

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



**DRAFT  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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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. Staff presentations on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City policies and initiatives: [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; John Woodruff, Director, Management and Budget]
  - A. Tourism, Culture & Entertainment
    - Parks & Recreation
    - World Heritage
    - Tricentennial
    - Arts Agency Funding
    - Convention & Sports Facilities
    - Aviation

Mrs. Sculley addressed the Code Compliance Presentation from the previous day.

**CODE COMPLIANCE**

Rod Sanchez presented the FY 2017 Proposed Budget for the Development Services Department totaling \$46.7 Million. He provided an overview of the FY 2013 Code Improvement Plan which included the following goals: 1) Achieve quicker compliance; 2) Increase Proactive Efforts; 3) Increase staff accountability; 4) Improve Customer Service; and 5) Targeted Enforcement. He highlighted Performance Measures within Code Enforcement noting that they had decreased their response times to Tier 1 Complaints to 1.5 days and Tier 2 Complaints to 1.9 days. He mentioned additional improvements such as the implementation of the Neighborhood Code Enforcement Task Force; Outreach and Education; Increased Weekend Enforcement; and Updated Property Maintenance Code (2015).

Mr. Sanchez provided an overview of additional tools for enforcement to include the implementation of the Boarding Homes Ordinance, Administrative Hearing Officer, and Used Mattress Ordinance. He spoke of Illegal Dumping Enforcement and Cameras noting that they had utilized cameras in the past for graffiti and illegal dumping which had not been effective. He reported that they would be implementing new cameras and hiring additional staff to monitor and investigate. He spoke to the Absentee Property Owner Registration Ordinance and mentioned that over 1,000 properties had been identified with 39% registered.

Mayor Taylor asked of the partnership with Keep San Antonio Beautiful. Mr. Sanchez stated that they work with Keep San Antonio Beautiful on graffiti abatement efforts. Mayor Taylor spoke of her recent visit to Charlotte, North Carolina and mentioned how clean the city was. She asked if there any improvements in the budget related to the Absentee Property Owner Registration Program. Mr. Sanchez responded that they did not have any improvements related to same but they were working with the neighborhoods to get feedback on how the Ordinance was working. Mayor Taylor asked of assistance to Elderly Individuals or those without the means to pay for Code Violations. Mr. Sanchez mentioned a Compliance Assistance Fund that is available to assist in those types of situations.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the 45-day Compliance Rate on Code Enforcement. Mr. Sanchez replied that they responded that the 45 days includes notice and an opportunity to correct violations. Councilmember Viagran asked of the potential to utilize cameras in streetlights. Erik Walsh stated that there was new technology that they would discuss during the Smart Cities Budget Presentation. Councilmember Viagran thanked the Code Officers for the work that they do on the job and on their off time. She asked of the possibility to increase fines for repeat offenders. Mike Shannon replied that the fines increase for subsequent violations but there are maximum penalties defined by the State.

Councilmember Krier thanked Mr. Sanchez for the many improvements that have been made within the Development Services Department. He asked of the issue of bandit signs. Mr. Sanchez stated that they pick up 125,000 bandit signs per year and have about 20 Municipal Court cases pending. Councilmember Krier asked if staff picks up Political Signs. Mr. Sanchez replied that they do not pick up Political Signs at this time but are looking at doing so in the future. Councilmember Krier asked of the small fine assessed for people that store large machinery on their property. Mr. Sanchez replied that there were very few cases in which that occurred and would have to be creative on getting the property owners to comply.

Councilmember Warrick requested a list of community partnerships for citizens that need assistance with cutting grass or cleaning trash and asked of the 3-1-1 Phone Application. Mr. Sanchez replied that they would work with Government and Public Affairs to advertise the application as well as communicate with neighborhood leaders.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke to the issue of illegal dumping and asked of the education regarding free dump sites in the city. Mr. Sanchez stated that they would work with the Solid Waste Management to perform outreach to the community with regard to the free dump sites. Councilmember Saldaña commended Paula Stallcup for the weekly reports provided to the City Council.

Councilmember Gallagher thanked Development Services Staff for attending Neighborhood Association Meetings. He stated that he looked forward to the Sign Code Update noting that there had been some innovative ideas proposed. He asked that staff look at the potential to re-implement the Neighborhood Sweeps Program which had been very successful.

