

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



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

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 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 on city business in Austin testifying on Senate Bill 6.

1. A Briefing on the current implementation status of the three SA Tomorrow Plans: the Comprehensive Plan, the Multimodal Transportation Plan and the Sustainability Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning; Arthur Reinhart, Assistant Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Bridgett White stated that activities had begun related to the implementation of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive, Multimodal Transportation and Sustainability Plans. She noted that implementation included the development of Area Plans including Regional Centers

and Community Scale Areas. She stated that the 13 Regional Centers identified in the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan were the large employment and economic activity hubs throughout the City. She noted that the City Council had tasked the department with developing plans for all 13 Regional Centers over the next three years. She stated that the Community Plan Areas included existing residential neighborhoods, corridors, and smaller urban centers. She noted that to date; staff had identified 17 Community Plan Areas. She stated that on March 30, 2017, City Council approved the SA Tomorrow Area Planning Consulting Services contract with MIG. She noted that staff had begun the project chartering phase which would lay the framework for the planning process. She stated that each plan process would include community engagement which would allow for a broad range of stakeholder and community member involvement.

Ms. White stated that SA2020 had co-facilitated a process by which potential indicators were brainstormed by the Plan Element Working Groups which were the technical committees for the development of the Comprehensive Plan. She noted that after adoption, the department partnered with planning organizations, agencies, and city departments to identify subject matter experts to help define and prioritize indicators. She stated that VIA's Vision 2040 Plan identified 12 priority corridors which link and navigate through the various regional centers. She noted that efforts related to the corridors were currently underway through a partnership between VIA and the department called SA Corridors. She mentioned that through detailed analysis and public outreach; the project will create a roadmap for how the city should grow using the transportation system as a unified feature. She added that the SA Corridors objectives were to: 1) Get regulations and incentives right; 2) Create a unified future Land Use Plan; and 3) Promote greater inter-agency coordination.

Ms. White stated that the City of San Antonio did not have a unified future Land Use Plan for the entire city. She noted that VIA's Vision 2040 and SA Tomorrow Plan have taken a step toward a citywide future Land Use Map by the 12 designated corridors in areas where future land growth could occur. She stated that throughout the SA Corridor's Project, the aim has been to bring together more diverse voices via the City of San Antonio. She added that a range of community stakeholders have been engaged in every step of the decision making process. She stated that over the next few years, the Planning and Community Development Department, Health Collaborative, and Metro Health would explore and collectively engage the community on the topics of public health, community equity, multimodal options, economic development, and land use. She noted the following SA Tomorrow Plan Elements:

- Growth and City Form
- Transportation and connectivity
- Housing

- Jobs and economic competitiveness
- Community health and wellness
- Natural resources
- Historic preservation
- Military
- Public facilities and community safety

Art Reinhardt stated that the Multimodal Transportation Plan provided a vision and framework regarding transportation. He noted that staff has taken advantage of media and Social Media opportunities to continue the message. He reviewed several projects to be included in the implementation strategies and stated that staff had searched for opportunities to partner with other agencies. He noted that the Multimodal Transportation Plan: 1) Supported land use connections; 2) Considered all modes of transportation; 3) Provided choices; 4) Created connections between modes; 5) Promoted sustainable methods; and 6) Promoted forward thinking. He spoke of public and stakeholder engagement and mentioned that the following guiding principles were utilized for development of the Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Mr. Reinhardt noted that 65% of projects in the 2017-2022 Bond Program were located within SA Tomorrow Growth Centers. He reviewed several projects to be included in the Bond Program and the Five-Year Action Plan. He stated that the long-term strategy for arterial transformation was to determine feasible roadway options, select design options with public feedback, and create pre-planning construction design.

Doug Melnick stated that a Sustainability Plan was a roadmap to enhance a community's quality of life and build overall resilience. Additionally, it balances the impact of expected growth with economic, environmental, and social resources. He mentioned the following air quality strategies: 1) Public Health Cost of Nonattainment Study; 2) Nonattainment Engagement and Outreach Campaign; and 3) Anti-Idling.

