

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



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

ABSENT: 1 - Medina

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Medina was out on Temporary Duty Assignment with the United States Air Force.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Taylor recognized Councilmember Krier who was celebrating his birthday today. The City Council sang Happy Birthday to Councilmember Krier.

1. A progress report from the Port Authority of San Antonio on economic activity to include strategic direction, recent accomplishments, and ongoing partnership initiatives. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development; Roland Mower, President & CEO, Port Authority of San Antonio]

Mr. Roland Mower, President and CEO of Port San Antonio (Port) presented an update of the progress at the Port. He recognized Members of the Board of Directors that were present and thanked them for their service. He stated that the goal of the Port was to redevelop former Kelly Air Force Base to the best and highest use and create conditions that maintain and grow quality jobs. He reported that the area represented 1,900 acres and had a \$4 Billion Annual Impact to the community. He highlighted the thousands of jobs in the Aerospace, Manufacturing, Logistics, Rail, Air Force/Department of Defense, Mixed-Use Office, and Workforce Housing Industries. He indicated that the Alamo Colleges, St. Philip's College and Alamo Academies were Strategic Workforce Partners noting that they provided Education and Training on Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Heavy Equipment.

Mr. Mower spoke of the opportunities for the Port in which 41% of the property was developed; 16% was ready to develop; and 43% needed preparation. He stated that their fiscal responsibility was to maintain operational self-sufficiency and financial viability, while their responsibility to the community was to promote job creation by supporting growth of employers at the Port. He highlighted \$80 Million in recent, ongoing, and upcoming projects at the Port to include 36th Street Phase III-B, CPS Energy and SAWS Utility Improvements, and Executive Fleet Hangar Upgrades. He compared Railcar Volume from FY 2008 to FY 2014 and noted that it was projected to increase in FY 2015. He spoke of the Rail Expansions and Improvements occurring as well as the Quinta Road and Workforce Housing Projects. He added that the Port was a great asset that played a significant role in the community.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Mower for the presentation and asked of the cost of the 43% of the Port that needed preparation. Dan Ferris, CFO of the Port replied that the cost was \$140 Million.

Councilmember Lopez thanked the Port for their commitment to the City of San Antonio and stated that they were a great asset. He asked of the comparison between the Port and Brooks City Base. Mr. Mower replied that they were very different organizations but both were very important to the community. He noted that Brooks City Base was focused as an area to live, work and play. The Port was focused on living and working and was a Regional Collaboration working to position South Texas as a great place to conduct business.

Councilmember Viagran spoke of the great economic opportunities provided by the Port and Brooks City Base and asked of the Railcar Volume and the effect of Frack Sand. Mr. Mower replied that they were seeing a positive effect through industry consolidation and

had not seen any slowdown.

Councilmember Saldaña highlighted the flight, rail, and truck assets of the Port and commended their work in revitalizing what was formerly Kelly Air Force Base. He expressed concern with flooding issues experienced by Lockheed Martin and asked of the \$5 Million Investment in the North Airfield. Ray Flores of the Port replied that the funds would be utilized for the demolition of five buildings as well as concrete, clearing, and grading work on old air pads. Rene Dominguez added that they had applied for some grants that would be used for conversion of the North Airfield. Councilmember Saldaña thanked the surrounding community including Lackland Air Force Base for being great neighbors and supporting the Fracking Industry.

Councilmember Treviño spoke of the importance of the Port to the City's overall growth and stated that the Airport System was critical in order for San Antonio to compete Internationally. Mr. Mower stated that they were collaborating with the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Airport to ensure that the community had Air Options based on needs.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the total number of jobs at the Port. Mr. Mower replied that there were 12,000 direct jobs with average salaries of \$55,000 per year. Councilmember Gonzales asked of Workforce Housing. Mr. Mower replied that they were developing 400 units of Military Housing within Port San Antonio but wanted to ensure that they would not affect their existing customers.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if they were addressing the issue of encroachment. Mr. Mower replied that they did not have an issue with encroachment and stated that the Military Air Force owned, maintained, and operated the airfield. Councilmember Gallagher asked if they were protecting facilities of Historical Significance. Mr. Mower confirmed that they were and noted that they would work with respondents to the Request for Proposals when renovating the assets.

Councilmember Nirenberg commended Mr. Mower and stated that it was important to tell the story of the Port.

