

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
1:00 PM  
PLAZA ROOM C, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i><br>Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i><br>Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>  |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | None   |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, IGR</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Director, Development Services</i> ; Anthony Treviño, <i>Interim Police Chief, San Antonio Police Department</i> ; Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>IGR</i> ; Connie Laredo-Zepeda, <i>IGR</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> |
| <b>Others Present:</b>  | Wayne Davis, <i>Police Chief, Castle Hills Police Department</i> ; Tom Downs, <i>Venable (via teleconference)</i>  |

**Item 1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 26, 2015 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings**

Chairman Krier postponed approval of the Minutes to the next Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee Meeting.

**Item 2. Second Amendment to the 2011 Medina County Interlocal Agreement for Platting in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction**

Mr. Rod Sanchez reported that in 2001, the State Legislature passed a Bill that required cities and counties to institute unified rules for platting regulation in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. He mentioned that cities and counties could defer to each others' respective regulatory frameworks. He noted that the idea behind the Bill was to ensure that there would be only one place to submit plats and only a single set of rules governing said process. He stated that the City of San Antonio adopted an agreement with Medina County in 2004. He explained that as a condition of the 2004 Agreement, the City would regulate high-density lots while others would be reviewed by the County.

Mr. Sanchez noted that in 2011, Medina County requested a more comprehensive overview of the platting regulation but deferred to the City of San Antonio for the regulation of trees. He stated that in January 2015, the County sought to re-examine the Agreement and regulate lots smaller than 6,000 square feet in size while the City would regulate lots larger than 6,000 square feet. He noted that the City Council had adopted said additions to the Agreement in January 2015.

Mr. Sanchez stated that areas of Medina County, specifically Texas Research Parks, were undergoing commercial development and that the County requested deferment to City Regulation for those lots. He noted that the City would collect the review fees. He added that the Planning

Commission recommended approval of the item and would go to the full City Council for review on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September with the concurrence of the Subcommittee.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked how the proposed addition to the Agreement might stand against future requests. Mr. Sanchez responded that the County was unlikely to defer to the City entirely as the City's Regulations would allow high-density lots which are not currently allowed by County Regulation. He added that future amendments were possible based on changing County Conditions.

Chairman Krier asked for detail on commercial developments taking place in Texas Research Parks. Mr. Sanchez responded that based on the high level of commercial development; the County preferred to defer to the City's review of commercial plats.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that he did not have reservations on moving the item to the full City Council for consideration. Chairman Krier stated the consensus of the Subcommittee Members to move the item to the full City Council for consideration.

### **Item 3. Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and Contiguous Municipalities Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction**

Interim Police Chief Anthony Treviño reported that Concurrent Jurisdiction Agreements had previously been implemented exclusively by the City of Houston due to a 1.9 million population threshold requirement. He explained that the central idea behind Concurrent Jurisdiction Agreements was to extend a city's jurisdiction to 200 yards within other municipal boundaries for the purpose of addressing offenses punishable by fines only. He stated that Senate Bill 631 had passed effectively June 19, 2015 and moved the population threshold down to 1.19 million, enabling the City of San Antonio to enter into Concurrent Jurisdiction Agreements with other municipalities in the area. He reported that the focus would be for traffic violations and Class C Misdemeanors punishable by fine only. He added that the City of Castle Hills had already passed an agreement effective July 14, 2015 and it allowed the City of San Antonio Police Department to enter 200 yards into the Castle Hills Jurisdiction to issue traffic citations as well as Class C Misdemeanors.

Chief Treviño stated that the Agreement was a major benefit to local cities as a force multiplier of local law enforcement and that the San Antonio Police Department would continue to assist other local police departments in the area. He explained that the Agreement would focus on local streets that run in conjunction with the City of San Antonio, specifically the issue of speeders along Lockhill Selma. He noted that Castle Hills Police Officers patrolled the area more routinely and that the Agreement would establish more uniform law enforcement within our community. He recommended the item be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration and approval on October 8, 2015.

