

**State of Texas
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**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. A Briefing on the San Antonio B-Cycle Bike Share Program.
[Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

J.D. Simpson, Executive Director of San Antonio Bike Share, presented a Power Point regarding B-Cycle, the first Public Bike Share Program in Texas. She stated that there were 55 Bike Share Stations with a total of 450 Bikes for Daily Use. She provided an overview of the San Antonio Bike Share Organizational Structure and noted that the Revenues for Membership have steadily increased since 2011. She presented a map of the locations and highlighted the Most Popular Stations by Usage which include Blue Star, Pearl Brewery, and Mission San Jose.

Doug Melnick presented FY 2015 and 2016 Accomplishments that include hiring a New Executive Director, completing an Existing Conditions Reports, and Business Plan Development. He highlighted System Enhancements to include: 1) Three new station

installations at San Antonio College, DoSeum, and Pearl Culinary Gardens; 2) New 2.0 B-Cycle Bikes; 3) New B-Cycle Offices; and 4) New Maps and Wayfinding. He added that they were looking into other enhancements such as E-Bikes, Challenge Match Execution & Capital Campaign Launch, and the Greenway Trail System.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the update and stated that this was an important service and transportation option.

Councilmember Treviño asked of corporate sponsorships. Ms. Simpson replied that they had not secured any major sponsors at this time. Mr. Melnick added that they wanted to ensure that the system was running efficiently before soliciting funds. Councilmember Treviño asked if they received Federal Funds. Mr. Melnick replied that they purchased the infrastructure with Federal Funds. Councilmember Treviño asked of strategic partnerships to include VIA Metropolitan Transit. Mr. Melnick replied that they were working with VIA to insure that B-Cycle was incorporated into their Transportation Plan. Councilmember Treviño referenced the partnership between the City of McAllen and their Transit System and asked if B-Cycle would be expanding into the Parks System. Mr. Melnick replied that they were working on a Business Plan and would identify if they could accommodate same. He added that they were also looking at the potential for a Stationless Bike System separate from B-Cycle. Councilmember Treviño spoke of the need to provide discounts and ensure accessibility and cautioned about spending funds on new bikes. He asked of bike safety efforts. Mr. Melnick replied that they were working with Non-Profit Organizations to provide Bicycle Safety Classes, as well as free helmets and bike lights. Councilmember Treviño highlighted the Labor Street Park as a viable option and requested Program Benchmarks in the next three to six months.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the success of the program. Ms. Simpson responded that it was very popular but could be even more successful. She stated that many people were using the bikes and having a great experience. Councilmember Saldaña asked of the decrease in revenue on Slide 4. Ms. Simpson replied that some of it was attributed to weather and added that spikes in use were due to Siclovía. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he looked forward to the new bikes as the current bikes were very heavy. He asked of the potential for VIA to manage the program in the future. Mr. Melnick stated that they were continuing the dialogue with VIA but their staff was not ready to recommend taking over the program.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she wanted to see the program succeed and would like to get a B-Cycle Station at Stinson Airport. She concurred with the need for a corporate sponsor to run the B-Cycle Operations and asked of the cost of a station. Ms. Simpson replied that the costs varied according the size and location but ranged from \$55,000 to

\$75,000. Councilmember Viagran asked of the budget needed and requested to see the Existing Conditions Report.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the timeline for B-Cycle to be self-sustaining. Ms. Simpson replied that they were working on a Business Plan to determine same and hoped to have it ready by April. Councilmember Warrick asked of the Stationless Bikes. Ms. Simpson indicated that they were bikes that had the technology on them without a station; however, they were not in a consistent location.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of her experiences in Tucson, Arizona and asked of using the program for more recreation and less for transit. Ms. Simpson replied that it served dual purposes and that the main use in San Antonio was for recreation. However, they were conducting surveys and gathering data in an effort to make better decisions.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the challenges related to sponsorships. Ms. Simpson replied that potential corporate sponsors needed additional information about the program and its sustainability. Councilmember Lopez asked how B-Cycle was coordinating with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Committees. Mr. Melnick stated that he attended meetings and worked very closely on overall bicycle issues.

Mayor Taylor spoke of the B-Cycle Board of Directors and helping them achieve their goals. She stated that she wanted to ensure the viability of B-Cycle for the future and thanked everyone for the presentation.

2. A Briefing and possible action regarding the “3 Plus 9”, the City’s FY 2016 Budget and Finance status for the first three months, updated estimates for revenues and expenditures for the remaining nine months, and the recommended FY 2017 Budget Calendar. [Maria Villagomez, Assistant City Manager; Chad Tustison, Interim Budget Director]

Maria Villagomez presented a Power Point and stated that the City’s Budget totaled \$2.5 Billion. She reported that the General Fund totaled \$1.1 Billion and that the FY 2016 First Quarter Projections indicated results would be \$100,000 ahead of budget. She stated that the Revenue Projections for Property Tax, Sales Tax, and CPS Energy Revenue were \$1.9 Million less than projected. She noted that \$4.8 Million in Fuel Savings was anticipated for FY 2016. Overall, she reported a \$3.4 Million FY 2016 Better Ending Balance.

Ms. Villagomez spoke of their work to prepare for FY 2017 noting increases in Uniform

Employee Healthcare Costs, as well as increased need for Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, Animal Care Services, and Code Enforcement. She reported that the funds budgeted for Uniform Wages in 2016 were reallocated to Uniform Healthcare. She provided an overview of the Restricted Funds noting that the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund was at budget for the First Quarter. She mentioned that both the Development Services and Solid Waste Funds Revenue was better than projected and had less expenses.

