

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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Thursday, March 30, 2017

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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The City Council convened in a Regular Council Meeting. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call and noted the following Councilmembers present:

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

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Saldaña was out of the country on City Business attending the American Council of Young Political Leaders International Exchange Program.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Father James Galvin, Pastor, Mission San Juan Capistrano, guest of Councilmember Rebecca J. Viagran, District 3.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council meetings of February 8 - 9, 2017.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes for the Regular City Council meetings of February 8-9, 2017. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 2 - Saldaña and Medina

### **POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Taylor recognized Brigadier General Heather Pringle and thanked her for advocating on a number of issues in Austin on behalf of the City of San Antonio. Brigadier General Pringle thanked the City Council for the recognition and stated that she was honored to serve. The City Council welcomed Brigadier General Pringle to San Antonio and thanked her for her service.

Mayor Taylor recognized Councilmember Warrick on the birth of his daughter earlier in the week. Councilmember Warrick announced the birth of Bailey Grace Warrick on Tuesday, March 28th. He noted that mom and baby were doing fine and thanked everyone for their well wishes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Taylor announced that Items 14 & 15A were pulled from the agenda by staff and would not be addressed. Consent Items 8A, 8B, 10, 11, 12, 22, and 31 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion.

Councilmember Warrick highlighted TIRZ #11 (Item 28) and called upon Ken Lowe to speak. Mr. Lowe stated that they had purchased 10 lots from the City of San Antonio and noted that the development could not have occurred without the TIRZ. He thanked everyone involved in the project.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Terry Burns, Chair of the Alamo Sierra Club, spoke in support of the Resolution opposing the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City of San Antonio (Item 30). He stated that the Sierra Club opposed the Department of Energy plans for interim consolidated storage of high level radioactive waste and noted risks with same.

Russell Seal also spoke in support of the Resolution opposing the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City of San Antonio (Item 30). He stated that he lived close to the train tracks that would transport the waste and noted safety concerns.

Tom (Smitty) Smith thanked the City Council for their support of the Resolution opposing the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City of San Antonio (Item 30). He noted concerns with a potential accident and stated that more testing was needed.

Karen Hadden stated that she had been working with groups around the State of Texas on the issue of transporting high level radioactive waste (Item 30). She thanked the City Council for their support of the Resolution opposing same and noted the serious risks associated with the process.

Rhett Smith spoke in support of the Resolution opposing the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City of San Antonio (Item 30).

Jack M. Finger addressed the City Council in opposition to the Spanish Translation and Interpreter Services (Items 8A and 8B). He spoke against the grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for Safe and Thriving Communities (Item 12) stating that violence should not be treated as a disease. He asked of the current salaries of the City Auditor and Municipal Court Judge as they were receiving salary increases (Item 17).

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

**2017-03-30-0170**

5. An Ordinance authorizing a contract with LJ Power, Inc. to provide the City with preventative maintenance and repair of generators at City locations for an estimated annual amount of \$385,000.00. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2017-03-30-0171**

6. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Ancira Motor Company to provide the Solid Waste Management Department with eleven, right hand drive, compact sport utility vehicles for a total cost of \$346,445.00 funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund and the SWMD Operating Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial

Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2017-03-30-0172**

7. An Ordinance accepting the offer from Wheels and Fitness In Motion of South Texas, LLC to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with fitness equipment for various facilities for a total cost of \$274,956.52 funded from the General Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2017-03-30-0175**

9. An Ordinance authorizing a task order to a Job Order Contract with Jamail & Smith Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$792,438.31 for the Police Academy Rifle Range Improvements Project, a FY 2017 Adopted Police General Funds project, located in Council District 3. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

**2017-03-30-0179**

13. An ordinance authorizing a personnel complement of three positions for the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant for the delivery of Zika Preparedness and Response Activities and the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$726,992.00 for the period March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

**PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BY STAFF**

14. An Ordinance amending and restating Chapter 28, Signs, of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, providing for publication and continuing all civil and criminal fines and fees in effect. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Interim Director, Development Services]
15. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2017, to be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after appointment; or for terms and effectiveness as otherwise indicated below: [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

**ITEM 15A - PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BY STAFF**

A) Appointing Sonia Quirino Canales (District 3) to the Parks and Recreation Board.

