

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



**DRAFT  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

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

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Thursday, October 22, 2015

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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The City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

**PRESENT:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

Mayor Taylor announced that Councilmember Nirenberg was attending the meeting via Videoconference. Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Warrick was absent due to work related obligations.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Dr. Paul D. Stevens, Pastor, New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, guest of Councilmember Alan E. Warrick II, District 2.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of September 16 - 17, 2015.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of September 16-17, 2015. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

### **POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Taylor recognized Siyon Jin and Woonhak Chung, Artists from the Sister City of Gwangju, Korea. She stated that they were in San Antonio to participate in Luminaria and welcomed them to San Antonio.

Mayor Taylor also recognized Kumamon, Mascot from the Sister City of Kumamoto, Japan. She stated that he and his merchandising had an economic impact worth \$1.2 Billion and had been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. She noted that Kumamon would visit the Missions, cruise the Riverwalk, and entertain U.S. Soldiers and Veterans that have been stationed in Japan.

Councilmember Viagran recognized Jerry Clancy who passed away earlier in the week. She stated that Mr. Clancy had been a Detective in the San Antonio Police Department and had helped fashion the Fire and Police Health Care Fund. She expressed her condolences to the Clancy Family. Councilmember Krier also expressed his condolences to the Clancy Family and stated that Mr. Clancy would be missed. Mayor Taylor expressed her condolences to the Clancy Family.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Items 5, 13, and 14 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor announced that there were no citizens registered to speak.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in favor of Items 4-9, and 12-14. He wrote in

opposition to Item 10.

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

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

**2015-10-22-0900**

4. An Ordinance for the SAPD Property Room HVAC Upgrade Project, authorizing a Job Order Contract with Tejas Premier Building Contractor, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$378,181.71, a Certificates of Obligation funded project, located in Council District 5. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2015-10-22-0902**

6. An Ordinance for Indian Creek Channel Phase II from Five Palms to Medina Base Road, awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$2,745,921.49 to Construction Resolution Group, of this amount, \$575,215.58 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water Systems and \$50,600.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy, a 2012-2017 Bond-funded Project located in Council District 4. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2015-10-22-0903**

7. An Ordinance for Fay Avenue Drainage Improvements (New Laredo Highway to Somerset Road) awarding a construction contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,399,791.39, to D. Plata Construction Co., LLC, of which \$265,015.49 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water Systems and \$548,350.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy, a Storm Water Revenue Bond and Community Development Block Grant funded project located in Council District 5. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2015-10-22-0904**

8. An Ordinance for the Municipal Records Facility Upgrades authorizing a Job Order Contract with Jamail and Smith Construction in an amount not to exceed \$266,686.30, a FY 2016 Deferred Maintenance Project located in Council District 1. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2015-10-22-0905**

9. An Ordinance approving the price, terms, and conditions of sale by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio (OUR SA) of approximately 0.3742 and 0.2813 acres respectively of undeveloped real property, located at 103 Connelly and near the intersection of Connelly and Hedges in Council District 2, for a total sum of \$16,000.00 to JMI Inc.; and authorizing the execution of any and all documents by OUR SA in connection therewith. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager / Acting Director, Center City Development and Operations]
10. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2017, 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 Siboney Diaz-Sanchez (District 1) and R. Joy McGhee (District 3) to the Zoning Commission.
- B) Reappointing Rudi Harst (District 3) to the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee.
- C) Appointing Yadhira Lozano (District 3) to the San Antonio Arts Commission.
- D) Appointing Margarita A. DeLeon (District 3) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire September 30, 2016.
- E) Reappointing Daniel A. Lopez (Mayoral) to the HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire August 13, 2019.
- F) Appointing Councilmember Ray Lopez (District 6), Councilmember Rey Saldaña (District 4), Councilmember Shirley Gonzales (District 5), Councilmember Ron Nirenberg (District 8), and Councilmember Joe Krier (District 9) to the VIA Local Government Approval Committee.

**2015-10-22-0906**

11. An Ordinance appointing 25 members to the Convention and Visitors Commission for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2017; and waiving

the City Code residency requirement in Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec. 2-529(B) where appropriate. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

**2015-10-22-0907**

12. An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Pre-development and Right of Entry Agreements with the George Gervin Youth Center to conduct due diligence on the proposed Echo East mixed use development project on City owned property at 301 Spriggsdale and authorizing payment to the George Gervin Youth Center of \$150,000.00 from the Inner City TIRZ Fund to fund the pre-development analysis. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager, John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

**2015-10-22-0909**

15. An Ordinance authorizing a funding agreement in an amount up to \$260,000.00 with the Tricentennial Celebration Commission, a public, nonprofit, local government corporation responsible for Tricentennial celebration planning. [Edward Benavides, Interim Director, TriCentennial Office]

**CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 5:

**2015-10-22-0901**

5. An Ordinance for the District 3 Community Center and Southside Lions Park awarding a single construction contract including four additive alternates in the amount of \$4,940,987.00 to Allbrite Constructors of Texas, Inc, 2012-2017 Bond-funded projects located in Council District 3. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Viagran asked for details of the project and the timeline. Mr. Mike Frisbie replied that the Community Center would total 13,000 square feet and be located on the site where the un-used tennis courts were currently located. He stated that the building would include a reception area, classrooms, computers, offices, health screenings area, meeting rooms, pool table area, lounge, and kitchen. He noted that a dog park would be located adjacent to the Community Center and that all would be completed by November 2016. He indicated that construction would begin next month. Councilmember Viagran expressed her support for the project.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance for Item 5.

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Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 13:

**2015-10-0908**

- 13.** An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a 380 Economic Development Program Grant Agreement for up to \$233,907.00 of Inner City TIRZ Funding to Chelsea's Catering and Bar Service for commercial kitchen equipment located at 217 Cactus Street. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager, John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ). Mr. John Dugan replied that the project was part of the Inner City TIRZ and that funds would be utilized to rehabilitate Chelsea's kitchen supplies. He noted that they had made a major investment in their building and would generate tax revenue. Councilmember Saldaña asked if this was a tool that could be used for retail. Mr. Dugan stated that the project was not retail but would support operations of a Catering Service. He noted that it was located in the Inner City Reinvestment Infill Policy (ICRIP) Area and the Promise Zone. Councilmember Saldaña asked if projects outside the Promise Zone were eligible for funds. Mr. Dugan replied that other projects would be eligible for Economic Development Incentive Funds.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance for Item 13. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 14:

**2015-10-22-0058R**

- 14.** A Resolution authorizing the creation of Safe Exchange Zones at San Antonio Police Department Substations to help citizens safely broker transactions with strangers.

[Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Gallagher stated that this was one of the most important programs being implemented to ensure public safety and asked staff to highlight. Chief McManus explained that the Resolution would allow Police Substations to be utilized by citizens to make exchanges or business transactions executed online. He confirmed that the six substations would be available to the public, as well as the Substation Lobbies if necessary. He stated that they would post signage at designated areas and ensure the public was made aware through Social Media, Home Owner Associations (HOAs), and the SAPD Website. Councilmember Gallagher expressed his support and thanked everyone that helped move the project forward.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Councilmember Gallagher for bringing the item forward and SAPD for their work. Councilmember Krier also recognized Councilmember Gallagher noting that this was a creative solution to a real problem. Mayor Taylor thanked Councilmember Gallagher for his leadership and stated that this was an important effort that would help make these types of transaction safe.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Resolution for Item 14. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 1 - Warrick

**16. City Manager's Report**  
A. World Heritage Update

Mrs. Sculley reported that the previous Saturday; nine years of work to have San Antonio's Five Spanish Colonial Missions inscribed as a World Heritage Site culminated with the Inscription Ceremony at Mission San José. She stated that built in the early 18th Century; the Missions were the most complete and intact example of the Spanish Crown's effort to colonize, evangelize and defend the northern frontier of New Spain at a time where they controlled the largest empire in the world. She noted that the Missions were approved as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on July 5, 2015 in Bonn, Germany. She mentioned that on Saturday, October 17th, dignitaries from around the world plus hundreds of San Antonians gathered at the Historic Site to celebrate the official World Heritage Designation. She reported that U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell represented the United States

Government and that Spanish Consul General Enric Panés and Mexican Consul General José Antonio Larios participated in the ceremony representing their respective home countries. She stated that San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff led San Antonio Officials and Alamo Director Becky Dinnin spoke on behalf of the State of Texas. She noted that as part of the official World Heritage Celebrations, the City's Office of Historic Preservation offered an opportunity to view the "Restored" Facade of Mission Concepcion. She noted that over 1,200 people attend the "Restored by Light" Event on Friday and viewed the original painted facade of the Mission using a digital projection. She thanked Councilmember Viagran for helping celebrate the event. She added that San Antonio's Missions were taking their place among other cultural institutions like the Statue of Liberty and Independence Hall, as well as world wonders like the Great Wall of China and the Giza Pyramid of Egypt. She spoke of the Economic Impact noting that by 2025, the World Heritage Site was expected to generate an additional \$44 million to \$105 Million in economic activity, with over 1,100 newly created jobs. She thanked the many people who made the designation a reality for the San Antonio Community.

Councilmember Viagran expressed her support and thanked the Office of Historic Preservation for their work on the events. Mayor Taylor also expressed her support but stated that this was the beginning of the next phase of the investments that need to be made. She noted that she would like for people to re-experience the Missions and be a part of the dialogue on best utilizing the new world platform for San Antonio.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC  
CITY CLERK