Castle Hills Police Chief Wayne Davis clarified that police officers could continue a pursuit beyond the municipal boundaries of their respective cities.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for clarification regarding the collection of fines. Chief Treviño responded that the police agency that cites a violation will file in their respective municipal courts and said city will receive the fine. He mentioned that previous attempts to enter into an Interlocal Agreement were prevented by population thresholds set by State Law.

Mr. Jeff Coyle added that Concurrent Jurisdiction Agreements with other municipalities could be added in the future.

No action was required for Item 3.

#### **Item 4. Update on Funding for G.J. Sutton Building**

Councilmember Viagran entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Coyle reported that the current estimates for renovation of the G.J. Sutton Building were approximately \$135 million. He stated that funding was included in the State Budget but was vetoed by the Governor. He mentioned that a Legislative Challenge had been issued with the intent to reclaim the funding. He noted that the City had opted to remain neutral while the challenge was being examined.

No action was required for Item 4.

#### **Item 5. Update on Federal Legislative Priorities**

##### **a) Federal Courthouse**

Mr. Coyle referenced a recent study which evaluated the drinking water supply of the Federal Courthouse and resulted in the subsequent closure of 8 water fountains containing high levels of lead and bacteria. He added that there were additional issues with the air quality and HVAC Systems of the Building. He stated that San Antonio remains 8<sup>th</sup> on the list for proposed funding with Nashville exclusively proposed to be funded in this upcoming appropriations process. He reported that design of the Federal Courthouse had been halted by the General Services Administration (GSA) until it is confident that funding is forthcoming.

Mr. Coyle reported that the GSA expressed some concerns with a P3 Funding Model based on established Federal Budgetary Policy which requires funding appropriation in Year 1 for any long-term capital lease to which the Government may commit. He mentioned the possibility of a Land Exchange in which a development could be granted to the Federal Government in exchange for a collection of Federal Properties of an equal value.

Mr. Coyle mentioned that a letter had been drafted from Mayor Taylor to Senator Cornyn and the San Antonio Delegation making a request for an emergency appropriation in order to immediately address the security concerns affecting the Courthouse.

Chairman Krier stated that it was important to personally engage with the Senator on this issue and expressed concern with the environmental hazards posed by the Facility. Mr. Tom Downs noted that there were a number of emergency precedents.

Mr. Coyle reported that a trip was being planned to Washington, D.C. the third week of October and that the Courthouse Funding and FAA Reauthorization would be priorities of the visit. He noted that

inclusion in the Presidential Requested Budget was another possible way to achieve funding for the Courthouse as Federal Agencies tend to consider said list in the distribution of funds.

Chairman Krier highlighted vulnerabilities of the security system and stated that it was vital to proactively prevent any situations before they arise. Mr. Downs stated that the building had not been recently renovated or repaired in fifty years and noted that San Antonio's proximity to the Mexican Border adds an additional component to security concerns.

b) FAA Reauthorization

Mr. Coyle reported that current FAA Authorization expires at the end of the current month and that it didn't appear as though a new Reauthorization Bill would be presented before then. He noted that Congress was likely to pass a short term Reauthorization Bill for a number of months and then take up the issue again early next year.

c) Federal Appropriations

Mr. Tom Downs reported that Federal Appropriations had been delayed due to Confederate Flag Amendments. He stated that Congress would be passing a continuing resolution that would last for several months while developing an omnibus Appropriations Bill that would include the other 12 Appropriations Bills. He mentioned that the proposed House Bill included no allocation for new building construction while the Senate Bill included an allocation of \$181 million. He noted that Senator Alexander of Tennessee was able to receive funding based on his inclusion in the President's Requested Budget.

Mr. Coyle reported that Congressman Castro could potentially assist in including items on the President's Requested Budget. He added that efforts would continue to achieve funding for the City's Priorities.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Joe Krier, Chairman*

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