B) Appointing Juany Torres (District 3) to the SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being.

C) Appointing Jennifer F. Heymann (District 10) to the Building Standards Board.

**2017-03-30-0180**

D) An Ordinance reappointing Daniel J. Lazarine (District 2) to the Historic and Design Review Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2017 and waiving Unified Development Code Section 35-803 (C) (1) (B) requiring a representative from the discipline of Archaeology.

E) Appointing Francisco Javier Galvan (District 7) to the Ethics Review Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire April 25, 2018.

**2017-03-30-0181**

16. An Ordinance reappointing John Bull as the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts of the City of San Antonio. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

**2017-03-30-0182**

17. An Ordinance adjusting the salaries of City Auditor, City Clerk and Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts of San Antonio. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

**2017-03-30-0183**

18. An Ordinance authorizing the settlement of litigation styled James Lawson v City of San Antonio, Civil Action Number SA-15-CV-0559-DAE pending in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division for an amount up to \$85,000.00. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

**2017-03-30-0184**

19. An Ordinance authorizing a contract for Election Services with Bexar County for the May 6, 2017 General and Special Bond Election. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

**2017-03-30-0185**

20. An Ordinance sunsetting the Community Development Advisory Committee and the Convention and Visitors Commission. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

**2017-03-30-0186**

21. An Ordinance enacting a Clean Zone program for the 2018 Men's NCAA Final Four Tournament in order to regulate certain commercial activity within public property or rights-of-way, including the designation of a portion of downtown and areas around the Alamodome as the geographic boundaries of the Clean Zone, and the establishment of a Clean Zone license permit and criminal penalties not to exceed \$2,000.00 for violations. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Michael Sawaya, Director, Convention and Sports Facilities]

**2017-03-30-0188**

23. An Ordinance consenting to the assignment by Coastal Securities, Inc. of all of its interest in the City of San Antonio Financial Advisor Services Contract to FTN Financial, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association, in connection with a merger and acquisition transaction between those parties. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2017-03-30-0189**

24. An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio to provide an amount up to \$14,437.00 to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for the provision of services related to the UTSA Building a Healthy Temple Program for a term beginning on April 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2019. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

**2017-03-30-0190**

25. An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal agreement with the Bexar County Hospital District, d/b/a University Health System to extend the term of the agreement and authorize the acceptance of compensation from UHS in the amount of \$190,768.08 for the delivery public health services such as sexually transmitted disease control, TB control, emergency preparedness, and vector control to residents of Bexar County for the period April, 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, with the option to renew for one additional one year term. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

**2017-03-30-0191**

26. An Ordinance authorizing agreements with El Centro de Barrio d/b/a CentroMed and the San Antonio AIDS Foundation related to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's participation in the Texas Department of State Health Services' Region 8 Medicaid 1115 Waiver Tuberculosis Identification and Treatment Project beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018; and, authorizing the option to renew the agreements for an additional one year term. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

**2017-03-30-0192**

27. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement in the amount of \$343,345.00 with Bender, Inc. dba Bender Wells Clark Design for the development of the Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

**2017-03-30-0193**

28. An Ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement with MLK Garden Homes, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for infrastructure improvements necessary to facilitate the development of 12 single-family residences within the TIRZ #11 boundary. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

**2017-03-30-0194**

29. An Ordinance selecting aMAEzing, LLC and awarding a contract for consultant services for a “Regional Community Education and Outreach for Non Attainment of Air Quality”, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for an initial term of one year, with one additional one year renewal option. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

**2017-03-30-0016R**

30. A Resolution expressing the City's opposition to the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City and expressing the City's safety concerns to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

**CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED****ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 4:

**2017-03-30-0169**

4. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,045,000.00 for consultant services related to the SA Tomorrow Area Planning Program including the development and related community engagement of five Regional Center Plans and one Community Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Bridgett White presented a Power Point regarding the Consultant Services Contract for SA Tomorrow Area Planning. She stated that SA Tomorrow consisted of three plans: 1) Comprehensive Plan; 2) Multi-Modal Transportation Plan; and 3) Sustainability Plan. She outlined the Comprehensive Plan that recommends Area-Specific Master Plans to include 13 Regional Centers, 12 Priority Corridors, and 17 Community Areas. She reported that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released November 14, 2016 with proposals due on

December 16, 2016. She provided an overview of the Solicitation Requirements and Evaluation Committee and noted that they recommended Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. with 6 Sub-Consultants. She spoke of the Scope of Work and provided a contract breakdown by Plan Area totaling \$1,045,000. Lastly, Ms. White highlighted next steps to include a Kick-Off Meeting with the Consultant.

Mayor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Tony Piazzì representing Centro SA spoke in support of the professional services agreement.

Karen Bishop stated that she represented the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) in support of the professional services agreement.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the professional services agreement.

Mayor Taylor stated that she was excited to be at this point in the process and asked of the general concept regarding the Regional Centers. Ms. White responded that the 13 Regional Centers were identified as part of the SA Tomorrow Planning Process. She added that part of the recommendation of SA Tomorrow was to focus at least 60% of the projected growth into the Regional Centers. Mayor Taylor asked of the Steering Committee. Ms. White replied that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee consisted of 34 Members including the Chairs of the Plan Element Working Groups. Mayor Taylor asked of the timeline for amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC). Ms. White replied that they anticipated amendments to the UDC in year three. Mayor Taylor noted that she was pleased with the Neighborhood Summit and the inclusion of the Near West Side in the initial list of Plan Areas.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the engagement of neighborhoods and surrounding areas. Ms. White replied that there were various layers of community engagement that would be established for each Plan Area. She noted that they would be working with the Consultant and Planning Teams to identify the best methods to engage and receive feedback from Neighborhood Associations. Councilmember Warrick noted concern that some of the neighborhoods in District 2 may be left out and noted that some residents felt that information was being thrust upon them instead of including them in the process. Ms. White responded that she would be happy to meet with specific groups to get their feedback. Councilmember Warrick asked if the consultant would set up an office in San Antonio. Ms. White replied that they would have an individual person assigned to each of the Planning Areas and that three of the six sub-consultants were local. Councilmember Warrick asked how the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (Item 27) was interconnected with said item.



Ms. White responded that they would work together and leverage resources.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the local presence of Moore Iacofano Goltsman. Ms. White responded that they would be in San Antonio quite a bit and that they have been very flexible in working with the City thus far. Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of the importance of reinforcing the first value statement of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan which is that the Neighborhood Plans that exist will continue to be the fundamental building blocks. He thanked everyone for their work and noted that it would be very important to implement the recommendations.

Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone for their work and stated that she was proud to see that Brooks was included as one of the Regional Centers in Phase I. She noted that the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan would be integral and that it was important to preserve open space. She asked if translation services were available at Comprehensive Planning Meetings. Ms. White replied that they would ensure they were available.

Councilmember Gonzales highlighted the West Side Community Plan and asked of the size of the area. Ms. White replied that it encompassed 16 square miles. Councilmember Gonzales spoke of the areas in her district that had organically transformed such as the Southtown Arts District and stated that she did not want to stifle the creativity that was evolving. She added that neighborhoods in her district wanted basic infrastructure such as streets and drainage.

