

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
5:00 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 Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Edward Guzman, <i>Acting First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, IGR</i> ; Derek Roberts, <i>District 2</i> ; Joseph Cortez, <i>District 6</i> ; Eloy LaQue, <i>District 8</i> ; Charles Mazuca, <i>District 9</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Lauren Sides, <i>District 10</i> ; Paul Jimenez, <i>District 10</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>IGR</i> ; Eduardo Carrasco, <i>IGR</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

Item 1. 84th State Legislative Session Update on the status of Proposed Legislation [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Annexation

Ms. Megan Dodge reported that HB 222 and SB 1639 were companion bills. She noted that HB 222 was originally scheduled to be debated today but was likely to be debated in the House tomorrow due to a backlog of Bills being considered. She stated that SB 1639 will be debated in the Senate tomorrow and added that it will severely curtail local authority by eliminating Limited Purpose Annexation and requiring a vote of property owners of the proposed area for annexation.

Revenue Cap

Ms. Megan Dodge described HB 1965 and SB 182 as mandating a 6% Revenue Cap and election for going above a six percent increase. She explained that HB 1965 was pending in Calendars and that the deadline for House Bills to be considered was next week. She noted that SB 182 was currently pending in Senate Finance Committee and that the Delegation was watching the development intently. She described SB 1760 as a taxation related bill which received a Senate Floor Amendment requiring a supermajority of the City Council to increase the tax rate. She stated that it was pending in a House Committee but could receive a potential Revenue Cap Amendment.

Mr. Jeff Coyle joined the meeting via teleconference call at this time.

Chairman Krier asked how Revenue Cap Legislation would impact the General Budget. Mr. Carlos Contreras responded that an excess of 6% revenue would be subject to the proposed State Legislation, requiring an election.

Councilmember Viagran asked who would be responsible for funding the mandated election. Mr. Contreras responded that the annexing city would be responsible for funding the election.

Chairman Krier asked what the effective date would be if the Legislation passed. Mr. Coyle responded that September 1st would be the effective date and because the City's Adopted Budget takes effect on October 1st; the Legislation would impact this year's budget.

Local Preference

Mr. Coyle reported that HB 3193 sponsored by Representative Bernal passed yesterday and that Senator Menendez's Legislation was scheduled to be voted on in the Senate as early as tomorrow. He added that one chamber will likely adopt the version sponsored by the other.

Syphilis Testing

Mr. Coyle reported that the Syphilis Testing Legislation passed in both Chambers and is now returning to the Senate to be approved with minor edits that occurred in the House. He stated that upon Senate Final Approval, it would be sent to the Governor's Office for signature.

G.J. Sutton

Mr. Coyle stated that Budget Deliberations were taking place behind closed doors but there was positive feedback. He referenced a meeting with Representative Turner who is overseeing the relevant section of the budget. He noted that encouraging calls were made by private companies to support passage of the G.J. Sutton Bill.

TNCs

Mr. Coyle reported that the TNC Legislation is still in Calendars and that tomorrow was the deadline to hear House Bills. He noted that due to a series of controversial Bills on the agenda, it was unlikely to be heard.

Alamo

Mr. Coyle explained that the Alamo Legislation was part of the Budget Deliberation and thus; passage ultimately depends on how much money is left for funding.

Military Funding

Mr. Coyle stated that the \$150 million originally requested was unlikely to be approved. He noted \$75 million was more likely and would be awarded through grants for projects that are applied for.

Gun Shows in City Facilities

Mr. Coyle reported that the City opposed the proposed Legislation which stated that if a city leases space for events, it is required to lease same for guns shows. He noted that the Legislation would undermine a City Ordinance that prohibits gun shows at City Facilities. He added that 5 members of the San Antonio Delegation expressed opposition to it being included on the Local Calendar which contains non-controversial bills and that it was eventually removed from the Local Calendar.

Open Carry

Mr. Coyle stated that the House of Representatives and the Senate had both passed their own versions of the Open Carry Legislation and that a consolidated bill was yet to emerge from both versions.

Item 2. Federal Representation Services Contract Request for Proposal [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager and Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Krier recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 551.071 (consultations with attorney) regarding the Federal Representation Services Contract Request for Proposals.

Chairman Krier reconvened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Krier, Chairman

*Alexander J. Pytel,
Office of the City Clerk*