

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017  
1:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, C ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle ( <i>By teleconference</i> ), <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> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

**Item 1. Approval of minutes from the December 6, 2016, Intergovernmental Relations Council Subcommittee Meeting**

Item 1 was not addressed.

**Item 2. Update on the proposed legislation from the 85th State Legislative Session [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]**

Megan Dodge provided an update on the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. She reported that the Revenue Caps, Sanctuary Cities, and Economic Competitiveness Bills passed out of the Senate.

Chairperson Krier requested an analysis between the Texas Economic Competitiveness and North Carolina Bathroom Bill that had been repealed.

Jeff Coyle noted that General Juan Ayala sent a letter to Representative (Rep.) Dan Huberty and explained the legitimacy of protecting surrounding military bases.

Ms. Dodge reported that the House and the Senate passed their budget and that the House had \$30 million in the budget for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program. She noted that the City was in support of Rep. Justin Rodriguez's Amendment to fund \$10 million into a mental health diversion pilot program in Bexar County. She added that there would be a meeting between the House and the Senate on a final budget.

In response to Chairperson Krier, Mr. Coyle stated that the Alamo had \$75 million in the House Budget and \$46 million in the Senate Budget.

Ms. Dodge reported that legislators' feedback was that the City should seek sustained funding methods. She stated that the City was working with the Texas General Land Office to develop a bill that would create an Alamo Management District. She noted that the district would surround The Alamo and added that the District would be able to receive those funds for improvements from a second bill.

Councilmember Viagran asked of more details because of the unintended implications the Alamo Management District could have on the Downtown Area.

Ms. Dodge stated that the second bill would create a Reinvestment Zone and that the Reinvestment Zone would collect two cents for every six cents received from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. She added that the revenues would be allocated to the Management District to fund projects.

Ms. Dodge reported that the new version of SB 744 was passed in the Senate and indicated that it was better than the previous version the City testified against during the hearing. She stated that Shanon Miller testified against SB 3418 because it would limit how the City would manage its Preservation Program.

Chairperson Krier asked staff to keep watch over legislation that would expropriate the Golf Course Park in Austin and transfer the ownership to the Parks Department.

Ms. Dodge reported that the City opposed SB 1408 because the Fire Chief had concerns with it allowing first responders to carry weapons while on duty. She stated that the City was in opposition to HB 3081 because it would prevent the City from having a Payday Lending Ordinance. She noted that the City testified in a hearing to support HB 2039 because it allowed teachers to receive an additional education certificate. She added that the City was in support of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 82 that would allow Municipal Bonds to continue to be tax exempt.

No action was required for Item 2.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

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***Joe Krier, Chairperson***

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