Councilmember Treviño thanked staff for their work and spoke of the importance of communication with the community. He stated that staff could explore the idea of getting information out on SAWS and CPS Energy bills.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that District 10 was not included in the Plan Areas. Ms. White replied that it would be included in a future phase. Mayor Taylor spoke of the need to have a robust communication strategy at the neighborhood level and provide accurate information about SA Tomorrow.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 4. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Items 8A and 8B were addressed jointly. City Clerk Vacek read the captions for Items 8A and 8B:

8. Consideration of the following two items relating to Spanish translation and interpreter services for City Council meetings: [Maria Villagomez, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs]

**2017-03-30-0173**

- 8A. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services contract with Solis Translations to provide written Spanish translations of City Council agendas, memos, updated agendas and selected news release documents for a one-year term and with the option to renew and extend the term with three additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$177,500.00 per year funded by the General Fund.

**2017-03-30-0174**

- 8B. An Ordinance authorizing General Fund expenditures not to exceed \$77,300.00, including ratification of expenditures previously made, for on-site interpreter services at City Council meetings with Translators USA, LLC.

Councilmember Treviño highlighted Items 8A and 8B and requested a brief presentation. Jeff Coyle presented a Power Point and stated that the FY 2017 Adopted Budget included funds to enhance the City's current Spanish language translations and interpreter services efforts. He noted that the Government and Public Affairs Department would engage the Spanish-speaking community. He reported that staff recommended approval of an Ordinance authorizing a professional services contract with Solis Translations, LLC to provide written Spanish translations of City Council A and B Session Agendas, memos, and selected city news release documents. He noted that the agreement would be effective for a one-year term with the option to renew and extend the term for three additional one-year periods at a cost of \$177,500. He noted that six of the 12 bids evaluated by the Committee were local Spanish Translations Firms. He stated that the Committee recommended Solis Translations, Inc., a local firm established in 2007 that employs five full-time staff.

Mr. Coyle stated that staff was also requesting ratification of expenditures previously made for on-site interpreter services at City Council Meetings with Translators USA, LLC.

Councilmember Treviño thanked everyone for their work and asked when all could learn more about the program. Mr. Coyle replied that the goal was to have more San Antonians

involved in the decisions made by the City Council and was a part of continuous improvement. Councilmember Treviño stated that San Antonio was a predominantly Hispanic Community and it was important to ensure that residents felt included in City processes. Councilmember Viagran expressed her support and stated that she was pleased that they were being inclusive to all residents.

Councilmember Treviño moved to adopt the Ordinances for Items 8A and 8B. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 2 - Saldaña and Gonzales

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 10:

**2017-03-30-0176**

- 10.** An Ordinance awarding the 2017-2018 City Wide Task Order Contract for Flatwork and Street Improvements to GL Contracting & DRH Construction JV; MCOR Construction Company; HESI Enterprises, LLC; Straight Line Management, LLC; and Jarvis Moore Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for each contract with a term of one year and an additional one-year renewal option for a total of an amount not to exceed \$2.25 million over a one-year period for all five contracts. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Warrick requested a brief presentation. Anthony Chukwudolue noted that the contract for the Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) Sidewalk Program included sidewalks, curbs, and driveway approaches with a goal to enhance connectivity of the sidewalk network. He highlighted the Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMAP) which provides \$200,000 per Council District to address mobility and traffic issues within neighborhoods. He noted that staff recommended approval of 2017-2018 Task Order Construction Contracts totaling \$2,250,000 for flatwork and street improvements for one year to the following:

- GL Contracting & DRH Construction JV
- MCOR Construction Company
- HESI Enterprises, LLC
- Straight Line Management, LLC
- Jarvis Moore Incorporated

Councilmember Warrick asked if this was the first time the contractors would be utilized for sidewalk work. Mr. Chukwudolue replied that they had worked with some in the past and some were new to the program. Councilmember Warrick asked how the contractors were selected for projects. Mr. Chukwudolue explained that they would try to balance projects across all of the contractors based on capacity and expertise.

Councilmember Krier asked if any of the work was related to school safety improvements. Mr. Chukwudolue confirmed that they could use the contractors for any sidewalk work. Councilmember Krier asked if sidewalks would be installed differently than in the past. Mike Frisbie stated that they had conducted a pilot program using precast sidewalks that worked well but was more expensive. He noted that they would be conducting another pilot in the future through a competitive bid process to see if they could reduce the costs.

