted that it was important to learn about one another's strengths and introduced Facilitator Clint Swindall.

Mr. Swindall stated that he had conducted an assessment of the Mayor and City Council

and mentioned the five styles of responding to conflict: 1) Directing; 2) Cooperating; 3) Avoiding; 4) Harmonizing; and 5) Compromising. He noted that it was important to know each others Conflict Resolution Styles and mentioned that the focus must remain on issues and not personalities. He added that focus must remain on the future and solutions and should not center around blame. He stated that conflict was not a bad thing as that is where the best ideas came from. He spoke of the need to move forward even when the City Council did not agree on an issue. Discussion ensued by the City Council regarding Conflict Resolution.

RECESSED

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at noon to break for lunch.

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 1:15 pm and continued with the discussion. She stated that she had re-worked the Council Committee List and provided a list of concepts to the City Council. She noted that she would like to find out where the City Councilmembers would fit best and mentioned that she would like to streamline the Council Committees to make them more effective. She mentioned the possibility of having an Investment Subcommittee. Councilmember Nirenberg recommended that any major changes should be reviewed starting now. Councilmember Lopez stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Lone Star Rail Committees would align with the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee. Councilmember Nirenberg added that External Boards should report to the Governance Council Committee. Councilmember Gallagher asked if the Charter Commission would report to the Governance Council Committee. Mayor Taylor stated that it would be a standing Commission that would meet should there be a need.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the Committee of Six to which Mayor Taylor replied that she would enter into conversations with other entities regarding same. Councilmember Krier stated that it was helpful to meet with Mayor Taylor regarding interests and asked staff to improve the meeting notification process. A discussion to review the Boards/Commissions was held and Mayor Taylor stated that she would appoint a Committee to review all. She mentioned that citizen's time is valuable and need to keep that in mind.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was not held.

- A. consultation concerning attorney-client matters (Section 551.071);
- B. consultation with attorney regarding collective bargaining (Section 551.071);
- C. deliberations regarding real property (Section 551.072);
- D. deliberate the assignment, employment, duties, roles and responsibilities of public officers (Section 551.074); or
- E. deliberations regarding economic development negotiations (Section 551.087).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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