Councilmember Krier asked of the status of fleet maintenance for Legacy and Non-Legacy Airlines. Mr. Mower replied that his observation was that fleet maintenance was being outsourced; however, they could develop capabilities and have them perform same at the Port. Councilmember Krier asked of the incentives offered to bring Maintenance Work to the Port. Rene Dominguez stated that they had worked on strategies to help the Port lower their costs to current tenants and felt they could be more competitive. Councilmember Krier

asked of the overall debt of the Port. Mr. Ferris replied that their financial metrics were extremely sound and their debt ratio on a book value basis was 30%. He noted that the Market Value Basis was much lower and that they had substantial borrowing capacity.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the lowest wage at the Port Authority. Mr. Mower stated that he did not have that information but did not believe it to be lower than \$32,000-34,000. Councilmember Warrick asked of the increase in transportation options. Mr. Ray Flores replied that they utilized two VIA Bus Lines that traveled through the Port and would continue to work with VIA on other options. Councilmember Warrick asked if the VIA Buses operated 24 hours a day. Mr. Flores replied that they did not.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Mower and stated that she looked forward to working with the Port to maximize future opportunities.

2. A Briefing on a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the City Code to require a registered microchip in place of a pet license tag as part of the City's licensing program. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Kathy Davis, Animal Care Services]

Kathy Davis presented information on the Chapter 5 Amendment to allow a registered microchip to replace a Pet License. She provided an example of a family that was reunited with their pet due to a microchip. She reported that their recommendation for a microchip was aligned with Animal Care Services' (ACS) Strategic Priorities and would increase the Live Release Rate. She noted that the current ordinance requires any cat or dog four months and older to be licensed with the City of San Antonio. She stated that the City Licensing Program was separate from the State-Mandated Rabies Program. She noted that pets could receive a Rabies Certificate from any Veterinarian but could only receive a Pet License from the City of San Antonio.

Ms. Davis reported that ACS had issued more licenses over the last few years than ever before; however, it was still a small reflection of the pets in the city. She stated that the current ordinance required Annual Renewal and that the current Renewal Rate was 25%. She indicated that they learned that a Lifetime Registration was more successful than an Annual Registration. She stated that the focus on Microchipping instead of Pet Licenses would help return pets to their owners, free up valuable kennel space, and hold owners accountable. She mentioned that they had been incorporating microchips into their business practices noting that they required a microchip for any pet impounded and then placed back into the community. She stated that dedicated staff members investigate and contact owners of pets found with microchips in the care of ACS. She reported that their efforts have

resulted in a 35% increase in Return to Owners (RTOs) and Total Live Outcomes of 14% in 2014.

Ms. Davis outlined the proposed changes in which a Registered Microchip will replace the City License. She stated that the Registered Microchip must include current ownership information and a description of the pet. She noted that a current City License would continue to be valid until its expiration and that notices would be mailed to license holders advising of the change. She added that an Annual Permit would be required for pets deemed aggressive or dangerous. She stated that the Pet Owner was responsible for ensuring that the microchip was registered with current information and that dogs must wear a tag with the registered microchip number at all times while outdoors. She reported that all dogs and cats with an owner must have registered microchips prior to the City issuing an Excess Animal Permit. She noted that microchips could be purchased from any Vet Clinic and that Basic Lifetime Registered Microchips would cost between \$15-20. She noted that many Local Organizations including the San Antonio Humane Society, Animal Defense League, and the ACS Board were in support of the initiative.

Ms. Davis reported that ACS did not anticipate a significant reduction in revenue as the revenue lost in the elimination of Pet Licenses would be offset from the sale of microchips. She stated that ACS would provide a comprehensive marketing and education campaign, as well as conduct community chip clinics. She outlined their Outreach Plan which would include Press Releases, Social Media, and an Email to Current License Holders. Lastly, a demonstration of micro-chipping was performed on animals brought in by ACS. Ms. Davis noted that the microchip was the size of a grain of rice and easy to implant. She thanked the City Council for their continued support of ACS.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the impact to the Spay/Neuter Policy. Ms. Davis replied that they were two separate issues and that they continued to support Spay/Neuter in the community. She noted that pets that were picked up would be required to be spayed or neutered, microchipped, and have a rabies shot before being released to their owner. Mayor Taylor recognized Rita Braeutigam and Mona Thaxton of the ACS Board and thanked them for their service.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the percent of dogs licensed per year. Ms. Davis replied that they did not have said information but that 23,000 pets carried licenses. Councilmember Warrick asked how microchipping would help address the stray animal population. Ms. Davis replied that it would help the roaming population which included stray dogs and those that were owned but were allowed to run loose. Councilmember Warrick asked how the initiative would be enforced. Ms. Davis responded that it would be done the same as licensing but expected better compliance since it was a one-time situation.