Councilmember Nirenberg spoke of the need to be more proactive with regard to bandit signs. He expressed concern with Landlords that purchase homes and rent them out but do not maintain the property or watch over the activities occurring.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of the great work of Code Compliance Staff noting their proactive efforts in the District. She asked of the potential for the City of San Antonio to purchase a camera and have a Neighborhood Association monitor it with regard to illegal dumping. Mr. Sanchez replied that they could explore that option.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Xavier Urrutia presented the Parks and Recreation Proposed Budget for FY 2017 totaling \$98 Million. He highlighted park enhancements which include 7 new positions for Park Acquisition & Development and the Linear Greenway Program. He reported that \$65,000 was included for Mobile Fit SA while \$42,700 in efficiencies were identified. He stated that funding for Environmental Sustainability was included for Community Gardens, Municipal Golf Association of San Antonio, and the CPS Energy Green Shade Program. He spoke of the Deferred Maintenance that would be addressed at various Park Facilities through the General Fund and the Building and Equipment Services Department Capital Improvements Fund. He provided an overview of Revenue Enhancements noting that the Admission Fee would be increased at the Botanical Garden from \$10 to \$12 for Adults and from \$7 to \$9 for Children. Lastly, he highlighted FY 2017 Initiatives to include the Park Strategic System Plan, Brackenridge Master Plan, and Connectivity to Neighborhoods.

Mayor Taylor asked that staff keep her informed of the integration between the Park Strategic System Plan and SA Tomorrow. She asked of the education components of the Summer Program. Mr. Urrutia stated that over the last few years, they had incorporated four enrichment components into the Summer Program: 1) Art, 2) Science, 3) Math, and 4) Fitness. He noted that they hire trained instructors in those disciplines at their various Summer Camps. He mentioned that they are also the largest participant in the SA Reads Summer Reading Program. Mayor Taylor stated that it was critical to maximize resources and ensure that they relate to other goals in the community.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the park safety improvements being implemented. Mr. Urrutia replied that improvements such as cameras and call boxes have become part of the budget for all Trails and Parks. Councilmember Nirenberg asked who monitors illegal dumping on the trails. Mr. Urrutia replied that their Trail Stewards are trained to monitor and report when they identify illegal dumping or homeless encampments. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of additional personnel for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. Mr. Urrutia stated that they have added 2 staff members and are working with the Edwards Aquifer Authority as well as utilizing new technology such as drones.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the foundations and conservancies. Mr. Urrutia stated that they were all different in scope and noted that the Parks Foundation provides activities and events on behalf of the city. He mentioned that the Botanical Center has focused on raising capital and is now transitioning into providing programming. Councilmember Warrick asked of Community Gardens Funds. Mr. Urrutia replied that the program was funded by the Green Space Alliance and they partner with Neighborhood Associations to ensure the projects are followed through. Councilmember Warrick asked of the \$750,000

that would be allocated to the Municipal Golf Association. Mr. Urrutia stated that the funds would be used to purchase and plant trees, as well as install irrigation systems, at the San Pedro and Riverside Driving Ranges. He noted that the funding would not be used for Administration. Councilmember Warrick requested a list of Community Gardens and Deferred Maintenance Projects for District 2.

Councilmember Medina asked of the Parks Reservation System and if other departments could utilize the technology. Mr. Urrutia replied that it was limited to Parks Services at this time but could be utilized by other departments in the future. Maria Villagomez mentioned other technology such as a card for Seniors utilizing services at Senior Centers that will help identify the days of attendance and participation in activities and programs as well as meals. Councilmember Medina asked of the potential to add properties for golf courses throughout the city. Mr. Urrutia stated that he had some initial conversations with Jim Roschek, President of Alamo Golf Trails and would work on analysis and recommendations.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased with the environmental sustainability of Mission Del Lago Golf Course and highlighted the Green Line, a 43-acre Urban Linear Park on the Brooks City Base Campus. Councilmember Viagran expressed support for the security enhancements at City Parks to include lighting and call boxes at all Linear Parks. She asked of the maintenance for Hemisfair Park. Mr. Urrutia replied that \$700,000 was included in last year's budget for maintenance of Yanaguana in Hemisfair Park. He noted that the FY 2017 Budget included funds to maintain some areas of the Convention Center that have been demolished. Councilmember Viagran asked of the number of staff and the responsibilities for staffing the Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation (HPARC). Mrs. Sculley noted that \$1.7 Million was funded via the General Fund.

