

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



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

No in-person access to this meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021

9:00 AM

Videoconference

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting at 9:07 AM. City Clerk Tina J. Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

**PRESENT:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Marion Thomas, guest of Councilmember Perry, Council District 9.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council meetings of December 2, 2020, December 3, 2020, and December 9, 2020.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the Minutes. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Cabello Havrda thanked all the essential workers and City employees for their efforts during the winter storm event. She added her thanks to Westover Hills Church, Pete Cortez of La Familia Cortez, Council District 6 residents, and the entire City of San Antonio for their efforts during the bitter cold weather.

Councilmember Pelaez thanked Police Department for their efforts during the winter storm event to ensure residents remained safe and for aiding residents of Council District 8.

Councilmember Viagran thanked all First Responders and City Public Service-Energy for their efforts to restore electrical power to the community. She thanked Rudy Garza who kept her notified of issues at the Mission Del Lago community.

Councilmember Courage thanked Weathered Soil Brewery for providing 1,800 gallons of water to Council District 9 residents that did not have water during the storm event.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan thanked Council District 2 residents that reached out to the Council District Office and provided information, assistance, and information of incidents during the storm.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Items 4, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 21 were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the move continue all Zoning Items to March 4, 2021.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

#### **2021-02-18-0107**

5. Ordinance approving contracts with A-Ram Plumbing, Inc., Doug Merritt, dba Craftsman Plumbing, and HJD Capital Electric, Inc., to provide on-call commercial plumbing maintenance and repair services for an estimated amount of \$400,000.00 annually. Funding for these contracts will be identified as needed and included in the FY 2021 Adopted Budget and subsequent budgets approved by City Council. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

#### **2021-02-18-0108**

6. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$11,240,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2021 Adopted Budget: [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

(A) Texas Chiller Systems for ice sheet chiller preventative maintenance and repair services at the Alamodome;

(B) Southwest Companies, dba Southwest Wheel, for repair parts and service for

medium & heavy trailers and tarps;

(C) Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, for preventative maintenance & inspections for fire apparatus; and

(D) Truman Arnold Companies, dba TAC Energy, for gasoline and diesel fuels.

**2021-02-18-0109**

7. Ordinance approving a City requested change order in the total increased amount of \$583,146.80 and authorizing payment to Pesado Construction Company for construction of adjacent sidewalk projects related to the Cedarhurst Drive Area (Dumont Drive to Eaglerock Drive) project, a 2017 Bond funded project, located in Council District 4. Funds are available from 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-02-18-0110**

8. Ordinance awarding a construction contract to The Sabinal Group, L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000.00 for the 2017 Bond Fire Station #24 Replacement project located in Council District 2. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]
9. Approving the following items related to the Pedestrian Mobility & Streets 2017 - 2022 Bond Program Projects: [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-02-18-0111**

- 9A. Ordinance awarding a task order contract to F.D. Concrete, LLC for the 2017 Bond Program Pedestrian Mobility & Streets Projects Package 9 in an amount not to exceed \$3,806,777.00 with reimbursement from San Antonio Water System in an amount consistent with necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

**2021-02-18-0112**

- 9B. Ordinance awarding a task order contract to F.D. Concrete, LLC for the 2017 Bond Program Pedestrian Mobility & Streets Projects Package 10 in an amount not to exceed \$3,945,777.00 with reimbursement from San Antonio Water System in an amount consistent with necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funds are available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.
10. Approving the following items related to the Memorial Branch Library project, a 2017 Bond project, located in Council District 5: [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-02-18-0113**

- 10A. Ordinance approving the acceptance of a donation from the Greehey Foundation through the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the naming and improvements to

the children's area of the Memorial Branch Library; and appropriating and amending of FY 2021 – FY 2026 Capital Improvements Program Budget with these funds from the Library Donation Fund to the Memorial Branch Library project.

**2021-02-18-0114**

- 10B.** Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Kencon Constructors/Construction Managers, LTD. in the amount of \$2,270,270.00 for the Memorial Branch Library project, a 2017 Bond funded project. Funding is available from the 2017 - 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and is included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

**2021-02-18-0115**

- 11.** Ordinance approving the right-of-way encroachment permit of an existing balcony and support columns from a historic building to be preserved as part of Cattleman Square Lofts development, as requested by ACG Cattleman Square Lofts GP, LLC, for a fee of \$5,000.00 and waiving sections of Chapter 37 of the City Code. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

**2021-02-18-0116**

- 12.** Ordinance approving the application, acceptance, and appropriation upon award of a 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the State of Texas, Division of Emergency Management in the amount of up to \$145,716 and approving a personnel complement of one position and an in-kind matching contribution of \$145,716. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

**2021-02-18-0117**

- 13.** Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council in an amount up to \$384,478.00 to the San Antonio Police Department for the Fusion Mental Health Unit to improve outpatient services of residents with mental illness who are repeatedly taken to local hospitals and approving a program budget. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

**2021-02-18-0118**

- 14.** Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Juricek Airport Development Consulting, LLC for airport project support services for the San Antonio Airport System for three years with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods for a total contract value of \$250,000.00. Funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 is available in the FY 2021 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. Funding for future fiscal years will be subject to the appropriation of funds. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

