

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



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**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

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

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**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

**9:00 AM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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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 Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Taylor was out of town on City Business.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Brandon T. Smith, New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the May 14 - 15, 2014 City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes of the May 14-15, 2014 City Council Meetings. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 10 - Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Items 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, and 16 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion.

Mayor Castro called upon the individuals registered to speak on the Consent Agenda.

Roxanne Silva representing the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the amendment to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance (Item 13). She stated that she served as the Small Business Liaison which represents over 40,000 small minority business owners in San Antonio.

Dave Sanchez stated that he was a Disabled Veteran representing the Hispanic Contractors Association of San Antonio in support of the amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13). He noted that the organization has over 200 members and is dedicated to supporting small, minority, and women owned contracting businesses.

Jesus Reyes stated that he served on the Board of Directors of the American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions (AIT-SCM). He noted that the AIT-SCM was a non-profit organization that supports History and being organized to contribute to social issues. He noted that Native Americans were descendants to the Missions of San Antonio.

Raymond Hernandez stated that he was mentoring Mr. Jesus Reyes and was very involved with the Alamo Plaza Study Committee. He noted that his family was listed on the Federal Register for Conservation and would like to contribute by telling his story.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez referenced various newspaper articles regarding Mayor Castro leaving to Washington, DC. He expressed concern with chemical issues at the Port Authority (Item 4) and the challenging commutes on the VIA Bus System (Item 7).

Jack M. Finger congratulated Mayor Castro on the upcoming birth of his second child. He expressed concern with the Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT) in Item 5. He noted that he was opposed to the Lease Agreement with VIA (Item 7) and also opposed to the appointment of Eric Alva to the City Commission on Veterans Affairs (Item 10C).

Noah Almanza, President and CEO of the San Antonio Parks Foundation spoke in support of the Lease Agreement with the City of San Antonio (Item 6). He noted various projects that they were working on to include the Japanese Tea Gardens, Arneson River Theater, Sunken Garden Theater, and the Medina Natural Area.

Christopher C. Herring, President of the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13). He stated that he had served on the City of San Antonio Small Business Advocacy Committee since 2011.

Evelyn Torres, Vice President for Marketing and Communications at the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13). She stated that the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce was 75 years old and the nation's oldest Chamber of Commerce founded by an African American.

Reverend Ysidro Soliz representing the Southside Small Businesses and the Neighborhood First Alliance spoke in support of the amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13).

T.C. Calvert congratulated Mayor Castro on his nomination by President Obama and stated that Mayor Castro would ensure that Inner City Neighborhoods receive their fair share of funding. He expressed support for the amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13) to increase the threshold to help Minority Businesses from \$1.5 Million to \$10 Million.

Jane Gonzalez stated that she owns a Small Business on the East Side of San Antonio and expressed support for the amendment to the SBEDA Ordinance (Item 13). She noted that this was a great victory for San Antonio and highlighted the collaboration among the Fair Contracting Coalition, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Alamo City Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Leaders, and City Staff.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in support of Items 4-8, 10-11, and 15-16. He wrote in opposition to Items 9 and 12.

Mayor Castro thanked Ms. Athalie Malone for her work in the community and welcomed her as his Appointee to the Disability Access Advisory Committee (Item 10B).

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

**Aye:** 10 - Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

**2014-06-26-0506**

4. An Ordinance for the Quintana Road from Harmon Avenue to McKenna Avenue Project authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port Authority of San Antonio for acceptance of \$2,387,166.00 for its share of Project costs and to reimburse the Port Authority for design services in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00 for project related expenses, reimbursable by the Texas Department of Transportation; and the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), authorizing the acceptance of \$7,155,600.00 from TxDOT for City and Port Authority Project-related expenses; and authorizing payment to TxDOT in an amount not to exceed \$119,429.00 for direct oversight costs reimbursable by the Port Authority of San Antonio. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

**2014-06-26-0509**

7. An Ordinance authorizing a three year lease agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority to occupy 1,742 square feet of street level office space in the St. Mary's Street Parking Garage at 400 N. St. Mary's Street. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Lori Houston, Director, Center City Development]
9. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2015, to be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after appointment; or for terms and effectiveness as otherwise indicated below: [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]
- A) Appointing Sarah D. Tovar (District 5) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.
- B) Reappointing Santos H. Villarreal (District 7) to the Zoning Commission.
- C) Appointing Jesus Rodriguez (District 5) to the Small Business Advocacy Committee.
- D) Appointing Ricardo Rodriguez (District 5) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 02 - Rosedale Project.

