

SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
1:30 PM
PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present:	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Alan Warrick, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Nancy Reyes, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, IGR</i> ; Robert Murdock, <i>Director, OMA</i> ; Shanon Miller, <i>Director, OHP</i> ; Frank Miller, <i>Director, Aviation</i> ; Rene Dominguez, <i>Director, EDD</i> ; Alex Lopez, <i>Assistant Director, EDD</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director, IGR</i> ; Jesus Garza, <i>Project Manager, OMA</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>IGR</i> ; Eduardo Carrasco, <i>IGR</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10</i> ; Joseph Cortez, <i>District 6</i> ; Lisa A. Lopez, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Chip Haass, <i>Haass Group</i>

Item 2 was addressed at this time.

Item 2. Resolution requesting State Legislature support for the Missions at Joint Base San Antonio – Randolph [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director and Robert Murdock, Office of Military Affairs Director]

Mr. Robert Murdock discussed the Council Consideration Request (CCR) submitted by Councilmember Gallagher that requested that the City Council support a State Legislative Resolution for compatible Land Use around Randolph Air Force Base (RAFB). He outlined the major issues that included development around Accident Potential Zones (APZ); property owners and potential buyers subjected to increased accident potential; and the possibility of the Air Force moving their Operational Mission at RAFB if encroachment is a detriment to operations at RAFB. He noted that if these operations are moved; RAFB is at high risk of being closed during a future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). He reported that the purpose of having a Clear Zone is to ensure that there is compatible land use so that it does not adversely affect the mission of RAFB. He spoke of the Legislative Initiatives to amend the Texas Local Government Code to ensure RAFB is notified and given the opportunity to comment on any proposed Development in the Safety Zones (HB 1640); and to ensure that there is Real Estate Disclosure to potential buyers of property within 3 miles of a Military Installation with Flight Operations (HB 1639). He stated that HB 1640 does not affect San Antonio as they already have similar measures in place, but it would require the smaller Municipalities around RAFB to provide information to the public and to purchasers of affected property regarding the impact of Military Operations.

Jeff Coyle referenced a meeting he had with Legislators and Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Representatives, and noted that the compromise that they had negotiated with the Realtor's Group consisted of a website that would make buyers aware of whether or not they are in a Military Zone.

Mr. Murdock highlighted the support for HB 1639 and HB 1640 from various Local Municipalities, Bexar and Guadalupe Counties, Northeast Partnership, and Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG).

Councilmember Gallagher expressed his support for the Resolution. He commented that it was important to be aggressive with the Real Estate Disclosures; if not, they could destroy Military Bases since development around Military Installations is looked at during a BRAC.

In response to Chairman Krier, Mr. Murdock stated that a CCR is required to request a Zoning Change to the area that RAFB is requesting to be changed by the City. Chairman Krier requested that Councilmember Gallagher take the lead on said ORR. Chairman Krier inquired whether requiring a Real Estate Disclosure was enough for the Air Force. Mr. Murdock replied that a large amount of the properties that exist in the APZ's have already been developed with residences. He cited the noise issue in this area.

In response to Councilmember Warrick, Mr. Murdock indicated that the Zoning Change is required in order to comply with the Air Force's standards to ensure safety of their Aircrafts. He stated that Staff is proposing that this particular area be zoned Non-Residential.

In response to Councilmember Viagran, Jesus Garza replied that Bexar County was currently conducting a Study with RAFB which should be completed in 5 months. He stated that RAFB was concerned about Development in the Clear Zone in Converse, Texas as they had proposed High Density Development; but noted that they have since modified and scaled down their Planning. He noted that Converse is being asked to limit their Development. He acknowledged that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is looking at future expansion of Loop 1604, but to date; it has not had an effect on Development in that area.

Mr. Coyle cited the State Law that requires a Seller's Disclosure Form for every Real Estate Sale. He referenced the meeting held with JBSA and State Officials whereby they discussed their dialogue with the Real Estate Community regarding the Proposed Measure. He noted that they are recommending general support of these initiatives to protect RAFB.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to forward the Resolution requesting State Legislature Support for the Missions at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

The committee addressed Item 1 at this time.

