

**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

Thursday, February 11, 2016

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened in a Regular Council Meeting. 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 was out due to eye surgery.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Dr. Theo Wolmarans, Pastor, Christian Family Church, guest of Mayor Ivy R. Taylor.
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 December 9-10, 2015.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of December 9-10, 2015. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items 16, 30, 33, and 34 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Medina moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Jack M. Finger expressed concern with the four applications submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Associate Program (Item 30) stating that the public should know who the names of the four applicants. He expressed concern that State Representatives Ruth Jones McClendon and Joe Farias were previously honored by the Stonewall Democrats (Items 33 and 34).

Ellen Berkey expressed concern with the Vista Ridge Project and asked why the use of fiber glass for the pipeline was now a concern for the SAWS Board.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in favor of Items 4-34.

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

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

2016-02-11-0062

4. An Ordinance ratifying a contract with Perennial Energy, LLC for providing the upgrade to the existing Rigsby landfill gas candlestick flare station for a total cost of \$81,202.00, funded from the Solid Waste Management Department Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director,

Finance]

2016-02-11-0063

5. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Cooper Equipment Co. to provide the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department with six pieces of medium duty street maintenance equipment for a total cost of \$155,250.00, funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2016-02-11-0064

6. An Ordinance accepting the bids from Holt Texas Ltd. dba Holt Cat, Cooper Equipment Co. and Grande Truck Center to provide nine replacement trailers to the City's Solid Waste Management and Transportation & Capital Improvements Departments for a total cost of \$541,356.00, funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2016-02-11-0065

7. An Ordinance accepting the bids from H & V Equipment Services, Inc., Ewald Kubota Tractor and Ag-Pro to provide 11 replacement and 11 additional pieces of landscaping equipment to the City's Transportation & Capital Improvements, Parks & Recreation and Aviation Departments for a total cost of \$673,717.52, funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund, Transportation and Capital Improvements Stormwater Operations Fund and Airport Operations and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2016-02-11-0066

8. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$5,451,000.00: (A) Arguindegui Oil Company, Arnold Oil Company of Austin, LP, Genuine Parts Company and Hays City Corp., dba Tex-Con Oil Co. for lubricants, (B) Oxford Immunotec, Inc. for TB test kits and supplies, (C) Bound Tree Medical, LLC and Life-Assist, Inc. for EMS medications and equipment, and (D) T & W Tire for Amendment III to contract for emergency tires. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]
9. Consideration of the following two items in connection with the 2016 Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Police Helicopter with JP Morgan Chase Bank: [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, Troy Elliott, Director of Finance]

2016-02-11-0067

- 9A.** An Ordinance approving the Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Police Helicopter with JP Morgan Chase Bank and an Escrow and Account Control Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank and Frost Bank, approving Exhibits and related Schedules to the Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Police Helicopter in the amount of \$2,858,759 for a helicopter for the Police Department.

2016-02-11-0005R

- 9B.** A Resolution authorizing the reimbursement of funds previously expended from the proceeds of the 2016 Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Police Helicopter entered into between the City of San Antonio and JP Morgan Chase Bank.

- 10.** Consideration of the following two items in connection with the 2016 Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Solid Waste Equipment with Banc of America Public Capital Corp [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, Troy Elliott, Director of Finance]

2016-02-11-0068

- 10A.** An Ordinance approving the Master Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Solid Waste Equipment with Banc of America Public Capital Corp and an Escrow and Account Control Agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp and Frost Bank, approving Exhibits and related Schedules to the Master Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$24,030,918 for the acquisition of collection trucks and toters for the Solid Waste Management Department

2016-02-11-0006R

- 10B.** A Resolution authorizing the reimbursement of funds previously expended from the proceeds of the 2015 Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for Solid Waste Equipment entered into between the City of San Antonio and Banc of America Public Capital Corp.

2016-02-11-0069

- 11.** An Ordinance for a Low Impact Landscaping around Downtown San Antonio Freeway entrances, awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$880,802.95 to Maldonado Nursery and Landscaping, Inc, a federally funded project, located in Council Districts 1, 2, and 5. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2016-02-11-0070

- 12.** An Ordinance authorizing the reallocation of \$250,000.00 from the Peggy Drive Extension Project to the Cherry Street (Dawson Street to Milam Street) Project, both 2012-2017 General Obligation Bond funded Projects located in Council District 2, for the installation of landscaping along Cherry Street. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]:
- 13.** Consideration of two task order contracts for the installation of Traffic Signal Systems and other traffic devices throughout the City of San Antonio: [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager, Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2016-02-11-0071

- 13A.** An Ordinance awarding a Task Order Contract to D&G Energy Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$2,622,195.75, for a term beginning February 11, 2016 and ending February 11, 2019.