**2021-02-18-0122**

- 19.** Ordinance approving a professional services contract with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. in an amount up to \$520,000.00 per year to provide employee benefit consulting services for civilian, uniform and retirees. Funding is available in the FY 2021 Employee Benefits Fund Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Lori Steward, Director, Human Resources]

**2021-02-18-0018R**

- 22.** Resolution of Support for the Snowden Apartments at 7223 Snowden Road in Council District 7 proposed by San Antonio Housing Authority so they may seek the 2021 Competitive 9% Housing

Tax Credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Soto, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-1.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700122 (Council District 1): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-6 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District to "RM-4 AHOD" Residential Mixed Airport Hazard Overlay District on the East 12.5 feet of Lot 11, Lot 12 and Lot 13, Block 2, NCB 6481, located at 1526 West Mistletoe Avenue. Staff recommends Denial, with Alternate Recommendation. Zoning Commission recommends Denial. (Continued from February 2, 2021)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-2.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700284 (Council District 1): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "I-1 AHOD" General Industrial Airport Hazard Overlay District to "C-3 AHOD" General Commercial Airport Hazard Overlay District on Lots 28-30, NCB 6685, located at 1515 North Zarzamora Street. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-3.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700277 (Council District 2): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-4 MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "IDZ-1 MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Limited Intensity Infill Development Zone Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for six (6) dwelling units on the south 53 feet of Lots 8-10 and the north 53 feet of Lots 8-10, NCB 1339, located at 815 Saint James Street and 819 Saint James Street. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-4.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700285 (Council District 2): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-6 H MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Dignowity Hill Historic Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "R-4 H MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Dignowity Hill Historic Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District on Lot 1, Block 1, NCB 1665, located at 731 North Palmetto Avenue. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-5.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700220 (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "FR" Farm and Ranch District and "FR AHOD" Farm and Ranch Airport Hazard Overlay District to "R-4" Residential Single-Family District and "R-4 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District on Lot TR-11, Block 11, CB 4069B, located at 4345 Mickey Road. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- P-1.** PLAN AMENDMENT CASE PA-2020-11600076 (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Heritage South Sector Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Agribusiness RIMSE Tier" to "Suburban Tier" on 521.58 acres out of CB

4010, located at 21193 Lamm Road. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z-2020-10700273) (Continued from February 4, 2021)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-6.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700273 (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "FR" Farm and Ranch District to "MHC" Manufactured Housing Conventional District on 521.58 acres out of CB 4010, located at 21193 Lamm Road. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval, pending Plan Amendment. (Associated Plan Amendment PA2020-11600076) (Continued from February 4, 2021)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- P-2.** PLAN AMENDMENT CASE PA-2020-11600077 (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Brooks Regional Center Area Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Regional Mixed Use" to "Urban Mixed Use" on 66.436 acres out of NCB 10879, generally located in the 3100 block of Southeast Military Drive. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z-2020-10700283)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-7.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700283 (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary zoning from "MR AHOD" Military Reservation Airport Hazard Overlay District and "C-3 AHOD" General Commercial Airport Hazard Overlay District to "MXD AHOD" Mixed Use Airport Hazard Overlay District on 66.436 acres out of NCB 10879, generally located in the 3100 block of Southeast Military Drive. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval, pending Plan Amendment. (Associated Plan Amendment, PA-2020-11600077)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-8.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700286 CD (Council District 3): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "RD" Rural Development District to "C-2 CD" Commercial District with a Conditional Use for Manufactured Home Sales and Storage on Lot P-297, NCB 16626, generally located in the 14000 block of South Interstate Highway 37. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-9.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700270 (Council District 4): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-3 MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" General Commercial Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "MF-33 MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Multi-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District on 25.427 acres out of NCB 15133, generally located in the 3600 block of Crooked Trail. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-10.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700289 (Council District 4): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-6 MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "C-2 MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Commercial Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District on the north 60 feet of Lot 19, Block 14, NCB 15505, located at 2812 Southwest Loop 410. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-11.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700290 CD (Council District 4): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-2 CD MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Commercial Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District with Conditional Use for Wrecker Service Auto and Light Truck Repair to "C-2 CD MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Commercial Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District with Conditional Use for Auto Paint and Body-Repair with Outside Storage of Vehicles and Parts Permitted but Totally Screened from View of Adjacent Property Owners and Public Roadways on Lot 2, NCB 15177, located at 3722 Southwest Loop 410. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- P-3.** PLAN AMENDMENT CASE PA-2020-11600068 (Council District 5): Ordinance amending the Lone Star Community Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Low Density Residential" to "Low Density Mixed-Use" on 0.271 acres out of NCB 3873, located at 119 Pruitt Avenue. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (Associated Zoning Case Z-2020-10700238)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-12.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700238 (Council District 5): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-4 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "IDZ-2 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted in "C-2" Commercial District and for four (4) residential units on 0.271 acres out of NCB 3873, located at 119 Pruitt Avenue. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval, pending Plan Amendment. (Associated Plan Amendment, PA-2020-11600068)

