

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015
2:00 PM
PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Alan E. Warrick II, <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:	Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Edward Guzman, <i>Acting First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, IGR</i> ; Jacob Wong, <i>Executive Management Assistant</i> ; Derek Roberts, <i>District 2</i> ; Joseph Cortez, <i>District 6</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>
Others Present:	Harold Driver, <i>Capitol Consulting</i>

Item 1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 22 and April 28, 2015 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes from the April 22 and April 28, 2015 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. 84th State Legislative Session Updated on the status of Proposed Legislation [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Annexation

Mr. Jeff Coyle reported that HB 2221 did not pass. He noted that the Companion Bill SB 1639 passed the Senate but failed to meet the House Deadline.

Revenue Caps

Mr. Coyle stated that SB 182 and HB 1965 did not pass. He noted that SB 1760 passed the House without a Revenue Cap Amendment although an additional amendment was included which requires a Local Governing Body to have a 60% supermajority approval for any tax increases that go above the effective tax rate. He noted that this provision would supersede the City Charter requiring only a simple majority vote of the City Council.

Local Preference

Mr. Coyle stated that HB 3193 had passed the House and was on the Senate Local Calendar for Wednesday, May 27, 2015. He noted that there were some minor amendments introduced which required the Bill to go before a Conference Committee for reconciliation.

G.J. Sutton

Mr. Coyle reported that the G.J. Sutton Legislation was included in the Budget Bill and that the Budget had yet to be voted on. He noted that the Proposed Budget would be included in HB 1.

Alamo

Mr. Coyle noted that HB 1 included \$30 million for maintenance, development, and implementation of a Master Plan between the City and the State. He reported that HB 2968 passed the Senate and calls for the City and State to work together on planning efforts. Chairman Krier asked how the \$30 million would be accessed. Mr. Coyle responded that \$5 million was included for deferred maintenance and \$25 million for the development and implementation of the Master Plan. He added that distribution of the funds would be at the discretion of the General Land Office.

Military

Mr. Coyle stated that \$30 million was included in the Budget with more funding possible in supplemental budget bills and added that HB 1640 and HB 1639 were set for Local Calendar and Senate Intent for May 26, 2015, respectively. Chairman Krier asked how the \$30 million for military funding would be accessed and who would receive applications for those funds. Mr. Coyle responded that the Texas Military Preparedness Commission is part of the Texas Governor's Office and would be the keepers of the military funding in the form of grants. He added that they are part of a program called the Defense Economic Adjustment Grant and will provide notice for communities to apply for the funds.

Eminent Domain

Mr. Coyle noted that SB 474 had missed the House Deadline and did not pass.

Open Carry

Mr. Coyle stated that the House version of the Open Carry Legislation passed the Senate earlier in the week amid lengthy discussion and that an amendment was included prohibiting police officers from asking to see permits without probable cause. Ms. Megan Dodge added that HB 910 does not address regulation in places of employment.

Fire Sprinklers

Mr. Coyle reported that HB 3089 was set on the Senate Local Calendar later this week and would require all high rises in San Antonio marketed toward senior citizens to be retro-fitted with sprinkler systems by a date set in the future. He noted that the legislation was bracketed to San Antonio.

Traffic Accident Reports

Mr. Coyle reported that under current State Law, private information of citizens involved in traffic accidents where charges have not been filed can be released if the requestor can provide the name of the driver, the location of the accident, and/or the date of the accident. He noted that HB 2633 was

intended to eliminate the 2/3 threshold and allow only someone with a direct connection to the accident to request information.

Body Cameras

Mr. Coyle reported that SB 158 addressed a Police Body Camera Pilot Program that would target the largest police departments across the State.

No action was required for Item 2.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Krier, Chairman

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