E) Reappointing Timothy B. Cone (District 1) to the Historic and Design Review Commission.

10. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2015, to be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after appointment; or for terms and effectiveness as otherwise indicated below: [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

A) Appointing Dorinda B. Rolle (Mayoral) to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

B) Appointing Athalie D. Malone (Mayoral) to the Disability Access Advisory Committee.

C) Appointing Eric F. Alva (Mayoral) to the City Commission on Veterans Affairs.

D) Appointing Sonia M. Rodriguez to the HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire August 13, 2015; and reappointing Rod J. Radle (Multi-family Housing Development), William Shown (Commercial Real Estate Development), and Madison Smith (Downtown Business) for a term of office to expire August 13, 2018.

**2014-06-26-0511**

11. An Ordinance authorizing HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation to solicit Public-Private Partnerships on two developable parcels within the HemisFair Park area. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Lori Houston, Director, Center City Development]

**2014-06-26-0512**

12. An Ordinance approving the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement with Alamo Colleges effective September 1, 2014, to administer funds for education and training programs in accordance with the ACCD Settlement Agreement. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

**2014-06-26-0515**

15. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a gift in the amount of \$50,000.00 provided by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in support of the San Antonio Public Library's new Teen Center at the Central Library, a 2012-2017

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General Obligation Bond Funded initiative. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Salazar, Director, Public Library]

## CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

### ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 5:

#### **2014-06-26-0507**

5. An Ordinance authorizing an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation for \$26,000,000 to be paid to TxDOT related to the construction of northern connector ramps at the U.S. 281/Loop 1604 interchange, a 2012-2017 General Obligation Bond Project, located in Council District 9; and, for \$4,000,000 to be paid to TxDOT for 6.7 acres of land needed for the Convention Center Expansion project, located in Council District 1. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was excited that \$30 Million was focused on an area dealing with multimodal transit cars, vans, and buses. He noted that he was pleased with the opportunity to support large ticket items that were part of a bond package outside of District 4.

Councilmember Krier thanked Councilmember Saldaña for his comments. He asked staff for clarification of the Interchange regarding whether or not it would be tolled and the timeline. He also asked of the the connection to the real estate at HemisFair that abuts the Convention Center Expansion. Mr. Mike Frisbie stated that voters had approved \$30 Million of the \$596 Million Citywide Bond Program in 2012. He noted that the \$30 Million would be used for the North Connector Non-Toll Connectors from Loop 1604. He mentioned that the project was part of a larger project that TxDOT, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), and Bexar County were involved in. He reported that the environmental process had begun and that construction should start in September 2015. He indicated that the connection with the Convention Center Project was that the City was aware that additional property was needed. He noted that they were building the Convention Center Expansion from the existing portion of the Center over to IH-37 Downtown. He added that as part of the Turn Back Program for the City to take on responsibility for State Roads within its jurisdiction; the City had negotiated to receive 6.7 acres of land next to IH-37 at no cost to the City. Councilmember Krier thanked staff for their work.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 10 - Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Castro recognized former Councilmember Art Hall who is now a Dean at St. Philip's College and invited him to introduce his Guests. Councilmember Hall introduced Mayor Sean Godley and City Manager Doreen Hanson with St. Philip's College for Kids Camp Micro Society Ages 4 through 13. He stated that the students elected their own Mayor and City Manager and thanked Mayor Castro for the recognition. Mayor Castro encouraged the children to continue doing well in school and work hard to accomplish their dreams.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 6:

**2014-06-26-0508**

6. An Ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of a five year lease agreement with the San Antonio Parks Foundation to occupy 800 - 1,200 square feet of street level office space in the St. Mary's Street Parking Garage at 400 N. St. Mary's Street. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Lori Houston, Director, Center City Development]

Councilmember Nirenberg asked City Staff to explain the components of the Lease Agreement. Lori Houston stated that the Parks Foundation was asked to leave HemisFair Park as a result of the redevelopment of the park. She noted that the Parks Foundation had requested another space to occupy in the Downtown Area. She stated that the City had found a creative way for the Parks Foundation to occupy space at the St. Mary's Garage that had been vacant for the past couple of years. She explained that the Parks Foundation was a major partner in the redevelopment of Travis Park and had raised \$80,000 for that redevelopment. Councilmember Nirenberg asked why the fundraising events of Parks were limited to the Downtown Area to offset the leased space at the St. Mary's Garage. Ms. Houston replied that the parking garage was a Downtown Parking Facility owned by the City of San Antonio. She stated that the Parking Fund was an Enterprise Fund and that the Lease Agreement was approved with the intent to improve Downtown Parks.

Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that only funds raised at Downtown Parks would receive consideration from the Enterprise Parking Fund to offset Lease Space at the St. Mary's Parking Garage. He stated that an improvement in Eisenhower Park could not be tied to increasing revenue back to the St. Mary's Garage because the park is not

located Downtown. He further stated that an improvement to Travis Park or the Arneson River Theater would attract people to park Downtown and therefore; benefit the Parking Enterprise Fund.

Councilmember Viagran also expressed concern about limiting this project to Downtown Parks. She asked the Parks Foundation to avoid this situation in the future and look at doing more on a citywide scale.

Councilmember Bernal thanked the Parks Foundation and stated that creation of the ordinance would allow them to expand and focus on their core mission.

Noah Almanza described the willingness of the Parks Foundation to define their direction and vision. He stated that the Foundation stands ready and willing to partner with the City.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher

**Absent:** 2 - Taylor and Krier

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 8:

**2014-06-26-0510**

- 8.** A Public Hearing and Ordinance authorizing reprogramming of FY 2013 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant funds and substantial amendment to the FY 2014 Consolidated Annual Action Plan/Budget in the amount of \$50,000.00 from DHS Administration in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the DHS Homeless Prevention program and \$30,000.00 to Rapid Re-housing services provided by SAMMinistries; and authorizing the execution of any and all related documents. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Mayor Castro recused himself from Item 8 by exiting the Council Chambers and noting that he submitted the recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

**Aye:** 8 - Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher



**Absent:** 2 - Taylor and Krier

**Abstain:** 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 14:

**2014-06-26-0514**

- 14.** An Ordinance authorizing an Agreement with SA2020, a subrecipient of two Americorp VISTA members, pursuant to a grant approved on April 3, 2014 by Ordinance No. 2014-04-03-0204; and authorizing acceptance of up to \$4,540.00 from SA2020 as its share of the City's cash match. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Mayor Castro recused himself from Item 14 by exiting the Council Chambers and noting that he submitted the recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

**Aye:** 9 - Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

**Abstain:** 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 16:

**2014-06-26-0516**

- 16.** An Ordinance adopting Revitalization Plans for the REnewSA Target Areas of Collins Gardens, Edgewood, Harlandale, University Park West/ Blueridge, as designated within the 2015 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan, and Northeast Corridor, collectively components of the 2009 San Antonio Strategic Plan for Community Development. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

Mayor Castro recused himself from Item 16 by exiting the Council Chambers and noting that he submitted the recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Gallagher asked for a brief overview due to the significance of the Item. John Dugan, Director of Planning and Community Development provided a Power Point Presentation on the REnewSA Project. He stated that the REnewSA Revitalization Program was San Antonio's response to HUD's Policy Challenge to coordinate redevelopment. He noted that the target neighborhoods and corridors include: Collins Gardens, Edgewood, Harlandale, University Park West Blueridge, and the Northeast Corridor. He added that there was a plan for the Wheatley Target Neighborhood which was adopted by City Council on June 20, 2013. Councilmember Gallagher thanked Michael Taylor for his work in ensuring that the Northeast Corridor Portion has been implemented in an aggressive manner.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Mr. Dugan and stated that she looked forward to the Harlandale Area eventually expanding to the East Southcross Corridor.

Councilmember Nirenberg requested an update on the new Tax Increment Zone Policy. Mr. Dugan stated that he had requested a new Tax Increment Zone for the Northeast Corridor to take advantage of the major reinvestments taking place in the area. He noted that the Northeast Corridor Plan would be adopted as part of this action.

Councilmember Krier stated that the first City Council Consideration Request (CCR) he signed was sponsored by former Councilmember Soules in regard to the Northeast Corridor. He spoke of the importance of the Northeast Corridor and thanked Councilmember Gallagher for his leadership and advocacy of the project.

Councilmember Medina asked for a timeline of the project. Mr. Dugan stated that the projects would be implemented by December 2014.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

**Abstain:** 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 13:

**2014-06-26-0513**

- 13.** An Ordinance amending the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance to increase the threshold for application of SBE evaluation preference points for best value construction contracts under \$10 million. [Carlos J. Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

Councilmember Medina commended the work of the Small Business Advocacy Team and moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. The motion prevailed with the following vote:

**Aye:** 10 - Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**Absent:** 1 - Taylor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:31 am to discuss the following:

- A.** Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B.** Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C.** Discuss legal issues relating to an alternative water supply pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 12:15 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm.

APPROVED

JULIÁN CASTRO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC  
CITY CLERK