

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



DRAFT

Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

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: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Lopez, Medina, Krier, and Gallagher

ABSENT: 3 - Warrick, Gonzales, and Nirenberg

City Clerk Vacek announced that Councilmember Warrick was attending the 2016 NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.; Councilmember Gonzales was attending the Vision Zero Conference in New York City; and Councilmember Nirenberg was attending the Sister Cities International 2016 Summer Leadership Meeting in Miami.

1. A Briefing on the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Consolidated Funding Process for Human and Workforce Development Services. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Melody Woosley presented a Power Point regarding the Consolidated Funding Process for Human and Workforce Development Service for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and FY 2018. She provided background information noting that the Total Budget for FY 2016 was \$21

Million with 65 agencies funded. She stated that the Agency Match Requirement was 50% for those receiving less than \$1 Million and 35% for those receiving \$1 Million or more. She presented an overview of the Scope of Services within the following categories: 1) Children and Family Services; 2) Youth Services; 3) Community Safety Net; and 4) Workforce Development. She highlighted the Survey Results from the City Council noting that \$5.9 Million would be designated to Haven for Hope and Prospects Courtyard; \$2.7 Million for the After School Program; and \$250,000 for New Agencies. She added that \$12.1 Million would be available for Existing Agencies.

Ms. Woosley reported that the survey results indicated that the Non-Communication Period should be shortened from July through September. She stated that two Public Hearings would be held after the Budget Proposal. She noted that there were three Alternatives with regard to Funding Term Limits which would be further discussed with the City Council. She stated that the Request for Proposals and Agency Workshops would be held in April with Panel Review and Agency Interviews occurring in May/June.

Mayor Taylor asked of the outcomes related to the After School Challenge Program. Ms. Woosley replied that they asked all of the School Districts to report on three of the same outcomes: 1) Grade Progression; 2) Scores on the STAAR Test; and 3) Attendance.

Councilmember Krier asked of the process for funding new agencies. Ms. Woosley replied that a panel reviewed those applications and came to a consensus on the ranking the proposals. Councilmember Krier stated that he was pleased that Funding Term Limits were proposed and that he would be inclined to support a limit for Agency Funding (Alternative A).

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he was supportive of Alternative A which would provide a 4-Year limit for Agency Funding beginning in FY 2017 and that it was important to look at agency performance.

Councilmember Viagran spoke to the survey results that show support for increasing funding for Workforce Development and requested that they focus Community Safety Net efforts on Human Trafficking. She stated that she was leaning toward Alternative B which would include a 4-Year Limit for Program Funding, noting that there could be unintended consequences with limiting Agency Funding.

Councilmember Treviño asked for additional information on Alternative C which would address time limits through Priority Setting, New Agency Fund, and Evaluation Process. Ms. Woosley stated that Alternative C would provide flexibility to change funding based on priorities. Councilmember Treviño stated that he was inclined to support Alternative C.

Councilmember Lopez stated that he would also leaning toward Alternative C; however, he noted that there could be another option. He asked of the difference between the Community Safety Net and Workforce Development Categories. Ms. Woosley responded that Community Safety Net included Haven for Hope and Prospects Courtyard, as well as Basic Needs Programs such as Case Management, Prescription Assistance, and Domestic Violence. Councilmember Lopez asked why the Non-Communication Period was implemented noting that he did not feel it was necessary. Ms. Woosley replied that it followed the City's Contracting Process. Mrs. Sculley added that it was requested by a previous City Council noting there were challenges with meeting with 65 Agencies.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he concurred with Councilmember Lopez with regard to the Non-Communication Period and being able to speak to the agencies at any time. He noted that he was leaning toward supporting Alternative C.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he was supportive of holding Public Hearings so that Agencies did not have to try to set up meetings with all of the Councilmembers. He spoke of the importance of having a clear set of rules for the Agencies and noted that he looked forward to bringing in new agencies with new ideas.

Councilmember Medina asked if there was any funding reduction in Alternative C. Ms. Woosley replied that there was not a mandated funding reduction but it would occur through policy implementation and priority setting. Councilmember Medina stated that he was considering Alternative C but the other two options also had some valid points.

Councilmember Viagran requested that staff look at a potential hybrid of the options. Mayor Taylor asked if this budget included the 15% of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds allocated for Public Service. Ms. Woosley replied that it did not. Mayor Taylor stated that she agreed that Alternative C offered the most flexibility and that she was supportive of creating a Sustainability Plan. However, she noted that she was leaning toward Alternative B which would limit Program Funding but allow agencies to provide a variety of services. She stated that she looked forward to more discussion on same.

2. Overview of the state designated cultural district "Zona Cultural" located in District 1. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Felix N. Padrón, Director, Culture and Creative Development]

Lori Houston presented opening remarks, noting that the Zona Cultural encompassed 44

contiguous blocks on the West End of Downtown San Antonio and included cultural assets such as San Fernando Cathedral and Market Square. She stated that the City Council had adopted an ordinance in January 2014 creating the Zona Cultural District. She noted that Centro San Antonio was identified to lead the designation process and they had obtained the designation from the Texas Commission on the Arts in September 2015. She noted that Centro San Antonio had retained Centro, Inc. from Denver, Colorado and introduced Jamie Licko, President of Centro, Inc.