She stated that owners of pets that are picked up and not licensed would be issued a citation and the same would occur if a pet is not microchipped. She added that microchips would help free up space in the shelter because they would be able to immediately return the pet to its owner. Councilmember Warrick asked if there were any additional costs. Ms. Davis replied that they did not expect expenditures to increase as they were moving the expenditure associated with the Licensing Program to the Microchipping Program.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed support for the Microchipping Initiative and noted that there had been challenges with the Licensing Program. He stated that the microchips would allow pets to be reunited with their owners instead of being placed in the shelter. He asked of the potential for free Microchipping Clinics. Ms. Davis replied that they would seek a grantor that could fund the free microchips.

Councilmember Viagran spoke of the importance of educating the community and continuing to encourage Spay/Neuter Services. She asked of the number of animals impounded in 2014 and how many of them were microchipped. Ms. Davis replied that 30,000 animals were impounded but did not have the number of those with microchips. Councilmember Viagran asked of the number of animals that were picked up with microchips that had been picked up before. Ms. Davis replied that she did not have the number with her but would provide it to the City Council. Councilmember Viagran noted concerns with unintended consequences of mandating the Microchipping Initiative.

Councilmember Krier thanked ACS Staff for their work and asked of the Legislation related to Animal Shelters. Ms. Davis replied that they were supportive of the Legislation and had worked with Senator Menendez on compromised language.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed support for the Microchipping Initiative and stated that it would cost responsible pet owners less to microchip their pet than to pay an annual license fee.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:55 pm and announced that the following items would be addressed after the Regular City Council Meeting the next day:

- 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 Pro Tem Warrick reconvened the meeting at 5:15 pm and addressed the Ceremonials.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presented a Proclamation to the Texas Cavaliers in recognition of the Texas Cavaliers River Parade that would be held on Monday, April 20, 2015. It was noted that during his year-long reign, King Antonio would visit schools, hospitals, nursing homes, local businesses and community groups. King “Tony” presented the Mayor and Council with his Official Fiesta Medal.

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presented a Proclamation to LULAC Council #2 in recognition of El Rey Feo LXVIII (68). It was noted that this member of royalty would represent the LULAC Scholarship Committee during Fiesta 2015. It was also noted that the mission of the Committee was to financially support the aspirations of deserving High School Seniors to obtain a college education regardless of race, color, or religion. “The Ugly King” presented the Mayor and Council with his Official Fiesta Medal.

The Centro San Antonio Amigos presented their 2015 Fiesta Medal to the Mayor and Council. It was noted that the Amigos help accommodate the growing residential population through the efforts of the Public Improvement District to position Downtown as a premier convention and visitor’s destination.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Sylvia Villarreal expressed concern with the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and asked that the zoning issue be addressed.

Mark Perez addressed the City Council and noted public safety concerns with businesses operating without the proper permits.

John Bachman stated that he was supportive of the Microchipping Initiative proposed by Animal Care Services but noted that more information was needed before adopting the ordinance.

George Benavides spoke of individuals that had been targeted and tortured and asked that the invisible crime be investigated.

Brian Crowell addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Cindi Serna addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. She noted that there was already a Planned Parenthood Facility located on Babcock Road.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of gentrification issues in the community and referenced the Book of Romans in The Bible.

Michael Knuffke spoke in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and requested that the Unified Development Code (UDC) be updated to address Abortion Clinics.

Patrick Von Dohlen addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He asked why a UDC Training Power Point was removed from the Development Services Website.

Norma Langwell addressed the City Council and stated that she was a direct descendant of Jose Miguel Arciniega and represented the Jose Miguel Arciniega Heritage Foundation. She expressed concern that a for profit organization, the Jose Miguel Arciniega Descendant Society, had erroneously misrepresented the Arciniega Family in their submission of the composite they would like hung on the Wall of Mayors. She submitted Artist Lois Gibson's Composite of Jose Miguel Arciniega and requested that it be displayed on the Wall of Mayors.

Kelly Walls spoke of the Microchipping Initiative and requested that Low-Income and

Disabled Individuals be provided a microchip for their pet at cost.

Written testimony was received from Paul DiGiovanni regarding the online suggestion box, Ideas for COSA. He asked the City Council to help bridge the communication gap between citizens and leaders in the community.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that the City Council should only vote on one zoning case at a time. He requested that the traffic light at Evers and Bandera be extended by 30 seconds. He highlighted the Hands Free Ordinance adopted by the City Council. He expressed concern with the lack of parking at the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

RECESSED

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Warrick recessed the meeting at 6:36 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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