Councilmember Krier clarified the \$1.7 Million allocated for HPARC. Ms. Lori Houston stated that the goal was for them to be self-supporting by 2021. Councilmember Krier asked who would cover operational expenses if they were unable to secure private funds. Mrs. Sculley replied that they had performed an analysis and felt that they could operate with less city staff and funds if necessary. Councilmember Krier thanked staff for their work on the Steubing Ranch Project and stated that he is already getting requests from their area residents for parking and trails. He noted the Mays YMCA Park that the city claims as a city park but requires a membership. He asked staff to make it clear that there is a fee for membership and not open to the general public.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she utilizes HPARC and travels along the West Side Creeks daily and sees Trail Stewards regularly. She also mentioned a pocket park where she utilized the water fountain that was extremely clean. She stated that she was grateful for the

continued success of the parks and how they are utilized.

Councilmember Viagran requested a B Session on HPARC due to the fact that she had other questions.

Councilmember Treviño asked of the Brackenridge Master Plan. Mr. Urrutia replied that they had removed two of the five strategies recommended due to community concerns. He stated that they were creating some events centered on the Master Plan and would utilize an interactive and hand-on approach. Councilmember Treviño thanked the Parks Foundation for their work and support of City Parks.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

### **WORLD HERITAGE**

Colleen Swain presented the World Heritage Office FY 2017 Proposed Budget. She stated that their mission was to promote the World Heritage Designation and Implement and Manage the Work Plan. She highlighted FY 2016 Accomplishments to include hosting over 40 Stakeholder Meetings and conducting a Signage Inventory. She reported a total budget of \$4.2 Million which includes \$2.8 Million for Capital Projects. She noted Proposed Budget Enhancements for FY 2017 such as Wayfinding, Trail Beautification, Land Use, and Zoning Changes. She mentioned that \$250,000 was allocated for Business Development Funding to support the preservation of legacy businesses. She noted that they would add one new position to support the World Heritage Director and re-organize 2 positions from the Center City Development Office. She added that they recommended moving the operation and management of the Spanish Governor's Palace and Mission Marquee Plaza to the World Heritage Office.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the Cultural Mapping Efforts. Ms. Swain replied that they utilized the collection of photographs for banners and that the information could possibly be used for a future exhibit. Mayor Taylor asked staff not to lose sight of that as it was important to keep people connected through sharing their stories.

Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone for their work on World Heritage. She stated that San Antonio was leading the way with regard to World Heritage throughout the United States and expressed support for the enhancements to the World Heritage Office.

Councilmember Krier spoke of the importance of Wayfinding for World Heritage and stated that he felt they were on the right track. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

**TRICENTENNIAL**

Edward Benavides presented the Tricentennial FY 2017 Proposed Budget totaling \$1.8 Million funded by the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. For FY 2017, he recommended that three Temporary Positions be added. He outlined the proposed enhancements including \$325,000 for Education & History; \$350,000 for Commemorative Week; and \$300,000 for Marketing & Branding. He reported In-Kind Support totaling \$5.5 Million within the Public Art Master Plan for Tricentennial Branded Public Art and \$250,000 for Centro de Artes Building Improvements for a Visitor & Information Center.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she was pleased with the work thus far. She encouraged everyone to think of the effort as an investment into San Antonio's Future. She spoke of the economic development benefits that would occur during the year-long celebration and stated that she was supportive of the recommendations.

Councilmember Medina thanked staff for their work and asked of the coordination with the Military Community. Mr. Benavides replied that they were engaging with the Military Community through Joint Base San Antonio.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that he was pleased with the planning and activities occurring and that it was important to ensure that they had the necessary resources to make this a successful celebration. He requested an additional briefing on the Tricentennial Office.