Ms. Licko provided an overview of the El Mercado Zona Cultural District Revitalization Plan. She stated that the Zona Cultural was a crossroads of Culture, Commerce, and Community with leadership and financial contributions from the City of San Antonio, Centro San Antonio, and neighborhood stakeholders. She noted that despite a rich history and central location in the heart of the city; Zona Cultural has struggled to find its voice and capitalize on its unique position. She highlighted benefits of investing in Zona Cultural to include economic growth and leveraging City Investments. She stated the overall goals of the El Mercado Zona Cultural Revitalization Plan: 1) Establish a foundation to understand Zona; 2) Build a Plan to revitalize Zona; and 3) Develop a long-term sustainable strategy to deliver the Plan.

Ms. Licko spoke of the Steering Committee that was convened to help develop the Plan which includes City Staff and Stakeholders. She provided a map of the area and highlighted Revitalization Plan Projects. She stated that they recommended managing Zona Cultural as a new 501(c)(3) Organization to oversee Zona Cultural and facilitate implementation of the Zona Cultural Revitalization Plan. She noted that Zona Cultural would be managed by an independent Board of Directors made up of a diverse mix of 12 to 15 stakeholders and partners from within Zona Cultural. She mentioned that their target Year One Budget was \$250,000 and that a three-year funding commitment would be sought from Zona Cultural Stakeholders, Centro San Antonio, City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and Grants/Sponsorships. She highlighted next steps in which they would work on the endorsement and support for the plan, as well as establish the Zona Organization and Governance.

Ms. Houston recognized Jorge Cortez, Stakeholder. Mr. Cortez spoke of his upbringing in San Antonio and thanked Councilmember Treviño for his support. Mr. Cortez recognized Jesse Treviño who had lost his arm while serving in the Vietnam War. Mr. Treviño stated that he was honored to be present and was proud to be living in San Antonio. He spoke of his art work and the importance of the Zona Cultural Designation.

Mayor Taylor thanked the Cortez Family for all of their work to preserve the history of the area as well as Jesse Treviño and Ed Cross. She encouraged all to stay focused on

authenticity and design standards when implementing the Plan. She noted that sustainability of the organization was key and was pleased with the stakeholder investment.

Councilmember Treviño stated that this was a great opportunity and he was very supportive. He thanked the stakeholders and noted that he concurred with Mayor Taylor regarding sustainability. He added that it would be very important to bring all resources together to make it a true success.

Councilmember Viagran thanked all of the stakeholders and spoke to the importance of Zona Cultural. She stated that when looking at Economic Development and Connectivity; they should ensure that it was interesting and safe but would also bring energy to the area. She noted the importance of branding and collaboration and asked of design guidelines. Ms. Houston replied that the City had implemented design guidelines for Historic Neighborhoods as well as Downtown Design Guidelines for properties that were not Historic.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked the stakeholders that come together for Zona Cultural and asked of the timing for moving the Health Department Staff out of the Continental Hotel Building. Ms. Houston stated that they were currently moving some of the staff into Riverview Towers until all could be consolidated at the Frost Bank Building. She noted that they hoped to issue an RFP and develop affordable housing in the Continental Hotel Building. Councilmember Saldaña highlighted the public investment and revitalization of San Pedro Creek which runs into Zona Cultural. He asked of the potential to use funding that had previously been provided to the Museo Alameda. Mrs. Sculley noted that they were beginning the preparation process for the FY 2017 and could look at that source of funds as well as others.

Councilmember Medina stated that Zona Cultural truly reflected the story of San Antonio and was excited to see the work that would be accomplished. He asked of the potential funding sources that could be used. Mrs. Sculley replied that they could look at Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds as well as the General Fund.

Councilmember Lopez spoke of the long History and rich culture of the area and stated that he was supportive of the project. He asked of the timeline on the Continental Hotel Building. Ms. Houston replied that they hoped to issue the RFP within six months. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:37 pm to discuss 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).
- D. Discuss legal issues related to a lawsuit styled Jessica Alvarez and Anthony Salas v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2014-CI-18798 pending in the 45th Judicial District Court, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Deliberations regarding the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security devices pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.076 (security devices) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- F. Discuss legal issues relating to a solid waste services contract pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- G. Deliberate the duties and evaluation of the City Clerk pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Section 551.071 (attorney-client consultation).
- H. Deliberations regarding police discipline and related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney)

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action

was taken in Executive Session.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

Mark Perez expressed concern with staff of the Development Services Department. He also expressed concern with the AGE Refinery Building, DPT Laboratories, and other facilities operating without the proper permits.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of how Jesus died and provided a handout entitled, "Did it Really Happen?"

Rhett Smith expressed concern with the Political Process in America noting that there should be more choices with regard to political parties. He asked the City Council to pass a Resolution to uphold high standards in America and apologizing for slavery.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony to include newspaper articles regarding the following topics: Presidential Candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, Business Tax Cuts aid Texas, and the Nation's first Digital Library in a Housing Project. He requested that the City of San Antonio hire 25 Park Police Officers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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