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-13.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700275 S (Council District 5) Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "R-4 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "R-4 S MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Specific Use Authorization for a Manufactured Home on the east 32 feet of Lot 3, Block 4, NCB 2866, located at 206 East Lubbock Street. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-14.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700276 (Council District 5): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "I-1 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" General Industrial Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "C-2NA MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District on Lots 30-33, Block 13, NCB 8252, located at 4615 West Commerce Street. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

- Z-15.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700292 (Council District 6): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-3 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" General Commercial Lackland Military Lighting

Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District to "MF-25 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Low Density Multi-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District on 4.772 acres out of NCB 16931, generally located in the 3400 Block of Northwestern Drive. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2021**

**Z-16.** ZONING CASE Z-2020-10700288 (Council District 8): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary from "C-3 MLOD-1 MLR-1" Commercial Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 District and "C-3 MLOD-1 MLR-2" Commercial Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District to "MF-33 MLOD-1 MLR-1" Multi-Family Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 District and "MF-33 MLOD-1 MLR-2" Multi-Family Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District on 16.075 acres out of NCB 15825, generally located in the 14000 block of Vance Jackson Road. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 4A, 4B, and 4C.

**4.** Approving the following items related to City's COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Plan and Emergency Response: [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Ana Bradshaw, COVID-19 Financial and Performance Liaison]

**2021-02-18-0104**

**4A.** Ordinance accepting a grant award in the amount of \$46,751,961.10 from the United States Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance; approving the budget within the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and amending program eligibility requirements.

**2021-02-18-0105**

**4B.** Ordinance amending the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and the City's ongoing COVID-19 emergency response plan and supplemental initiatives to further the objectives of the plan.

**2021-02-18-0106**

**4C.** Ordinance accepting a grant award in the amount of \$13,980,751.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the purposes of COVID-19 vaccinations; appropriating funds in the amount of \$26,987,175.00; and setting up the budget within the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

City Manager Erik Walsh stated that there were three portions of this Item related to COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Vaccine funding. He noted that the City was seeking FEMA reimbursement for expenses associated with COVID-19 vaccinations.

Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez noted that Item 4 covered three actions:

- Accepting \$46.8 million for Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) and amending guidelines
- Accepting \$13.9 million and appropriating \$27 million for COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Budget
- Realigning budgets and reallocating \$14 million for hospitality focus on restaurant/bar industry

Assistance City Manager Houston stated that the Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) was



created in April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and to meet the needs of City of San Antonio and Bexar County residents for rental, mortgage, utility, internet, or other basic needs such as food, fuel, or medicine. She stated that the United States Treasury had awarded \$86 million in Phases 1-3 and \$46.8 million for rental and utility assistance in Phase 4. She noted that approximately \$5 million from the City's General Fund would be available for mortgage assistance.

Assistance City Manager Houston reported that as of February 9, 2021, the City distributed approximately \$72.2 million and assisted approximately 3,000 families who were at an average of 30% Average Median Income (AMI) or below. She stated that the EHAP Program provided allowances for individuals at 50% AMI or below were eligible to receive assistance for rental/mortgage, utilities, internet or cash grants for food and fuel for two months. She noted that individuals at 51-80% AMI were only eligible for rent or mortgage assistance for two months. Ms. Houston stated that the additional \$46.8 million would be used to assist individuals at the 80% or below AMI with rent/mortgage and utilities for an additional 6 months. She noted that the input from community partners, recipients and landlords assisted in developing the program amendments proposed. Ms. Houston noted that an anticipated \$1.3 billion was expected from the State of Texas for rental assistance which City residents could be eligible for, which could provide a total of up to a year of rent/mortgage and utility assistance.

Ms. Houston briefed on EHAP administrative enhancements that included:

- Expanded benefits navigation for Human Services
- Referral services offered to include food, childcare, transportation, SNAP Enrollment, job training, pet care support and gift cards
- More holistic approach to services over long term period

Ms. Houston noted that the EHAP enhancements provided additional assistance to residents that did not have access to technology and had contracted with partner providers to assist individuals with applications and gathering of needed documents. She noted that the City's Department of Human Services would be leading these efforts.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Colleen Bridger briefed on the COVID-19 Vaccination Budget and the four priorities the City followed which included monitoring, access to the vaccine, equity of vaccine distribution, and communications related to vaccine availability. She stated that the Vaccination Program included three different types of vaccination programs to include mass vaccination, mobile vaccination, and homebound vaccinations. Dr. Bridger noted that under the mass vaccination, vaccinations were administered through a drive-thru staffed by City staff and temp personnel to approximately 10,000-12,000 individuals per week.

Dr. Bridger reported that under the mobile vaccination process there were four mobile units that were staffed by City temporary workers and anticipated that 750 vaccines would be distributed beginning in April 2021. She noted that 1,000 vaccines were distributed to approximately 1,000 individuals per week by SAFD. Dr. Bridger stated that there were approximately 10,000 homebound seniors that would be vaccinated over the next months.

Dr. Bridger stated that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allocated \$13.9 million to the Metro Health Department. She noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would reimburse eligible costs at 100% which expanded available funding for vaccinations. Dr. Bridger stated that the anticipated Budgets for mass vaccinations would be \$15.9 million, mobile vaccinations at \$7.1 million and homebound vaccinations at \$4 million for a total of \$27 million. The funds would be used between

January and September 2021.

Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez briefed on spending adjustments to the COVID-19 Relief Fund Budget to the areas of recovery and resiliency, health implementations, emergency response, and other CARES Act Program funding. The adjustments were summarized as follows:

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>BUDGET AS OF DEC. 2020</b>	<b>SPENDING ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>
Recovery & Resiliency	\$265.4 million	\$400,000	\$265.7 million
Health Implementation	\$50.8 million	(\$3.5 million)	\$47.3 million
Emergency Response	\$174.1 million	\$1.4 million	\$175.5 million
Other CARES Programs	\$84.4 million	-	\$84.4 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$574.6 million</b>	<b>(\$1.7 million)</b>	<b>\$573 million</b>

Ms. Villagomez noted that the demand for childcare services had not been what anticipated so funds were reallocated to small business programs. She stated that the recommendation included an increase in funding for direct financial assistance to the Restaurant and Bar Industry by \$14 million. She noted that the funding came from the \$9.8 million from the Childcare Program and \$4.2 million from the On-the-Job Training Program Budgets.

Ms. Villagomez briefed on reallocation adjustments to the budget as noted in table below:

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>	<b>BALANCE TO SPEND</b>
Recovery & Resiliency			
Workforce Development	\$75 million	\$65.2 million	\$49.4 million
Housing Security	\$120.4 million	\$120.8 million	\$39.4 million
Small Business	\$42.7 million	\$52.5 million	\$14.9 million
Digital Inclusions	\$27.3 million	\$27.3 million	\$25.9 million
Health Implementation	\$50.8 million	\$47.3 million	\$32.5 million
Emergency Response	\$174.1 million	\$175.5 million	0
Other CARES Programs	\$84.4 million	\$84.4 million	\$50.5 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$574.4 million</b>	<b>\$573 million</b>	<b>\$212.7 million</b>

Ms. Villagomez noted that \$369 million of available \$575.8 million had been expensed since March 2020. She stated that next steps included the finalization of the hospitality program for the restaurant/bar industry and continue to work with Federal Agencies on future stimulus funding details and preparedness.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if the City should consider prioritizing at 50% or below AMI beyond six-month eligibility based on community need. Dr. Bridger stated that the at 80% AMI for homeowners with mortgages for six months. She stated that if additional funding was received the program could be expanded beyond six-month period. Mayor Nirenberg recommended consideration of tiered approach of assistance awards and months of assistance beginning at 50% AMI to higher levels of 80% AMI. Mayor Nirenberg asked if the small business funding would follow the recommendations provided by the Governance Committee. Economic Development Director Alex Lopez stated that the recommendations were considered and would be incorporated into the program moving forward.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if funding would be reprogrammed for Childcare Program if need arose. Ms. Lopez stated that alternate funding from Human Services, Head Start Program and the Federal Stimulus Package were available and would be utilized as needed.

Mayor Nirenberg asked how many small businesses had expressed interest on the Jobs Training Program. Ms. Lopez stated that 50 businesses had expressed interested in 400 participant slots. She noted that there were many businesses that were anticipated to be included in program that were not yet identified.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he wanted to consider the creation of fund to address resident needs associated with the Winter weather event. City Manager Erik Walsh stated that the City and County had issued an Emergency Order with regards to price gouging and services provided to residents recovering from the storm event.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that there were two individuals that have signed up to speak on Item 4.

Ms. Dawn Ann Larios stated support for funding for the restaurant/bar industry and to continue to seek opportunities for assistance for all in this sector.

Ms. Jody Bailey Newman stated her support of COVID-19 Assistance funding for the restaurant/bar industry.

Councilmember Treviño asked if staff would consider and recommend financial assistance be expended from six months to nine months for individuals below 50% AMI. Ms. Houston clarified that individuals were able to receive nine months of assistance by using six months under the City Program and three months under the State Program. She noted that an amendment to the recommended policy could be made by the City Council.

Councilmember Treviño asked if renters could apply for rent assistance directly to the City if their landlord did not participate in the Renter's Assistance Program. Ms. Houston clarified that the City worked with community stakeholder partners to identify and provide cash grants when necessary. He requested that City staff work with community stakeholders to assist in mitigating risk on cash grant awards. Councilmember Treviño motioned to amend staff recommendation and increase assistance from six months to nine months for individuals making 50% AMI or less. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran asked if the mass vaccination site at the Freeman Coliseum would resume. Dr. Bridger clarified that the site was moved due to the San Antonio Stock Show activity and would resume once the Rodeo was over.

Councilmember Viagran asked if WellMed was part of the City's Homebound Vaccination Program. Dr. Bridger clarified that the City was assisting WellMed directly and WellMed would be reimbursed directly from FEMA rather than the City.

Councilmember Viagran requested clarification on how the City would disburse the \$14 million funds for the Restaurant and Bar Industry. Ms. Alex Lopez stated that staff recommended that the maximum grant available would be for \$75,000 and there be no cap to number of employees per business. She stated that staff anticipated 300-500 grants would be awarded.