Councilmember Krier asked of the \$5.5 Million for Tricentennial Branded Public Art. Mr. Benavides replied that it was part of the existing Public Art Budget consisting of 1% from the Bond Program. He noted that it had not been designed and that they were pleased to leverage the funds for Tricentennial Art Projects. Councilmember Krier asked that they look at the allocation of expenditures and the potential to use Local Artists. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

**ARTS AGENCY FUNDING**

Debbie Racca-Sittre presented the Department of Arts & Culture FY 2017 Proposed Budget totaling \$10.8 Million. She highlighted their work to include Arts Marketing, Arts Activation, Art Installations, and Art Funding. She spoke of the Art Agency Funding Timeline and noted that contracts would be approved by the City Council through Budget Adoption on September 15, 2016. She reported that they recommended funding for 51 Art Organizations and that no agency allocations would be lower than their FY 2016 Level.

She stated that City Funding provides accessibility to the Arts and builds an Art Culture. She indicated that this year, they would work to increase ticket sales, support efforts in applying for grants, and implement a Mentoring Program.

Mayor Taylor stated that she was very supportive of improving and streamlining their efforts on Arts and Culture.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he was pleased with the new name of the department and with efforts to build an Art Culture. He noted that they made a big impact with a small investment and asked of their investment in Film. Mrs. Racca-Sittre stated that the Film Community had developed a plan that includes incentives and improving the workforce. She noted that they would continue to work on the Film Strategic Plan. Councilmember Treviño thanked the department for their involvement in Centro de Artes and noted the importance of Public Art.

Councilmember Viagran also thanked the staff for the name change and stated that when they travelled to Spain; there was public art everywhere. She asked of funding for the Symphony. Mrs. Sculley stated that they had hired a Fundraiser to raise Private Sector Funds and develop a Strategic Plan for the Symphony. Mrs. Racca-Sittre added that they recommended City Funding in the amount of \$614,000. Councilmember Viagran spoke of the need for exceptional service standards at museums and stated that staff at reception desks should be bilingual.

Councilmember Medina asked of the potential for funding a Music Office and how it could be funded. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that they were working with Community Groups and the Music Industry looking at the same model as they used for Film. Councilmember Medina noted a Hip Hop Music Event that will be coming to San Antonio and stated that they would need to have resources available so that they feel supported. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

### **CONVENTION & SPORTS FACILITIES**

Mike Sawaya presented the Convention & Sports Facilities (CSF) FY 2017 Proposed Budget totaling \$43.7 Million. He stated that they would implement Facilities Improvements at the Convention Center and Alamodome, as well as Develop CSF Facility Parking Solutions. He indicated that they would pursue Revenue Enhancements through CONCACAF Soccer and the Big 12 Championship. Additionally, they will implement a Sponsorship Sales Program for Alamodome Naming Rights and develop a Local Marketing Plan for Catering Sales. He spoke of their work on the Visit San Antonio Management Agreement and added that they would advocate for preservation of the Events Trust Fund.



Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked if the Local Event Trust Fund was perceived to be at risk. Mr. Sawaya stated that it was always discussed during the State Legislative Session but there was a Statewide Coalition engaged to protect it.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if the Alamodome was prepared for the Army versus Notre Dame Football Game. Mr. Sawaya replied that the East and West Concourse would be under construction but the North and South Plazas would be utilized. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the Alamodome Naming Rights. Mr. Sawaya stated that they felt very strongly about going the market with the naming rights and that the City Council would have to approve the recommendation.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the management agreement with Visit San Antonio. Mrs. Sculley stated that it would be implemented after adoption of the Budget and would include monitoring standards and performance criteria.

Councilmember Krier noted the compensation for the Alamo Bowl Executive Director and the nominal rental rate they paid. Mr. Sawaya noted that he, Casandra Matej and Carlos Contreras serve on their Board of Directors and their Executive Committee was looking at Compensation and potential investment in the Alamodome. Councilmember Krier asked if the Alamodome Renovations would include improving Information Technology (IT). Mr. Sawaya replied that IT Improvements were not included in the scope. He noted that they were currently performing a Comprehensive Study to address same. Councilmember Krier spoke of the relationship with UTSA Football and asked of efforts to increase attendance. Mr. Sawaya replied that they had met with Dr. Romo and Lynn Hickey and they were supportive of the improvements that were recommended. He noted that they would limit increases to ticket prices and parking as much as possible and utilize the Events Trust Fund for eligible items. Mrs. Sculley added that they highly valued the relationship with UTSA and mentioned that the Alamodome was used 200 days per year for various events.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the bandwidth necessary to accommodate specific events. Mr. Sawaya replied that it was brought in as needed for specific events.