Mr. Melnick reviewed the Volkswagen Settlement Funds & Electric Vehicle Studies, as well as the SA Bikes Awareness Video Campaign. He spoke of the Dark Sky Policy, various energy strategies, and outlined strategies with partner organizations. Mr. Melnick added that strategies related to climate and resilience include Resilient SA/La Buena Vida Initiative; Resilience Dialogue Workshop; and Impervious Cover. He stated that a Resilience Action Plan would be comprised of: 1) Resilient Neighborhoods Program; 2) Climate Action Plan; 3) Climate projections; 4) Greenhouse gas reduction target; and 5) Vulnerability Assessment.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff and asked how Councilmembers would be kept informed

regarding community outreach and meetings. Ms. White replied that as staff went through the process of developing the Area Plan, they would meet with the affected Council Offices. Mayor Taylor asked of engagement of stakeholders and other institutions in plans. Ms. White stated that the planning teams for each of the different planning areas would be comprised of neighborhood associations and key stakeholders. She noted that staff would broaden communication efforts with the community. Mayor Taylor asked of utilizing the SA Tomorrow Plan as a framework for budget planning. Erik Walsh replied that Budget Initiatives would be categorized and tied to the SA Tomorrow Plan.

Councilmember Lopez spoke of the linkage between the Climate Action Plan and the Metro Health Strategic Plan and ensuring that all opinions were included. Mr. Melnick stated that the goal was to provide as many mechanisms as possible for people to engage.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if staff was pursuing grants from the Rails for Trails Program. Art Reinhardt replied that staff looked at same. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she hoped the grant could be pursued sooner than later.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the neighborhood plans. Ms. White stated that staff would be able to identify priorities and concerns within an area. Councilmember Viagran asked if key stakeholders would be included in the best use and functionality of the corridors. Mr. Reinhardt confirmed that they would.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the timing for Unified Development Code (UDC) Amendments. Ms. White replied that amendments to the UDC were scheduled for year three. Councilmember Nirenberg asked who was selecting members of the stakeholder groups for each of the planning community and neighborhood plans. Ms. White replied that staff was reaching out to neighborhood associations, key stakeholders, and Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 for the selection of members. Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of having ample representation from neighborhoods and asked of the impervious cover process. Mr. Melnick stated that staff was completing initial research, reviewing best practices, and working with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA).

Councilmember Treviño asked of the creation of boundaries. Ms. White stated that identification of boundaries was based on census tract data. She noted that neighborhood association boundaries have been taken into account and have been refined so as not to create artificial boundaries. Councilmember Treviño asked how to expand resources by working with other cities to help with the Sustainability Plan. Mr. Melnick replied that the key opportunity included idea exchange and collaboration.

Councilmember Krier asked how confident staff was that bond projects could be completed

in five years. Mr. Walsh replied that the program was scaled to be completed in five years and staff was confident that it would be accomplished. Councilmember Krier asked when the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee would be incorporated into the bond process. Mike Frisbie replied that it would be considered following the Bond Election based on the policy decision on the role of said committee.

Councilmember Gallagher spoke of prioritizing during the implementation phase. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into executive session at 4:30 pm to discuss 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).
- E. Discuss legal issues relating to grant requirements promulgated by the State of Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm and announced that no action was taken in executive session. She addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation to the Centro San Antonio Ambassadors. The Ambassadors presented their 2017 Fiesta Medal to Mayor Taylor and the City Council. It was noted that the Ambassadors help accommodate the growing residential population

through their efforts of the Public Improvement District to position Downtown as a premier convention and visitor's destination. It was also noted that these men and women serve as goodwill ambassadors by assisting downtown users; providing informational and directional service; and giving extra attention to the overall appearance of downtown.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 69th Annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade that will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017. It was noted that this year's theme is "City Lights & Celebration," and serving as Grand Marshal is Jimmy Kimmel's sidekick, Guillermo Rodriguez. The Flambeau is one of the premier events of Fiesta and has been called America's Largest Illuminated Night Parade.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Conservation Society who will host its Fiesta Event "A Night in Old San Antonio" (NIOA) April 25-28, 2017. It was noted that the four-night festival is held in the La Villita National Historic District and celebrates San Antonio's diverse cultural heritage.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

Nazirite Flores Perez recommended examining religions to see if their teachings are proper and discussed misuse of taxpayer money.

Guadalupe Rodriguez spoke of a San Antonio Veteran that had passed away. Henry Rodriguez stated that he represented LULAC Concilio Zapatista and asked why their Zapatista Queen was rejected for participation in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. He expressed his dissatisfaction that the United States Military Veterans Parade Association would not be allowed to participate in the Flambeau this year without explanation.

Lance Aaron spoke of the proposed changes to Alamo Plaza and the Cenotaph, and suggested that the State take control of the Cenotaph. He mentioned the heroism of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla.

George Alva stated that he was a representative for the Taxicab Industry on the Airport Advisory Commission. He expressed concern with releasing an unlimited number of taxicab permits to individual drivers.

Artman Bland noted crime and police abuse at several San Antonio locations and noted his billing issues with SAWS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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