2016-02-11-0072

- 13B.** An Ordinance awarding a Task Order Contract to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,613,283.97, for a term beginning February 11, 2016 and ending February 11, 2019.
- 14.** Consideration of the following three Task Order Contracts totaling \$15,470,947.75 for the FY 2016 - 2020 Infrastructure Management Program, adopted within the FY 2016 Budget: [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

2016-02-11-0073

- 14A.** An Ordinance for the Asphalt Overlay Task Order Contract, Package 5, accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding to San Antonio Constructors, LTD in an amount not to exceed \$6,358,350.00, of which \$91,350.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water Systems and \$10,000.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure.

2016-02-11-0074

- 14B.** An Ordinance for the Reconstruction/Reclamation Task Order Contract, Package 6, accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding to AJ Commercial, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,530,820.50, of which \$490.00 will be reimbursed by San

Antonio Water Systems.

2016-02-11-0075

- 14C. An Ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a 2016-2017 Concrete Pavement Task Order Contract to FD Concrete, LLC for Package 7 in an amount not to exceed \$4,581,777.25, of which \$42,075 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water Systems.

2016-02-11-0076

15. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of property donations totaling approximately 18.6 acres of land located along Salado Creek in NCBs 10573 and 12175 in Council District 2 and NCB 17180 in Council District 8 for the Linear Creekway Development Project. [María D. Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

2016-02-11-0078

17. An Ordinance authorizing an exchange of easements with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the City to accept a 7.973 acre easement located along Salado Creek in NCB 12175 in Council District 2 for the Linear Creekway Development Project and the City to grant a 10.116 acre access easement for a utility road along the border of John James Park. [María D. Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

2016-02-11-0079

18. An Ordinance authorizing a Joint Use Agreement with Time Warner Cable, LLC to allow access to buildings and property at the West Cargo Building at the San Antonio International Airport. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Noel T. Jones, Director, Aviation]

2016-02-11-0080

19. An Ordinance authorizing the submission of an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to receive Meaningful Use Attestation funds for adopting, implementing or upgrading to an Electronic Health Record and authorizing acceptance of such funds in an amount up to \$42,500.00 during 2016. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Vincent R. Nathan, Interim Director of Health]

2016-02-11-0081

20. An Ordinance authorizing submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and acceptance upon award of \$995,828.00 for the period of September 30, 2016 to September 29, 2017 for the Bexar CARES program

to provide services to children with emotional disturbances and their families; authorizing a budget, including an in-kind match of \$331,943.00, and personnel complement for 2017. [Maria Villagomez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

2016-02-11-0082

21. An Ordinance ratifying the co-application of the San Antonio Housing Authority's grant submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program for the Westside Choice Neighborhood; pledging \$200,000 in City of San Antonio funds, upon award of the grant, toward the \$500,000 required community match to be identified in the FY 2017 budget development process; and, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Housing Authority that outlines the responsibilities of each entity. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development]

2016-02-11-0083

22. An Ordinance authorizing reappointments and appointments to the Citizen Advisory Action Board (CAAB). [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief of Police]

2016-02-11-0084

23. An Ordinance reappointing Councilmember Rebecca J. Viagran (At-Large, Category: Community Representative) and Carroll Schubert (At-Large Category: San Antonio Business Community Representative) to the Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District (Lone Star Rail District) for the remainder of their respective unexpired terms of office. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

2016-02-11-0085

24. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with Seabury Airline Planning Group LLC for the development of a five-year Air Service Development Strategic Plan for the San Antonio International Airport in an amount not to exceed \$116,750.00. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Noel T. Jones, Director, Aviation]

2016-02-11-0086

25. An Ordinance authorizing the designation of a Residential Permit Parking Zone on portions of North Flores Street near the intersection of Park Court in Council District 1. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Interim Director, Center City Development & Operations]

2016-02-11-0087

26. An Ordinance authorizing the settlement of a lawsuit styled Dennis Quinn v. Barbara Webb, et al v. City of San Antonio, et al, Cause Number 2011-CI-08038, pending in the 225th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas for an amount up to \$145,000.00. [Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney]

2016-02-11-0088

27. An Ordinance authorizing the extension of line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Lieutenant Joseph Arrambide. [Erik J. Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

2016-02-11-0089

28. An Ordinance authorizing the extension of line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Captain Georgia Rakowitz. [Erik J. Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

2016-02-11-0090

29. An Ordinance authorizing the assignment of the City's federal representation services contract with Venable LLP to Downs Government Affairs for the remainder of the contract term. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

2016-02-11-0092

31. An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the professional services contract with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc., in an amount up to \$33,095.00, to provide for content-validated modifications to the entrance examination process for the San Antonio Police Department. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Lori Steward, Human Resources Director]

2016-02-11-0093

32. An Ordinance approving the amendment of the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2016 authorized personnel from 407 to 409 positions as adopted by the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors on February 2, 2016 to support the Competitive Grants program [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Mayor Taylor addressed Item 33 first. City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 33:

2016-02-11-0007R

33. A Resolution recognizing and celebrating the devoted service and community leadership of State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon, District 120. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs]

Mayor Taylor called upon Senator Carlos Uresti to speak.