Councilmember Treviño stated that hosting the UTSA Football Games had a great impact on the Alamodome. He mentioned boxing events that had gotten more popular and asked of recruiting these types of events. Mr. Sawaya mentioned that boxing events were difficult to accommodate due to the limited dates available at the Alamodome and the amount of time needed to convert the facility. However, he stated that they were open to recruiting boxing events due to their popularity.

Councilmember Medina spoke of the importance of supporting UTSA and asked of the Naming Rights options at the Alamodome. Mr. Sawaya replied that there were several Naming Rights Opportunities and they would pursue those options. Councilmember Medina asked of attracting live music to the Alamodome. Mr. Sawaya stated that they recruited them when possible but there was a great amount of competition to include the Tobin and Majestic Theatre.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of Major League Soccer. Mr. Sawaya stated that they had a great partner with the Spurs Organization and were continuing to pursue same.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the Total Concessions Revenue at the Alamodome and for UTSA Games. Mr. Sawaya replied that Total Concession Revenue was \$8 Million per year but did not have the information for UTSA Games. He stated that he would provide that information to the City Council.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation. She noted that due to the lack of time; the Aviation Budget Presentation would be rescheduled.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was not held.

- 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).

### **RECESSED**

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 5:55 pm.

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:05 pm and addressed Item 2.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 2:

2. Public Hearings on the City's 2016 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the FY 2017 Proposed Budget and the FY 2017 Proposed Budget. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; John Woodruff, Director, Management & Budget]

Mayor Taylor opened the first combined 2016 Tax Rate and FY 2017 Budget Public Hearing.

Maria Villagomez presented an overview of the FY 2017 Proposed Budget totaling \$2.5 Billion. She stated that the General Fund totaled \$1.14 Million with 65.9% being allocated to Police and Fire. She reported that the FY 2017 Proposed Budget would not increase the City Property Tax Rate which would remain at 55.827 per \$100 valuation. She noted that the City Property Tax Rate had not been increased in the last 24 years and had been reduced 4 times in the past 10 years. She stated that \$42 Million was forgone in property taxes due to Senior and Disabled Homestead Exemptions.

Mayor Taylor called upon Ms. Amber Garza to speak.

Ms. Amber Garza stated that she understood that the Convention and Visitors Bureau was funded by the Hotel Occupancy Tax but expressed concern with the \$22.5 Billion that was spent on the Convention Center. She noted that more funds should be spent to help residents find jobs and to grow programs.

Mayor Taylor announced that the Second Combined Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, 105 Main Plaza. She stated that the City Council will vote on the City of San Antonio Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2016 at its meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, which will begin at 9:00 am and will be held in the City Council Chamber, 105 Main Plaza. Having heard all comments from those citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the first Combined 2016 Tax Rate and FY 2017 Budget Public Hearing.

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 3:

3. Public Hearing for Delegate Agencies funded through the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Consolidated Funding Process for Human and Workforce Development Services. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Mayor Taylor opened the first Delegate Agencies Public Hearing for those Agencies whose names begin with A through M.

A Representative of the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center highlighted their program to provide Hospital Accompaniment and Hotline Follow Up Services.

A Representative from the Alamo Public Telecommunications Council (KLRN) expressed concern that they were not recommended for funding. She stated that they had always achieved and surpassed their goals and spoke of their work with young children before they enter school.

A Representative of the American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions recommended full funding for their Rights of Passage and San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign. Mr. Greg Marshall stated that he worked for the agency but was a previous client. He noted that they wanted to focus on working with Teen Fathers.

Marcella Schuler, Prescription Assistance Program Director for Any Baby Can spoke of their Prescription Assistance and Case Management Services.

The Director of Program Services for Avance San Antonio stated that they were making a difference in the lives of parents and their children. She stated that parents learned the importance of being their child's first and most important teacher.

Carol Colbert stated that she was a client of the Beat AIDS Coalition Trust and was appreciative for the love and support she has received from the agency.

Lisa Ginn, Executive Director of the Bexar County Family Justice Center stated that they were a coalition of agencies dedicated to serve victims of Domestic Violence. She noted the many services they offered to participants to include counseling, job readiness, and housing assistance.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas, Inc. (BBBS) was represented by Denise, an employee of BBBS; Eric, a Little Brother who has been matched in the program; Russell, a

previous participant who is now teaching at South San ISD; and Carmella, who is waiting to be matched. They spoke of the many lives that BBBS has changed and noted the great return on investment.