Item 1. 114th Congressional Legislative Program [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Mr. Coyle reported that every two years, a proposed Legislative Program is brought to the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee and City Council to provide the Department with direction on advocating in Washington. He stated that it was a two-year program to align with the Congressional Term. He noted that they have simplified it into three priority issues: Federal Courthouse, BRAC, and Aviation.

Sally Basurto reported that the City is requesting \$1.3 Million for the construction of a new Federal Courthouse. Regarding BRAC, she stated that they are taking a proactive approach to highlight San

Antonio's Military Community. For Aviation's SAT to DCA Non-Stop Flight Initiative, she indicated that they have reached out to their Congressional Delegation and requested their assistance to include language in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Bill to increase the perimeter to 1,500 miles. She outlined other initiatives to include support for Legislation to increase Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funding and for an increase to the cap of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC).

Mr. Frank Miller discussed the Reauthorization Bill by Congress as it relates to the expansion of the existing perimeter for the SAT to DCA Non-Stop Flight. He stated that they are asking to have the Perimeter expanded which would give San Antonio the flexibility to talk directly with an Airline without having to wait for Reauthorization from the FAA. He acknowledged that they have alternatives in place if the Perimeter cannot be expanded, and they are also having discussions with Airlines about waiving their ability to take two slots that would allow them to serve an Airport that is outside of the Perimeter. He highlighted the AIP which was established by the FAA to help with Infrastructure Programs, and commented that they have seen the FAA take more funding that was originally dedicated for Capital Improvements. He provided background information on the PFC that was approved by Congress in 1990. He stated that the cap was approved at \$3.00, and it has been 15 years since they have increased it. He informed the Committee that the Airlines are against any kind of increase to the PFC and have repeatedly asked Congress not to place this burden on the Passengers; however, he cited the increase in Ancillary Fees by the Airlines. He noted that by increasing the PFC to \$4.00, it would net an additional \$14 Million per year for the San Antonio Airport.

Ms. Basurto reported that the North American Development (NAD) Bank was up for Reauthorization. She noted that it finances Environmental Infrastructure Projects such as Safe Drinking Water Projects along the U.S. and Mexico Border. She discussed the S.A. to D.C. Trip during which Councilmembers Warrick and Saldaña met with the Department of Education Secretary to gather information on the Educational Workforce and Training Program known as the "College Initiative". She noted that the Administration is proposing funds in order to support Community Colleges in Workforce Training Initiatives. She spoke of the Body Cameras which were also advocated during the S.A. to D.C. Trip. Based on the Pilot Program, she noted that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) determined that this is an initiative they would want to pursue. She stated that the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) was also up for Reauthorization by Congress, and the City supported the enhancement of the Historic Tax Credit.

Ms. Shanon Miller reported that the City received Certified Local Government Grants through HPF. She stated that the Texas Historical Commission administers the required Environmental and Historic-related Reviews for all Federally Funded Projects. Since its inception, she noted that the Historic Tax Credit has leveraged over \$100 Billion in Private Development Projects.

Ms. Basurto informed the Committee that the next steps would be to conduct individual City Council Briefings followed by a Full City Council presentation and approval on April 2, 2015. Mr. Coyle emphasized that this was still in draft and changes may occur.

In response to Councilmember Viagran, Ms. Basurto indicated that the Proposal included Funds from the Department of Labor; therefore, GED and Adult Education Programs would be part of the available Funding.

Councilmember Warrick inquired whether Bexar County was in support of Body Cameras. Mr. Coyle replied that although he had not seen their Legislative Program, there has been dialogue with the District

Attorney's Office to ensure that they are working together. Ms. Basurto added that SAPD is also collaborating with the Sherriff's Office regarding this matter.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the 114th Congressional Legislative Program to the Full City Council for approval, subject to additional amendments that may be made. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Item 3. Federal Representation Services Contract Request for Proposal

Executive Session

Chairman Krier recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:27 PM. to discuss the Federal Representation Services Contract Request for Proposal. He reconvened the meeting at 2:39 PM and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Consideration for Future Meetings

Item 4. Next Meeting Scheduled: March 31, 2015.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Krier, Chairman

Lisa A. Lopez, Office of the City Clerk