Councilmember Viagran asked what continued support would be provided to small businesses that leased

directly from the City in the Downtown area. City Manager Erik Walsh stated that he recommended adjustments and had planned to brief further at the 3 Plus 9 Presentation to the City Council at the B Session which had been cancelled the day prior due to winter storm activity. He stated that staff would provide full report on recommendations for the hospitality industry later in the day.

Councilmember Courage stated that he did support extending financial support to nine months. He asked as to why State funds were not used first in aiding individuals. Ms. Houston clarified that the City's funding needed to be spent by September 30, 2021 and recommended that State funds be used afterwards. She noted that City funds would be used to pay arrears rent first so that tenants were current in rental payments and could not be evicted.

Councilmember Courage stated that he had concerns that landlords would still evict tenants who were more than 9 months behind in rental payments. Assistant City Manager stated that there were concerns that landlords would not accept Program funding so that they could evict tenants. She noted that the City administered the Texas Eviction Diversion Program that provided up to 12 months of assistance and provided a back stop to the eviction process. Councilmember Courage stated that he wanted more information on the Program.

Councilmember Courage asked for clarification on the number of COVID-19 vaccinations provided each week by the City. Dr. Bridger stated that 10,000 to 12,000 vaccinations were administered each week. She noted that residents could register for vaccinations by signing up online, by calling 3-1-1, or worked with community health workers as vaccinations were available. She added that the City had been working with community groups to identify and coordinate mobile vaccination sites.

City Manager Erik Walsh clarified that the City had no control of vaccine delivery and stated that the four main agencies delivering vaccines did not have a combined system for distribution. He noted that efforts were being coordinated to better communicate vaccine availability and conversations would continue in the future to better serve individuals seeking the vaccine.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that efforts by her staff and other community partners to register or obtain appointments had been very challenging. She noted that while the intention was to get people registered it proved challenging due to vaccine availability. She noted that residents became frustrated and disappointed and became angry with staff. She stated that she did support the development of a registry at that time.

Councilmember Sandoval stated the importance of public communication related to vaccine availability. She suggested that the motion by Councilman Courage be amended to discuss the development of a vaccine registry at the upcoming Community Health and Equity Committee meeting. Councilman Courage stated that he was open to discussing at the Committee meeting but still wanted to proceed with motion.

Councilmember Viagran requested clarification from City Attorney Andy Segovia on the voting of the motions for Item 4. Mr. Segovia stated that the entire Item would be voted on with amendments. Councilmember Viagran supported the development of a vaccine registry.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked who would be responsible for the management of the vaccine registry. City Manager Erik Walsh noted that the City did not manage the largest component of vaccine distribution. He stated that University Health System and the University of Texas Health Science Center distributed the majority of vaccines to the general public. He reiterated that those partners would need to be brought into the registry development discussions in order to develop a successful County-wide registry.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia expressed concerns related to the challenges associated with the coordination of different information technology systems, cyber considerations, the availability of vaccines, and vaccine provider communications. She stressed the importance of identifying the proper management of personal information and vaccine availability and whether it could be done at the current time.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he understood that a registry was not currently available but supported the start of conversations and coordination of registry development. City Manager Walsh reiterated that conversations would continue with vaccine partners on how to better distribute vaccines.

Councilmember Pelaez stated his understanding that if a registry were started, he understood that there could not be vaccines available. Dr. Bridger affirmed his stance and added that vaccine distribution system was shifting to a private pharmacy model which would add challenges to registry development.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that he did not support the development of a vaccine registry. City Manager Walsh reiterated that need for continued conversations with community partners in order to improve the level of communications and awareness of vaccine availability.

Councilmember Courage clarified his specifications for the development of a vaccine registry and expectations from the general public.

Councilmember Perry stated that he did not support the development of a vaccine registry. He asked what the current opinion of vaccine distribution was. Dr. Bridger stated that there was public anxiety related to vaccination access however there was a weekly increase in vaccine availability. She noted that based on anticipated vaccine availability the need for mass vaccination sites would diminish and individuals would be able to obtain vaccines from private providers.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he supported the idea of a registry but understood the challenges and opinions of partner vaccine partners to not developing. He noted that he supported continued communications and analysis to the development of a registry. Mayor Nirenberg asked if there was concurrence or agreement from COVID-19 vaccine partners on the development of a registry. Dr. Bridger stated that currently there was no support but that discussions continued as to possible implementation.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if there was any further guidance from the State and Federal level on vaccine availability. Dr. Bridger stated that the Federal government provided a three-week guaranteed dose allotment to the State but that those allotments had not been distributed to the local levels. Dr. Bridger stated that the City would continue to utilize text communications to the local vaccine providers on vaccine availability.

Mayor Nirenberg asked Councilmember Sandoval to add the COVID-19 Vaccine Registry topic to the next Community Health and Equity Committee meeting agenda. Councilmember Sandoval agreed to add to the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Councilmember Courage diligence and request for a vaccine registry system but stated that he did not support at this time.

Mayor Nirenberg clarified that while the motion failed, the Item would still be discussed at the Community Health and Equity Committee.