Senator Carlos Uresti addressed the Mayor and Council and spoke of State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon's true leadership to the State of Texas. He congratulated her for her great service and stated that she was a Trailblazer in the House of Representatives.

Councilmember Krier recognized the State Representatives present and the individuals representing same. He read a long list of accomplishments by State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon and noted that she got her start on this dais as a City Councilmember representing District 2. He noted that Ruth was a woman with a big heart and commended her for her service to the community.

Councilmember Krier moved to approve the Resolution for Item 33. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the McClendon Family for being present and stated that she was proud of Representative McClendon's work in keeping women's issues at the forefront. She asked her family to send the Council's best regards.

Councilmember Warrick thanked his neighbor, Ruth, and noted that they attend the same church, Holy Redeemer. He thanked her for all her service and noted that his mother also held that seat on the Alamo Community College District Board as Mr. Denver McClendon now holds.

Councilmember Saldaña congratulated the McClendon Family and wished Representative McClendon all the best.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he was pleased to be a part of the Council and having the ability to honor leaders that have done so much for the community. He expressed his thanks to Representatives McClendon and Farias for their work. Councilmember Nirenberg

also expressed his thanks to the McClendon Family and stated that he would miss Representative McClendon's Leadership.

Councilmember Medina expressed his thanks to Representatives McClendon and Farias. He stated that he has always admired Representative McClendon's service from afar and noted that she would be greatly missed. He also noted the retiring of Representative Farias and recognized him for fighting for Veteran's Issues.

Councilmember Lopez stated that Representative McClendon had been a wonderful person in the community for many years and he and his family would keep her in their prayers. He spoke of her leadership with her staff and her continued commitment. Councilmember Treviño expressed his thanks to Representative McClendon for her service.

Mayor Taylor noted that Miss Ruth had a tremendous record of leadership in the community. She stated that she appreciated the way Representative McClendon challenged her to think about serving the community and entering a life of public service. She added that she could only hope and pray that she could live up to creating the kind of legacy that Representative McClendon did in San Antonio. She asked that her family convey congratulations on a well earned retirement and prayers for blessings in her life. She asked Mr. Denver McClendon if he would like to address the City Council. Mr. Denver McClendon thanked the City Council for their recognition of State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon and for their kind words. He stated that she would continue to be interested in the San Antonio Community and asked that all pray for them in their future endeavors.

The motion to approve the Resolution prevailed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 34:

2016-02-11-0008R

- 34.** A Resolution recognizing and celebrating the devoted service and community leadership of State Representative Joe Farias, District 118. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Councilmember Krier stated that Representative Farias was a lifelong resident of House District 118 and had joined the Army after graduating and served in Vietnam. He spoke of

his steadfast work for the people of his community and being a strong advocate for Military Veterans. He also noted his work on numerous issues since he first took office in 2007 and thanked him for being open to the needs of the Business Community. He stated that Representative Farias was named Legislator of the Year by his colleagues after his first year of service. He recognized his wife and sons and stated that all were grateful for his service.

Councilmember Krier moved to approve the Resolution for Item 34. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran stated that it was an honor to have Representative Farias present and spoke of his history and work on the South Side. She noted his work around the Missions and thanked him for his continued involvement in the community.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked Representative Farias and stated that his family name holds so much integrity in the community. He noted that Representative Farias does an incredible job in being present at so many events and thanked him for his work and service. Councilmember Nirenberg added his thanks to Representative Farias and his family.

Councilmember Medina thanked Representative Farias for his service and stated that his son Gabe does a wonderful job with the West Chamber which he has a connection to. He noted that he is inspired by Representative Farias' courage and service in the Armed Forces. Councilmember Lopez congratulated Representative Farias for his service. He stated that he himself had enlisted in the Army in 1968 and came back with a well rounded view of the community. He commended Representative Farias on his entire career and stated that he is a role model for his service.

Councilmember Warrick thanked Representative Farias for his work in the community and in the State of Texas. Councilmember Treviño thanked Representative Farias for his service in the community and the military. Mayor Taylor thanked Representative Farias for his long history and tenure in service to the San Antonio Community. She noted that he instilled the value of service into his children and expressed best wishes on his next phase in life. She called upon Representative Farias to speak. Representative Farias thanked the City Council for the recognition and stated that he was not going to retire but stay active in the community. He noted that none of this was possible without the support of his family and extended family, his staff. He thanked them for making him successful and stated that he respected the City Council for their service and passion to the community.

