

**TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, & UTILITIES COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**  
**11:00 AM**  
**MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Ray Lopez, Chair, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Chris Hebner, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Douglas Melnick, <i>Chief Sustainability Officer</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>TCI Assistant Director</i> ; Liza Meyer, <i>Office of Sustainability</i> ; Alicia Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, <i>Vice President of Public Affairs &amp; Brand Management, CPS Energy</i> ; Lee Byrd, <i>Director of Enterprise Programs, CPS Energy</i>

**1. Approval of Minutes for the May 11, 2016 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Committee Meeting.**

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes for the May 11, 2016 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**2. Demonstration presentation of the SA Connect infrastructure tool developed on behalf of CPS Energy and the Greater Chamber of Commerce.** [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, Vice President of Public Affairs & Brand Management, CPS Energy]

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera provided an overview on SA Connect. She stated that SA Connect is an infrastructure data tool for economic development, business recruitment, retention or relocation. She stated that infrastructure entities such as CPS Energy, SAWS, VIA and others allocate their resources to independently pull infrastructure data and plans for their respective entities. She described SA Connect as being a tool that would be published online. She added that this platform would be accessible to the community and recruiting industries.

Lee Byrd delivered a synopsis of the SA Connect functionality. He demonstrated how the automated interface would look and the tools that would be provided online.

Chairman Lopez asked if the program would be able to measure population growth in a particular area 25 years out. Mr. Byrd responded that the program is capable of same. Chairman Lopez asked of the targeted users and how the tool is being marketed to the user.

Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that the targeted users would be Site Selection Consultants and Executives of Businesses that are interested in San Antonio. She stated that this tool would be digitally launched by means of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF) website. She added that the main source of marketing would be through Social Media.

Councilmember Gonzales asked staff if they knew how users would be directed to the services they are inquiring about. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that the SAEDF Staff would be accountable for responding to all inquiries.

Chairman Lopez recommended that CPS Staff tag users of SA Connect to additional entities in the City that would benefit the user as well.

Councilmember Nirenberg advocated for CPS Staff to seek a patent. He stated that the City would benefit from generating revenue from SA Connect because of the opportunity of the tool being deployed around the nation. He asked staff if the dynamics that change consistently would be integrated into GIS Maps. Ms. Saucedo-Herrera stated that it was not integrated. She added that in future versions, they will be requesting the ability to receive direct feed and to promote direct feeds to market users. Councilmember Nirenberg encouraged CPS Staff to incorporate Inner City Reinvestment and Infill Policy (ICRIP) as an overlapping layer on SA Connect to boost residential and business growth.

No action was required for Item 2.

**3. Briefing on the City's Storm Water Utility Fee approved as part of the FY 2016 Budget.** [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt provided a briefing on the Storm Water Utility Fee. He stated that staff had worked with stakeholders to develop a new approach established on a per use coverage rate to create a New Rate Structure. He stated that the new approach would be a two user group. He described that the Residential User Group had three tiers that are founded on a range of the amount of impervious area with an associated monthly fee. He described that the Non-Residential User Group had four tiers founded on the percent of the impervious area. He noted that 72% of Residential Customers remained at or below their previous monthly fee. He added that 27% Non-Residential Customers remained at or below their current monthly fee and that 70% increased by less than \$100 per month.

Mr. Reinhardt reported that there would be a proposal of a Five Year Rate Plan with no more than a 10% rate increase within the five years. He explained that the multi-year rate increase would support the utility's cost of services, program changes and promote storm water management practices and capital improvement projects. Mr. Reinhart highlighted that there had been 2,200 customer inquiries from January 2016 to May 2016.

Mr. Reinhardt indicated that there was not a change to the classification of Residential User Group, but that there was a change to the term Non-Residential User Group to include

Triplex and Quadplex Parcels. He stated that there was an average increase from \$7/month to \$59/month to be split among dwelling units. He stated that Staff recommended that the classification for Residential User Group remain unchanged because a reclassification of two dwelling units to Non-Residential User Group would impact thousands of customers.

Councilmember Saldaña asked if staff would explain where the revenue would be allocated. Mr. Reinhardt responded that there was a 10% revenue increase as a result of the fee that allowed for FY 2016 Program Changes. Peter Zaroni added that the rate was designed for \$45 million to be allocated to the Storm Water System. Councilmember Saldaña asked if it was set up as an Enterprise Fund. Mr. Zaroni replied that it was set up as a Special Use Fund. Councilmember Saldaña asked if staff was aware of the perimeters of the Special Use Fund for Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Reinhardt specified that funds had to be designated to Storm Water Projects. He stated that of the \$45 million; \$30 million covers operational cost, and \$7 million is used to pay off debt.

No action was required for Item 3.

**4. Briefing and possible action on a request from District 8, Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, to consider a prohibition on coal tar based sealants.** [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Doug Melnick provided an update on Councilmember Nirenberg's 2014 Council Consideration Request to consider the prohibition on the use of coal tar based sealants. He stated that coal tar sealant contains Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) or carcinogen. He noted that the PAHs can be tracked in stormwater, households and businesses. He stated that in 2016, the Committee recommended that staff extend outreach to stakeholders.

Mr. Melnick noted that out of the 87 targeted stakeholders; 36% of the supporters were represented by environmental organizations, citizen advocates, members of the pavement industry and San Antonio River Authority (SARA). He stated that the opposition was represented by seven members of the pavement industry the Pavement Coatings Technology Council, and two property owners. He stated there were 16 municipalities and two counties within four states (Minnesota, New York, Texas and Wisconsin), the District of Columbia and the States of Washington and Minnesota that have enacted some type of ban. He mentioned that Lowes and Home Depot do not carry coal tar based products.

Mr. Melnick stated that the Pavement Coatings Technology Council opposition's argument was that coal tar based sealant is safe to use. He stated that the Pavement Coatings Technology Council suggested that air samples show that coal tar shows no health risks and that refined coal tar is not soluble in water. He expanded that a ban was supported by entities from the pavement industries, environmental industries, private citizens and SARA. He stated that based on a U.S. Geological Survey; studies showed that coal tar contained high concentrated levels of PAH Carcinogens ranging from 30,000 parts per million to 200,000 parts per million. He mentioned that coal tar impacts aquatic life. He noted that

there were studies that showed that living adjacent to coal tar sealed pavements is estimated to increase cancer and that much of the increase occurs during early childhood.

Chairman Lopez asked if eliminating coal tar would be an economic burden on School Districts, Bexar County or the City. Mr. Melnick stated that staff presented to the School Districts on March 4, 2016 and indicated that they were supportive of the ban as long as it does not prohibit application of coal tar sealant on roofs. He noted that the San Antonio Chambers did not have a position on the matter. He stated that the County does not use the sealant for County Projects.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked staff for an update on the Toxic Substance Control Act and how it would affect the City. Liza Meyer stated that until the EPA reviews coal tar, the City's Ban would remain. She elaborated that when the EPA creates a policy on coal tar, the City's Rules will remain as long as they are not more stringent than the EPA's Policies. She stated that if the City's Policy is more stringent than the EPA; the City would be obligated to sign a waiver.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward the Item to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Ray Lopez, Chairman*

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*Alicia K. Beckham,  
Office of the City Clerk*