Councilmember Rocha-Garcia noted that she had reviewed reports provided by staff and was pleased with the analysis which showed the City and partner organizations had worked together to provide the public with vaccinations. She asked Dr. Bridger to provide a communication strategy for vaccination outreach at a later date.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if any of the funding that had previously earmarked for Alamo Workforce childcare incentives would be used for the new hospitality industry financial assistance. Ms. Lopez stated that those funds would not be impacted.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on Councilmember's Trevino's amendment of funding assistance timeframe for rental assistance. Ms. Houston clarified that it would be up to six months of rental assistance of City assistance and three additional months from the State if needed. Ms. Houston also stated that Councilmember's Treviño's amendment included utility assistance for individuals at 80% AMI; individuals at 51 to 80% AMI or below would rental assistance for six months; and individuals at 50% AMI or below would get 9 months of rental assistance.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if the Program funds could be used for past due utility billing. Ms. Houston stated that they would be for six months or nine months if Councilmember Treviño's motion was approved. She also noted that there was no monetary cap to the relief and restricted to six or nine months. Ms. Houston also noted that if the amendment of nine months were approved, available funding could be exhausted at a higher rate. She noted that the City would then utilize available State funds to continue assistance.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked what the tactile deployment of COVID-19 mobile unit was under the Homebound Program. Dr. Bridger stated that the program provided 1,000 doses per week and would continue to work with the Meals on Wheels Program to identify individuals needing vaccines.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if food trucks under the hospitality industry be able to utilize funding during the Winter storm event. Ms. Houston clarified that the Program presented only covered EHAP issues for utilities and rental assistance. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked what was the timeline that funds needed to be used by. Ms. Houston stated that funds needed to be used by September 30, 2021.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if the City was working with home health agencies to identify additional individuals needing vaccine. Dr. Bridger stated that the City continued to work with the Meals on Wheels Program, SAHA and homes that the Fire Department visited on a regular basis.

Councilmember Pelaez thanked Lori Houston and staff for their work on the EHAP. He asked for clarification on the CPS Energy REAP Program and if EHAP funds could be earmarked for utility assistance. Ms. Houston clarified that the funds under the EHAP had to be used solely for utility assistance and had to be used for rental assistance.

City Manager Walsh acknowledged the Councilmembers concerned comments on resident utility assistance. He stated the Chief Financial Officer Ben Gorzell and the Utilities staff would begin the conversations with the utility companies on addressing utility shut-off of services due to non-payment.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the individuals in the hospitality industry eligible for assistance. Ms. Lopez stated that the industry sectors included food and beverage, lodging, transportation

and travel, and entertainment.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for a report on available referral sources for needed services. Ms. Houston stated that a report would be provided to the entire City Council. Councilmember Sandoval asked if non-profit partners were being paid for services provided under the EHAP. Ms. Houston stated that the non-profits were being paid \$25 for each application submitted. Councilmember Sandoval stated that she supported the amended motion.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that she had requested non-payment of utilities data from CPS Energy staff for individuals in Council District 7. She also had requested that CPS Energy review if State funds would be available to assist these individuals. Councilmember Sandoval offered her staff services to assist with Spanish translation services when the City reached out to individuals in SAHA complexes.

Councilmember Perry asked if there was any data available to predict the impact of offering nine months rather than six months of utility assistance to individuals. Ms. Houston stated that the data was not available at this time but that the average rate of distribution was \$1.5 to \$2 million and anticipated a much faster distribution if expanded to nine months of assistance. Councilmember Perry stated that he would prefer to use State funding immediately since the City had until December 2021 to spend funds in its entirety. Ms. Houston clarified that the State program funding could only be used for utility assistance and the City was able to provide immediate aid.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked that staff have conversations with the utility companies related to waivers of collection fees for individuals who were late in making utility payments. She stressed that during the Winter storm event individuals would be needing to take care of other home repairs due to storm damage. City Manager Walsh stated that conversations were being conducted on the full impact of the storm and the utility companies would review what relief would be provided. Councilmember Sandoval asked Dr. Bridger to provide a list of benefit navigators for review.

City Manager Walsh noted that the City Council would be voting on three main actions associated with this Item. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she would want to vote on these items separately to be clear on funding programs. City Attorney Segovia stated that a motion would be needed to separate the individual actions.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if the funding under the Rapid Rehousing Program could be used to address home repair issues resulting from the Winter storm event. Ms. Soto stated that the Rapid funding was generally used for homeless services, but the City had identified CDBG funds that could be used for repairs.

Councilmember Courage stated his support to Councilmember Perry's point of utilizing State funds for resident recovery efforts before using City funds.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if CARES Act funding could be used to develop a communication plan related to COVID-19 vaccinations. City Manager Walsh stated that communications between the vaccine partners were continuously being worked on and being strengthened. He stated that he felt it in his opinion it was not a financial issue but rather one of continued efforts.

