

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
1:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, C ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government &amp; Public Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations</i> ; Eduardo Carrasco, <i>Sr. Intergovernmental Relations Specialist</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

Councilmember Viagran updated the Committee on the SA to DC Trip. She stated that there was commitment from Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to work with the City to add Non Stop Flights from San Antonio International Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

**Item 3. City of San Antonio's Federal Legislative Program for the 115th U.S. Congress** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Sally Basurto reported that staff had conducted an analysis, requested by Councilmember Nirenberg, on Federal Grants that the City of San Antonio had received in Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, and 2016. She stated that the analysis was conducted to ensure that the City would be prepared for any possible Grant Funding Reductions. She noted that the White House had not accepted any proposed plans for reductions to the FY-2017 and that the current budget was extended to April 28, 2017.

In response to Chairwoman Viagran, Ms. Basurto stated that the President's Proposed Budget would be expected to emerge in May 2017 or June 2017.

Councilmember Nirenberg suggested that individual departments review the list of Federal Grants and produce a summary of which Program Funding would be affected.

Chairwoman Viagran suggested that staff started having a dialogue on education and how it impacts the City and its partners.

No action was required for Item 3.

**Item 2. Amendments to the Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Eduardo Carrasco reported that Bexar County had proposed amendments to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City. He stated that Bexar County Proposed Amendments would include language to increase fees for San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) to receive criminal laboratory services through Bexar County. He noted that the Amendment would include language for Bexar County to

double its payments for a Bexar County Escort to the Mental Health Detention Center and to add a Public Defender Position at the Mental Health Detention Center. He added that the Amendment would require the City to supply new form for reporting of Hotel Occupancy Taxes to Bexar County. He mentioned that the Amendment would update verbiage under the Truancy Sections of the ILA.

Chairwoman Viagran asked of any fiscal impact the Amendments would have on the City. Jeff Coyle responded that the fiscal impact for SAPD for use of the Crime Lab in the County's Medical Examiner's Office was undetermined because the County would charge SAPD per service.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward the Amendments to the Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County to the full City Council. Chairwoman Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Item 1 was addressed at this time.

**Item 1. Update on the proposed legislation from the 85th State Legislative Session** [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Mr. Coyle updated the Committee that there had not been formal action in the 85th State Legislative Session. He stated that there were no hearings set for Revenue Cap Senate Bill (SB) 2 that was filed by Senator Paul Bettencourt, or House Bills (HB) 1144, 1146, and 1147 that Representative Sarah Davis filed. He noted that the Local Control SB 4, filed by Senator Charles Perry and Representative Charlie Gerne, had passed out of the Texas Senate State Affairs Committee with a vote of 7 to 2. He added that the City opposed Annexation HB 299 filed by Representatives Lyle Larson and Philip Cortez, because if passed; it would affect the City's local ability to annex; the tax burden that could be placed on current citizens; and the protection of the military installations.

Mr. Coyle reported that there were hearings on Alamo Funding; and that Commissioner George P. Bush had testified on behalf of The Texas General Land Office in support of the appropriation request of \$75 million to the Alamo. He stated that General Juan Ayala provided testimony in support of the Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant (DEAAG) Funding. He noted that staff was organizing local efforts to testify during the Economic Competitiveness SB 6 Hearing.

Chairwoman Viagran asked of the City partners position statement on SB 6. Mr. Coyle responded that the Hispanic Chamber and North Chamber stance was that they were opposed to Legislation that would harm the community's ability to compete economically. He stated that the Greater San Antonio Chamber did not initially include the SB 6 Language in their agenda. He noted that there was language approved at the Greater San Antonio Chamber's Legislative Committee that would make its way to the Executive Board. Chairwoman Viagran asked for staff to reach out to community partners to find out if they would be communicating their position on SB 6 at ¡Viva San Antonio! 2017.

Mr. Coyle reported that the City was in support of Representative Ina Minjarez's Transportation Bill, HB 901. He stated that the bill would increase County Vehicle Registration Fees with voter approval but not to exceed \$20.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of revenue from Local Options Vehicle Registration being a source of funding for VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) with the approval of the HB 901. Mr. Coyle responded that the bill would change the amount to \$20 in its current statute. Carlos Contreras stated that the current statute restricted revenue from Local Options Vehicle Registration being used for Public Transit.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) being a source of funding for VIA. Mr. Coyle replied that he would research the RMA's ability to fund VIA and mass transit. Councilmember Nirenberg suggested that staff have a meeting with the County on public transit if the RMA could be a funding option for VIA.

Chairwoman Viagran requested that staff gather an analysis of the impact the approval of SB 4 would have on the City's Local Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, and the Community.

No action was required for Item 1.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.

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***Rebecca Viagran, Chairwoman***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

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