Councilmember Treviño stated that they were taking a different approach to sidewalks in an effort to have more options and make better decisions.

Councilmember Viagran expressed her support and stated that she was pleased that there would be additional contractors to perform sidewalk work.

Councilmember Warrick moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 10. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 11:

**2017-03-30-0177**

11. An Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone on an approximate 2,830-acre tract of land known as the Middle Verde Ranch located in Medina and Bandera Counties, Texas from the following owners: Middle Verde Ranch Properties, Ltd.; the Lynne Morris Barnett Terminable Residuary Trust; the Jean Morris Stevenson Terminable Residuary Trust; the Lynne Morris Barnett GST Residuary Trust; and the Jean Morris Stevenson GST Residuary Trust, at a cost of \$7,640,084.15. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Xavier Urrutia presented a Power Point regarding the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program Conservation Easement Acquisition. He stated that the recommended purchase totaled

2,830 acres at a cost of \$7,640.084 and was the 70th conservation easement purchased under the Proposition 1 Program. He reported that a total of 143,425 acres had been protected and noted the benefits of greater water quantity and quality. Councilmember Lopez expressed his support and stated that it was important to protect the aquifer. He asked if this was the final purchase. Mr. Urrutia replied that it was the final purchase under the 2010 Venue and noted that they used various methodologies to determine the properties with the most impact to purchase.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed his support and stated that he was pleased with the almost 150,000 acres protected.

Councilmember Krier thanked everyone for their work but asked of the rationale behind purchasing land that is in other counties. Dr. Francine Romero explained how the recharge works and noted projected increases in the population moving further west.

Councilmember Medina expressed his support and asked if there were opportunities to leverage research and involve UTSA Students. Mr. Urrutia replied that UTSA Students and Faculty would be working on demonstration projects such as low impact developments. Councilmember Medina asked of the available acreage for purchase in Bexar County. Mr. Urrutia replied that the size of the parcel dictated how much recharge could be protected and property in Bexar County was much more expensive to purchase than other counties. He noted that there were very few parcels available in Bexar County.

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Ordinance for Item 11. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 12:

**2017-03-30-0178**

- 12.** An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application to, and acceptance of funds, from the U.S. Department of Justice for participation in the Safe and Thriving Communities: Planning and Collaboration in an amount up to \$333,000.00 for 18 months beginning October 1, 2017, and authorizing a personnel complement. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director of Health]

Mrs. Sculley introduced the new Director of Health, Dr. Colleen Bridger. Dr. Bridger reported that violence was one of the leading causes of death worldwide for people 15-44 years of age. She noted that if received, the Safe and Thriving Communities Grant would focus efforts on the near West Side. She indicated that the grant was an 18-Month Planning Grant that would provide an opportunity for multi-sector violence-prevention. She stated that they would identify ways to tie together various community initiatives into a collaborative and deliverable Strategic Plan. She added that the grant would fund an amount up to \$333,000 to support planning efforts and there was no impact on the General Fund. Councilmember Gonzales asked when the grant would be awarded. Dr. Bridger replied that they would notify grantees prior to becoming effective in October. Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern with the great amount of crime occurring on the near West Side and asked of the efforts to reduce crime. Erik Walsh stated that SAPD had created a Violent Crime Task Force and would be presenting a report to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee. He stated that he would provide data to the City Council. Councilmember Gonzales requested that a breakdown of pending grants and alternatives to Police Enforcement be provided at the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee.