Councilmember Courage moved to amend Item 4A to develop a county-wide registry for COVID-19 Vaccination Registry. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 4 - Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Cabello Havrda, and Courage

**NAY:** 7 - Mayor Nirenberg, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, and Perry

Councilmember Courage moved to amend Item 4A to prohibit evictions of tenants from landlords who received EHAP funding. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to separate and vote on Items 4A, 4B and 4C separately. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

**NAY:** 1 - Treviño

Councilmember Treviño moved that Item 4A be amended to allow 9 months of rental assistance. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

**NAY:** 1 - Gonzales

**ABSENT:** 1 - Sandoval

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 4A as amended. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

**NAY:** 1 - Gonzales

**ABSENT:** 1 - Sandoval

#### **2021-02-18-0105**

**4B.** Ordinance amending the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and the City's ongoing COVID-19 emergency response plan and supplemental initiatives to further the objectives of the plan.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 4B. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry



**ABSENT:** 1 - Sandoval

**2021-02-18-0106**

- 4C.** Ordinance accepting a grant award in the amount of \$13,980,751.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the purposes of COVID-19 vaccinations; appropriating funds in the amount of \$26,987,175.00; and setting up the budget within the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve Item 4C. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, and Perry

**NAY:** 1 - Courage

**ABSENT:** 1 - Sandoval

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 15.

**2021-02-18-0119**

- 15.** Ordinance establishing a new Small Business Advisory Commission and renaming the Small Business Advocacy Committee to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Committee. [Carlos J. Contreras III, Assistant City Manager; Alejandra Lopez, Director, Economic Development]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked her fellow Councilmembers for their support of the creation of the Small Business Advisory Commission (SBAC). She stated that it was important to address issues that impacted small businesses and that the Commission members would be primarily comprised of small business owners that would provide guidance on small business policy to be brought forward to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Councilmember Rocha Garcia and other stakeholders that assisted with the development of the commission.

Councilmember Perry thanked Roy Shuffle for his work on the establishment of the SBAC.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan thanked her colleagues that worked on the development of the Commission and for their advocacy of small businesses.

Councilmember Gonzales expressed her support for Item 15 and noted it would provide a communication channel for small businesses throughout the City.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve Item 15. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 16.

**2021-02-18-0120**

- 16.** Ordinance approving the required 2021-2024 Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) Local Plan as approved by the Committee of Six on January 27, 2021 for submission to the Texas Workforce Commission. [Carlos J. Contreras III, Assistant City Manager; Alejandra Lopez, Director, Economic Development Department]

Alex Lopez, Director, Economic Development Department, briefed on the staff recommendation to approve the Federally mandated four-year Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) Local Plan for FY2021- FY2024. She stated that the Local Plan was briefed to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee on February 2, 2021 and was supported by the Committee. She added that the Local Plan required City Council approval before being submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Adrian Lopez, CEO, WSA, thanked Councilmembers Rocha Garcia and Perry for their service on the Committee of Six and efforts on the development of the Local Plan. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to serve as one of the community partners regarding the training opportunities offered under the CARES Act and General Fund funding. He stated that the Local Plan provided information to the 13 counties that WSA served and outlined available training programs for different workforce sectors.

Dr. Andrea Guajardo, Chief Information Officer, WSA, stated that the Local Plan provided a detailed overview of targeted job industries and occupations that would be focused on for the next four years. She noted that the WSA strategy was to develop sector-based partnerships with targeted industry employers and workforce trainers within the region. She stated that the proposed model facilitated cross-sector communication and collect information of needed programs in order to devote financial resources for individuals to train in high demand industry sector occupations.

Dr. Guajardo stated that WSA had set primary and secondary data targets in cooperation with the Texas Workforce Commission and the WSA Board. She noted that data provide to partners would include industry demographics to include wage ranges, target industry occupations sought, job industry growth or declines, and related job postings.

Dr. Guajardo highlighted target criteria data which included:

Primary Data Targets:

- Percent changes equal or greater than 15.7%
- Employee number changes great or equal to 500
- Mean wage of \$15 or greater

Secondary Data Targets:

- Employment changes due to growth larger than 50
- Entry wages of \$15 or greater
- On-line employment postings of 50 or greater
- STEM related
- Staffing Pattern Target Industry
- Occupations identified by TWC as adding the most or fastest growing sectors
- Local Targets for Investment

- Local Wisdom

Dr. Guajardo provided specifics of target industries, high demand occupations and target occupations and guidance received by the State and Federal level for the areas served. She noted hiring gaps identified by WSA would be addressed through targeted training. Dr. Guajardo noted that WSA had developed an evaluation framework to determine effectiveness of training and programs provided.

Councilmember Courage asked what the budget for the WSA was. Mr. Adrian Lopez stated that the fiscal year budget was approximately \$130 million and approximately 65-70% of the budget was earmarked for childcare subsidies.

Councilmember Courage asked of the number of job placements provided by WSA. Mr. Lopez stated that 8,000 position placements were made for approximately 127,000 active job seekers. He clarified that the job seeker number represented any individual that had applied for unemployment benefits and was actively seeking employment.

Councilmember Courage asked for information on the agreement with the City and WSA under the Ready to Work Program. Ms. Alex Lopez reminded the City Council that the Ready to Work Program would be undergo a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to identify Workforce Development partners. She noted that the City had had preliminary conversations with WSA in relation to data presented today but they would have to go through the competitive process to be identified as a partner.