Ms. Villagomez provided an overview of FY2016 Budget Initiatives to include Street Maintenance, Police Body Cameras, Gun Shot Detection Pilot Program for 2 Neighborhoods, and Pay as you Throw Conversion. She highlighted the 60 Performance Measures for Seven Service Areas. She outlined the FY 2017 Recommended Budget Calendar and stated that the Five Year Financial Forecast would be presented on May 11, 2016.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the projection for FY 2016. Ms. Villagomez stated that although they were anticipating revenues to be down; they were projecting savings in department expenditures and a better beginning balance. Mayor Taylor stated that she would like to streamline and improve the Budget Process.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the Spay/Neuter Surgeries performed. Ms. Villagomez replied that they had completed 8,000 of the projected 11,875 surgeries. Councilmember Warrick asked of the SAPD Response Times. Chief McManus replied that they were still on target as they were hiring Police Officers to work Overtime.

Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of challenges related to roadway projects. Mrs. Sculley replied that she would look into the specific projects that had not been completed. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the leveling off of Civilian Benefits. Ms. Villagomez replied that they had implemented the Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) three years ago which saved management costs.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of the total projected Uniform Healthcare Cost. Ms. Villagomez replied that it was \$73 Million for all Uniform Employees. Councilmember Gallagher asked how the City would make that up if a Collective Bargaining Agreement is not finalized. Mrs. Sculley replied that they would have to look at budget reductions from Streets, Parks, Libraries, Code Enforcement, and other General Fund Departments.

Councilmember Medina asked if there had been an increase in the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Arrests per 1,000 Residents. Ms. Villagomez replied that there totals reported were cumulative so they would increase throughout the course of the year. Chief McManus added that they were addressing DWI through Social Media and Public Service

Announcements. Councilmember Medina asked if there would be issues completing construction projects on time and budget due to increasing costs of labor and materials. Mrs. Sculley stated that they were forecasting for same as they developed estimates for the 2017 Bond Program. She noted that there had been a lack of skilled labor which caused a great amount of competition among Contractors.

Councilmember Viagran asked of Property Tax Revenue for FY 2017. Mrs. Sculley replied that she and Ben Gorzell had testified before the Investment Committee and presented Actual Data on how a Revenue Cap on Property Tax would impact the City of San Antonio. She stated that they would provide a Five Year Financial Forecast to the City Council.

Councilmember Krier asked of the funds that had been set aside for wages for Police Officers. Ms. Villagomez replied that they had set aside \$12.1 Million. Councilmember Krier asked if the Average Healthcare Cost for Uniform Employees would be three times as much as that of Civilian Employees in 2017. Ms. Villagomez replied that it could be if the trends continued.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for confirmation of the cost of Uniform Healthcare. Ms. Villagomez replied that they were projecting to spend \$73 Million in FY 2016. Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern with the high costs.

Mayor Taylor spoke of the need to provide services other than Public Safety such as Infrastructure, Streets, and Maintenance. She thanked everyone for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:50 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- D. Discuss legal issues related to the City's Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Discuss legal issues relating to the Vista Ridge Regional Supply Project Water Transmission and Purchase Agreement pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- F. Deliberate the evaluation and duties of the City Manager and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:20 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She addressed Citizens to be Heard.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Donna De Leon, Darlene Flores, and Corrine Martinez representing the Jose Miguel Arciniega Descendants Society (JMADS) addressed the City Council. Ms. De Leon expressed concern that Jose Miguel Arciniega had served as Mayor of the City of San Antonio but had not been recognized. She played a video of the unveiling of his portrait at the State Capitol and noted that Senator Judith Zaffirini and State Representative Richard Raymond had endorsed the hanging of the portrait. She noted that the portrait was hung in various places to include the Marriott Plaza Hotel and State Capitol and asked the City Council to consider placing the portrait on the Wall of Mayors in the Municipal Plaza Building.

Cynthia White, Robert Martinez, Sr., and Robert Martinez, Jr., Descendants of the Jose Miguel Arciniega Society addressed the City Council. Ms. White stated that they concurred with the comments made by Ms. Donna De Leon. Mr. Martinez, Jr. asked the City Council to please honor their ancestor. Mr. Martinez, Sr. added that he was 83 years-old and would be pleased to see the portrait placed on the Wall of Mayors.

Joe Lewis addressed the City Council in support of the request of JMADS to hang their portrait of Alcalde Arciniega on the Wall of Mayors in the Municipal Plaza Building. He noted that he was a descendant of the Arciniegas on his mother's side of the family and thanked the City Council for their consideration.

City Clerk Vacek read written testimony from Joe Arciniega. He wrote that he was a 4th Great Grandson and 5th Namesake of Jose Miguel de Arciniega and supportive of placing his ancestor's portrait on the Wall of Mayors in the Municipal Plaza Building.

David Klar addressed the City Council in opposition to the Vista Ridge Project noting concerns with Abengoa's Financial Position. He stated that the project was not necessary and requested that SAWS and the City of San Antonio opt out.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez addressed the City Council and referenced a newspaper article in which the Pope urged Mexican Youth to resist the lure of drug money.

Two Bears addressed the City Council and expressed concern with the Indigenous People buried at Mission San Antonio.

Flora Burke stated that she registered to speak on upcoming repairs for W.W. White Road; however, a staff member of the TCI Department had assisted her. She thanked the City Council for their time.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony highlighting Spring Break Camp hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department from March 14-18, 2016. He submitted various newspaper articles on the following topics: 106 Bikers charged in Waco Shooting, Steve Jobs' Widow spending \$50 Million on revamping U.S. High School Education, and Voters control fate of future rail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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