The motion to approve the Resolution prevailed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Krier recognized Former Councilmember Robert Marbut and his Government Class who were present. He welcomed them to the City Council Meeting.

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 16:

2016-02-11-0077

- 16.** An Ordinance authorizing the payment of \$1,797,690.00, from Proposition 1 Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund, for the acquisition of approximately 229-acre tract known as the Goodhorse Ranch located in Bexar County, to become part of Government Canyon State Natural Area, managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and in exchange the City will hold an aquifer protection conservation easement on said property. [María D. Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he did not have any questions and moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance for Item 16. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their work and stated that he was pleased with the Proposition 1 Acquisition. Councilmember Krier thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their great work and commended Xavier Urrutia for his leadership.

Councilmember Lopez stated that Government Canyon was a part of District 6 and thanked the voters for their overwhelming support of Proposition 1. He noted that Linear Creekways were a form of transportation and should be an integral strategy for moving people from one place to another. Councilmember Medina added his support and stated that it was important to protect the water supply. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone involved in the initiative.

The motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance for Item 16 prevailed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 30:

2016-02-11-0091

- 30.** An Ordinance ratifying the submission of four applications to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Associate Program, and authorizing the assignment of up to four Public Health Associates in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for a two-year period beginning October 2016, and the execution of necessary documents. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Vincent R. Nathan, PhD, MPH, Interim Director of Health]

Councilmember Gallagher asked that staff explain said procedure. City Manager Sculley stated that this was a Fellowship Program funded by the Centers for Disease Control. She noted that individuals had not yet been selected but would be done after grants were submitted. She mentioned that the City of San Antonio had participated in the program since 2007 and that the individuals selected would rotate through various Divisions within the Health Department.

Councilmember Lopez stated that this was the kind of focus that must continue in the community and spoke of the wide span of experience that would be shared. Councilmember Viagran added that she was thankful for the work of the Metropolitan Health District and was pleased to support this practice in San Antonio.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance for Item 30. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

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

ABSENT: 1 - Gonzales

- 35.** City Manager's Report
A. Solid Waste Management Update
B. Health Department Update

A. Mrs. Sculley provided an update on the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Garbage and Recycling Program. She stated that PAYT was approved by the City Council as part of the Recycling Plan that includes the goal for the City to reach a 60% Recycling Rate by 2025. She noted that today; the Recycling Rate was 31%. She indicated that as part of PAYT, San Antonio Residents could choose between three brown Garbage Cart sizes. She stated that

residents were also offered a green Organics Recycling Cart for items such as grass clippings, leaves, food scraps, and shredded paper. She added that residents also had a blue cart for Non-Organics Recycling and that pricing was based on the brown cart size. She reported that a Pilot Program was implemented last year and during the development phase; 90% of residents opted to keep the green Organics Cart. She stated that with the Initial Phase over, Solid Waste Staff would begin the roll out to all customers. She noted that the program would be completed to all San Antonio Residents by Spring of 2017. She noted that staff would continue to educate residents about the PAYT Program and would host 70 Community Meetings.

B. Mrs. Sculley provided an update on the Zika Virus noting that Metro Health had confirmed three cases of the virus in Bexar County. She stated that all cases stemmed from individuals who traveled abroad. She mentioned that another three suspected cases were pending confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She stated that the virus was carried by the Aedes Aegypti Mosquito and mainly transmitted by the bite of this mosquito. However, in rare cases; transmission has been found to occur through sex and blood transfusion. She noted that Metro Health Staff was coordinating with the Texas Department of State Health Services to collect and ship local samples for testing to CDC and will continue to work with the Local Physician Community to offer guidance and support. She added that Metro Health recommends that individuals planning to travel to a Zika affected country follow usual precautions to prevent mosquito bites. She mentioned that a Fact Sheet was available on the Metro Health Website and that Social Media was being utilized to inform the public about the virus. She reported that beginning March 8th, Metro Health would initiate a coordinated Vector Control Plan along with the Transportation and Capital Improvements and Parks Departments, to assess and treat areas in the city that are known mosquito breeding sites.

Councilmember Krier asked of the status of the recycling of plastic bags. Mrs. Sculley replied that they would provide an update on same to the City Council. Mayor Taylor stated that she had discussed the issue of plastic bags with Councilmember Medina and would like an update on moving forward. Councilmember Medina thanked the Solid Waste Staff for their work and noted that he too would like to continue discussions regarding plastic bags.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Gallagher invited everyone to participate in the Northeast Corridor Cleanup taking place today at 2:00 pm at the corner of Perrin Beitel and Thousand Oaks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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