Councilmember Perry stated that it was important to measure returns on investment for the Programs to ensure that program goals were met. He stated that WSA had provided detailed information and felt that WSA was moving in the right direction to meeting their goals.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve Item 16. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

#### **CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH 4, 2021**

17. Resolution to initiate historic landmark designation for 6439 De Zavala and waive application fees totaling \$5,957.20. Funding for the application fees is available in the Office of Historic Preservation General Fund FY 2021 Adopted Budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Shea Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation].

Councilmember Pelaez moved to continue Item 17 until March 4, 2021. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 18.

#### **2021-02-18-0121**

18. Ordinance approving an agreement with Giant Noise: Public Relations, Social Media & Events for a

total amount not to exceed \$160,040.00 for professional services related to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's COVID-19 response marketing campaign for a term beginning February 20, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Funding for this agreement is available in the amount of \$50,040.00 from the COVID-19 Interlocal Cooperation Grant, \$45,000.00 from the COVID-19 Response Grant, and \$65,000.00 from the Immunizations Supplemental for COVID-19 Grant. [Mario Martinez, Assistant Director, Health]

Councilmember Sandoval stated that Item 18 had been presented to the Community Health and Equity Committee and received unanimous votes for approval. She noted that there was great news to be shared related to the marketing campaign's first phase.

Mario Martinez, Assistant Director, Metro Health, stated that Metro Health contracted with marketing vendor Giant Noise for Phase 1 of the COVID-19 marketing campaign. He noted that a comprehensive strategic plan had been developed for the creation of a COVID-19 prevention messages targeted to local marginalized populations. Mr. Martinez stated that phase one of the marketing campaign included social media with local influencers and musicians, public relations, community partners and printed materials for grass root community outreach. He noted that the printed materials were shared at City Parks and Libraries.

Mr. Martinez stated that similar efforts would be utilized with Giant Noise in Phase 2 of the campaign and would be expanded to target the millennial and LGBTQ communities. He noted that the Great Noise agreement was not to exceed \$160,040 with a term of February 20, 2021 through June 20, 2021. He stated that there was no impact to the General Fund and funding was provided through FY 2021 grants to address COVID-19 health programs. He added that all developed materials and communications would be shared with the Community Health and Equity Council Committee.

Councilmember Sandoval thanked Mr. Martinez for his presentation and asked GPA Director Jeff Coyle to address impact of different communication channels utilized. Mr. Coyle stated that \$40,000 of the campaign budget was spent on the digital component of the plan. He noted that the digital ad pieces had over one million views which was five times higher than average and translated to over 3.6 million impressions. He noted that the ads had a very high engagement rate of 31.75%. Mr. Coyle stated that campaign was very focused on digital components rather than traditional media and proved to be very successful.

Mr. Coyle stated that the campaign had different grassroots efforts in Spanish and English to include billboards, print pieces, door hanger materials, and other traditional media outreach. He noted that the campaign was well balanced and diverse in communications.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve Item 18. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 20.

**2021-02-18-0123**

- 20.** Ordinance approving Substantial Amendment #3 to the FY 2021 Action Plan and Budget to reprogram up to \$3,401,669 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program

(HOME) funding to affordable housing development activities and up to \$1,144,002 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to eligible activities. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 20. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales,

**NAY:** 1 - Treviño

City Clerk Flores read the caption for Item 21.

**2021-02-18-0124**

**21.** Ordinance awarding up to \$5,901,669 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding and \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to affordable housing development activities. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve Item 21. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**23.** City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh stated that the scams related to the winterstorm event had been reported and City staff had issued text communications warning individuals of scam activity.

City Manager Walsh reported that significant improvements had been made on local power outages and that State-wide rolling outages were suspended. He stated that CPS Energy requested that customers practice conservation. He noted that there 9,000 residents remained without power throughout the City.

City Manager Walsh reported on efforts made by San Antonio Water System (SAWS) to address water outages and SAWS would provide emergency repair waivers to customers for winterstorm-related damages.

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted the acceptance of funding for the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council to pay for overtime staff for mental health officers and supervisor positions. She congratulated the Jefferson High School Women's Basketball Team on winning their 27<sup>th</sup> 5A District Championship.

Councilmember Trevino asked if FEMA would distribute water due to water outages resulting from the winterstorm. City Manager Walsh stated that the City had made requests to FEMA for water, generators, and other items and would provide an update after confirmation of items received. Councilmember Trevino requested consideration for suspension of code violations resulting from winterstorm issues.

Councilmember Viagran asked if any CPS Energy outages were anticipated for that night. Mr. Coyle noted that no outages were anticipated.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan thanked City staff for their hard work associated with responding to emergency services and communications during the winterstorm event. She thanked Council District 2 residents and businesses that assisted neighbors with water, blankets and other items the winterstorm.

Councilmember Courage requested further information regarding Federal and State declarations that designated San Antonio as a disaster area and any potential financial support from FEMA. City Manger Walsh stated that a report would be provided as information was gathered.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the next 48 hours were crucial in the recovery of City related to utilities lost during the winterstorm. He called for all businesses and residents to practice energy conservation in order to assist with recovery efforts. He thanked City staff and partners for their efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 2:13 pm.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**

Mayor

Attest:

**TINA J. FLORES**

City Clerk