Councilmember Warrick asked how the allowable costs in the grant would complement what is already occurring in the community. Dr. Bridger replied that the grant would be utilized for planning efforts and to identify additional needs. Councilmember Medina expressed his support and stated that he looked forward to working with Dr. Bridger.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 12. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 22:

**2017-03-30-0187**

**22.** An Ordinance authorizing a funding agreement in the amount of \$82,000.00 with the San Antonio Education Partnership to be used for the Upgrade initiative. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

Councilmember Viagran asked of the Upgrade City of San Antonio Pilot Program. Rene Dominguez replied that nearly 1,700 City Employees have some college but no degree. He

reported that a dedicated Upgrade Advisor could provide onsite advising and coaching workshops tailored to needs of the employee. Additionally, assistance in utilizing the tuition reimbursement program, and guidance with college enrollment and financial aid. He noted that funding was available in the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) through economic development agreements that have included company contributions toward workforce development programs. He added that staff recommended the appropriation of \$82,000 from EDIF for the Upgrade Initiative. Councilmember Viagran expressed her support and recommended that input be solicited from City Employees that serve on the Employee Management Committee.

Councilmember Gonzales asked what success would look like. Mr. Dominguez replied that there were various ways to measure success but one example could be an individual that has taken college courses and meets with an adviser to develop a Career Pathway to a higher wage position. Councilmember Gonzales stated that this was a great opportunity for City Employees and requested a list of city workforce development programs. Councilmember Viagran added that this could highlight areas in which the city may need to improve with regard to identifying vacant positions and areas of upward mobility for employees that utilize the services.

Mayor Taylor stated that it was important to discuss workforce development and working with individuals that have obtained some college credit. She noted that many jobs today required post-secondary educational attainment.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 22. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 2 - Saldaña and Krier

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 31:

**2017-03-30-0195**

- 31.** An Ordinance for the Underground Storm Drain Video Inspection Program authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.00 paid from the Storm Water Operating Fund for services in FY 2017 to provide underground storm drain pipe video inspection and pipe condition assessment, collection of related surface storm water infrastructure, and mapping with an option to renew the agreement for two one-year extensions under the same terms and conditions with an amount not to exceed

\$1,650,000.00 in FY 2018, and not to exceed \$1,650,000.00 in FY 2019, subject to appropriations in future fiscal years. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Medina highlighted the program and noted the neighborhoods in San Antonio with aging infrastructure. Art Reinhardt stated that the program was a continuation of ongoing efforts to be more proactive in identifying failures or aging infrastructure.

Councilmember Gonzales asked how the pipes were selected. Mr. Reinhardt replied that they would be developing a Master Plan moving forward and would review items such as soil types or sensitive features. In response to Councilmember Gonzales, Mrs. Sculley added that this was related to the Storm Water Drainage System and that SAWS was responsible for the water and sewer lines.

Councilmember Medina moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 31. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 2 - Saldaña and Krier

## 32. City Manager's Report

### **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

Mrs. Sculley provided an update of the City's Tree Recovery Initiative that provides free trees to residents impacted by last month's storms. She stated that Parks Staff had hosted five events and over 780 trees were adopted by residents. She added that the final event would be held this evening from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Northern Hills Neighborhood. She noted that Parks Staff was working with the impacted neighborhoods to assess any damage and subsequent replacement of trees located in the public right-of-way that have been adopted by neighbors. She stated that the Parks Department would work with neighborhood associations to include more neighborhood-based events during the fall planting season.

### **VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE**

Mrs. Sculley reported that a press conference was held on Tuesday to update the public on the Police Department's Violent Crimes Task Force Initiative. She noted that over the last year, cities across the country have grappled with identifying factors that have contributed to a significant increase in crime. She stated that the Violent Crimes Task Force was



focused on individuals engaged in criminal activity and was comprised of all SAPD Covert Units and other Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies dedicated to proactively reducing crime. She reported that as they approached the end of the first quarter; there had been 950 arrests, 150 weapons recovered, as well as 62 kilograms of drugs and \$230,000 seized. She added that she would provide more specific results for the first quarter via e-mail and was pleased that they were making substantial progress.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 12:18 pm to reconvene the previous day's Executive Session for discussion on the following:

- 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. LITIGATION MATTERS INVOLVING THE CITY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

### **RECONVENED**

Mayor Pro Tem Viagran reconvened the meeting at 1:15 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Viagran adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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