

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016  
1:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Major General Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military Affairs</i> ; Edward Gonzales, <i>Assistant Director, Department of Human Services</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>IGR</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Tom Downs, <i>Venable (via teleconference)</i> ; Lara Keel, <i>Texas Lobby Group (via teleconference)</i> ; Brandon Aghamalian, <i>Focused Advocacy (via teleconference)</i> ; Curt Seidlits, <i>Focused Advocacy (via teleconference)</i>

**Item 1. Approval of minutes from the March 8, May 16, and August 16, 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee Meeting.**

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes for the March 8, May 16, and August 16, 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee Meetings. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

**Item 3. State Legislative Update [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]**

**a) Timeline on pre-legislative session activities.**

Mr. Jeff Coyle provided an update of the 85<sup>th</sup> State Legislature Pre-Legislative Session Activities. He reported that the City's Legislative Appropriations Request was \$75 million from the General Land Office Funding. He stated that the funds would be used for continued state investment in The Alamo to be leveraged with local and private funding. He added that \$30 million from Governor's Office Funding would be continued funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant, Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund, and other programs. He stated that staff would be testifying at the House Land & Resource Management Committee Hearing on September 21, 2016. He noted that staff had been meeting with State Leadership and Local Delegation Members.

Mr. Coyle stated that there had been outreach to the public and private sector partners to advocate for the Community at the next Legislative Session. He noted that they were identifying sponsors to assist in drafting Legislative Bills. He mentioned that Senator Campbell would be willing to carry the Bill that would exempt Military Bases from stormwater and drainage utility charges. He noted that they were seeking a Representative to carry the Bill that would add the Ladies Professional Golf Association to the list of eligible events under the Major Events Reimbursement Fund. He reported on upcoming events occurring prior to the start of the 85<sup>th</sup> State Legislature.

Chairman Krier asked how the \$30 million would be designated. Major General Juan Ayala responded that there were various initiatives that the funding could be directed toward. Mr. Coyle stated that the funding was intended for Port San Antonio to create opportunities for redevelopment. Chairman Krier asked if the Consortium of Military Community Mayors would be meeting in conjunction with the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference; would the Consortium of Military Community Mayors be meeting in the near future; and if the Consortium of Military Community Mayors had an opinion the allocation of \$30 million. Brandon Aghamalian added that the Consortium of Military Community Mayors had not taken a position on the intended purpose of the \$30 million. Mr. Coyle stated that the next meeting of the Consortium of Military Community Mayors would be held on September 22, 2016 in Austin, Texas. Chairman Krier suggested that the Texas Lobby Group represent the City at the 85th State Legislature Pre-Legislative Session.

Councilmember Viagran asked if the reduction in the State Budget would affect the City's Annexation and if there was any discussion concerning the NCAA extracting their Championship Event from North Carolina as a result of the State's House Bill 2. Mr. Aghamalian stated that the small reduction in the Budget would not affect the City's Annexation and Revenue Caps. He noted that the reduction could become a challenge for the City when it comes to discretionary items. He stated that there were not any present updates on the retracting of the NCAA Championship Event. Councilmember Viagran requested that staff provide information on when the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) would be addressed at City Council and for reports on Austin's TNC.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if there had been any discussion on transparency on Local Bond Elections and if there was any proposed Legislation that would affect the May 2017 Election. Mr. Coyle replied that any Legislation that was adopted would go into effect September 1, 2017 or January 1, 2018. He stated that the City's Position would be that they were in full support of transparency. He noted that the City had been awarded a Gold Seal from the Texas State Comptroller for Financial Transparency.

Councilmember Viagran asked for an update on the City's Collaborative Efforts with Bexar County regarding Mental Health and Homeless Initiatives. Edward Gonzales reported that the City would be moving forward with the County on the initiatives. He added that there were details that the City wanted to review with the Bexar County relating to who would be supplying the beds for long-term care.

Chairman Krier requested that staff place the report from Susan Combs, Texas State Comptroller, on the next agenda. He noted that the report declared that San Antonio had the highest debt per capita.

No action was required for Item 3.

## **Item 2. Federal Legislative Update [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]**

### **a) 115th Congressional Program Timeline**

### **b) Presidential Transition Update**

Tom Downs reported that Congress had reconvened voting on September 6, 2016. He highlighted the Major Legislation that would be pending to include the Defense Bill, New Manufacturing Workforce Program, Energy Bill, National Park Service (NPS) Centennial Program, Water Resources Development Act, Emergency Appropriations for Zika Virus, and Disaster Response Activities. He stated that the Defense Bill passed every year and that there had not been an Energy Bill passed in eight years. He noted that if Congress Passed a Continuing Resolution, then they would adjourn as late as September 30, 2016. He stated that IGR Staff and Consultants would plan a Federal Legislative Program Work Session in San Antonio to establish the City's 115<sup>th</sup> Congress Agenda for year 2017-2018. He added that the City would provide policy input to the Presidential Transition Team.

Chairman Krier recommended that they receive the support of COSA's 115th Congress Agenda from the City Council before the Federal Legislative Session start in January 2017. He added that the earlier staff meets with the Delegation; the greater success they would have in communicating the City's Agenda.

No action was required for Item 2.

**Item 4. Next Meeting Scheduled: October 11, 2016**

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Joe Krier, Chairman*

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*Alicia K. Beckham  
Office of the City Clerk*