Dr. Kellen Kee McIntyre, Executive Director of Bihl Haus Arts spoke of the Go Arts Program, a Creative Arts Program for Seniors. She stated that they serve 300 Seniors per week and that the classes were very successful.

Angie Mock, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio spoke of their work with youth in the community. She noted that they focused on academic success, building good character, and teaching them about living a healthy lifestyle.

Janie Cook, Executive Director of Boys Town Texas, Inc. requested support for their Common Sense Parenting Program. Mr. Acevedo stated that he was a participant of the program and it helped him be a better parent.

A Representative of Catholic Charities spoke of their services to include an After School Program on the West Side, Adult Education Classes, and helping Homeless Individuals.

Richard Cook representing Child Advocates of San Antonio (CASA) spoke of their work to recruit, train, and support community volunteers that assist abused and neglected children of Bexar County.

The Director of Programs for Child Safe stated that they were the only Children's Advocacy Center in San Antonio. He noted that they work as a conduit between Law Enforcement, District Attorney's Office, and Child Protective Services to ensure that cases are operated jointly.

Daniel Ortiz, Chair of the Board of Directors of Christian Senior Services thanked city staff for the recommendation to fund the Senior Companion Program. He stated that the program connects Mobile Seniors in the community to a Homebound Senior to provide respite to exhausted caregivers.

A Representative of Chrysalis Ministries spoke of their services to families that have been impacted by incarceration. He highlighted three programs to include Ministry to those Incarcerated, Children's Program, and a Welcome Home Re-Entry Program.

Kelly Hughes Burton, Executive Director of City Year spoke of their work in struggling schools to help children that have fallen behind due to chronic absenteeism.

Jessica Weaver representing Communities in Schools stated that their mission was to surround students with support empowering them to stay in school. She noted that the support received from the city has helped them maintain and expand their services to students most at risk of dropping out of school.

Robbie Floyd, Interim Director of Dress for Success stated that they provided more than clothing to their participants and were good stewards of the money they received from the city.

Carolyn Heath, Executive Director of Each One Teach One spoke of their Adult Family and Literacy Program. She stated that they sought to improve the literacy levels of San Antonio's Adult Population through one-on-one tutoring and customized curriculum.

Anthony Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer of the Ella Austin Community Center thanked the city for the proposed funding for their Youth Program. Leticia, Chief Operations Officer stated that their goals were to provide enrichment opportunities in a positive climate using restorative discipline procedures. Steven, Director of the Youth Programs highlighted the After School and Summer Youth Development Programs.

Tammi Woodard, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Family Endeavors thanked staff for the recommendation for funding two programs to assist Homeless Veterans at Prospects Courtyard and Mothers with Mental Health Issues.

Nancy Hard of Family Services Association brought two participants of programs they offer. She noted that they served individuals and families through difficult transitions leading to sustainable, healthy, and productive lives.

A Representative of Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. spoke of their work with the Battered Women and Children's Shelter. He invited the City Council to visit the Center and gain a better understanding of how the funds are utilized.

Angie Salinas, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas, Three Girl Scouts, and a Troop Leader addressed the City Council and spoke of their community service efforts. They thanked the City Council for their commitment to youth in San Antonio.

Anna Sanchez, Grants and Contracts Manager for the Good Samaritan Center of San Antonio stated that they had helped thousands of residents overcome poverty by investing in At-Risk College, Career, and Senior Services Programs.

A Representative of Goodwill Industries stated that they served over 25,000 individuals

through various services to include Career Services, Case Management, Support Services, and Workforce Development.

Ramon McClure representing JOVEN, Inc. spoke of their mission to develop character and resiliency in children by providing innovative programs and structured alternative activities to help them succeed.

Madeline, an Educator at the Martinez Street Women's Center, stated that they operated an After School Program on the East Side primarily serving girls between the ages of 9 and 14. She noted that the program provides enrichment opportunities for girls to develop themselves and gain skills, knowledge and confidence to make informed life choices.

Mayor Taylor announced that the Second Delegate Agency Public Hearing for those Agencies whose names begin with N through Z will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, beginning at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, 105 Main Plaza. Having heard all comments from those citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the Delegate Agency Public Hearing for those Agencies whose names begin with A through M.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Taylor called the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the facilities operating without proper permits throughout the city. He noted that it was a public health hazard.

Denise Hernandez spoke in opposition to the San Antonio Police Officers Association (SAPOA) Contract due to the lack of transparency and accountability.

Sarah Donaldson also spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability. She stated that her husband had been subjected to police brutality and felt something should be done.

Arturo Trejo stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Southwest Workers Union in opposition to the SAPOA Contract.

Ananda Tomas stated that she represented the Texas Organizing Project in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. She expressed concern with the lack of accountability and noted that Police Officers were not above the law.

Kamala Platt also spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. She referenced the negative experience that she had with San Antonio Police Officers.

Kenneth Kelly addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. He expressed concern with the Evergreen Clause and stated that the contract should be more fair.

Gianna Rendon, Susana Segura, and Mike Sanchez representing the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. Ms. Rendon expressed concern with police brutality that has been occurring throughout the city. Ms. Segura added that she was concerned with the cost of the contract that would consume a great amount of the General Fund.

Deborah Bush stated that Marquise Jones was her nephew and had been killed by a San Antonio Police Officer. She noted her opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability.

Zechariah Gonzales addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. He expressed concern with the lack of transparency and accountability.

Emily New asked the City Council to vote against the SAPOA Contract.

Rick Garza spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability. He expressed concern with the death of Marquise Jones and the Police Officers that were protected.

Elizabeth Elmore addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. She stated that although she wanted them to be paid well and receive good benefits; she wanted them to be held accountable for their actions.

Jessica Butterworth also spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability.

Alice Canestaro-Garcia stated that she was opposed to the SAPOA Contract and gave her remaining time to Zechariah Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales expressed concern with the use of force by San Antonio Police Officers.

Alicia Nance addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. She stated that she had been a victim of police brutality and would like for Police Officers to be held more accountable.

Sandra Kearns stated that she was a member of Mothers of Black Boys United (MOBB) and



opposed to the SAPOA Contract.

Mario Salas spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of Police Reforms included. He asked that there be more accountability and mentioned various recommendations of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) that were not implemented.

Mike Lowe stated that he was opposed to the SAPOA Contract and spoke of the many injustices that have occurred throughout the city. He noted that many individuals were killed by Police Officers and stated that he would never stop demanding that Police Officers be held accountable for their actions.

Johnathan-David Jones addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. He expressed concern with the statements and actions of Police Union Representatives.

Vaughn Fontenette spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability. He expressed concern with the many deaths that have occurred at the hands of Police Officers.

DeCarri Robinson addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract. She read a list of names of individuals that have been killed by Police Officers.

Irasema Cavazos expressed opposition to the SAPOA Contract and asked why Police Officers were not held accountable for their actions.

Araceli Herrera spoke against the SAPOA Contract noting concerns with Police Brutality and lack of accountability.

Aaron Alexander stated that he was opposed to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability.

William B. Johnson addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract and stated that transparency and accountability should not be negotiable. He spoke of his experience on the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission and stated that he was familiar with how Uniform Employees operate.

Dennis Gay stated that he was opposed to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability.

Alejandra Cantu stated that she was also opposed to the SAPOA Contract. She requested

that Police Officers receive ongoing training and support and work with the community they serve.

Lyndsy Gholson spoke against the SAPOA Contract noting the lack of accountability.

Leandre Foster stated that he was also opposed to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of accountability.

Dee Villarrubia spoke of the many individuals that had been killed by Police Officers and stated that she was opposed to the SAPOA Contract.

Rhett Smith spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract noting concerns with the violation of Civil Rights by Police Officers.

Jessica O. Guerrero addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract noting the need for more accountability.

Michael Murphy stated that he was opposed to the SAPOA Contract noting concerns that the behavior of bad Police Officers is covered up.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that Jail Suicide Prevention must be updated and noted the staffing shortage at the Bexar County Jail. He wrote that soccer was good for the Alamo City and that there should be a Regional Water District in Bexar County. He highlighted the success of the SAWS Low-Flow Toilet Program.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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