

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2017
10:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, *District 2*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Ed Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer*; David McCary, *Director, Solid Waste Department*; Melody Woosley, *Director, Department of Human Services*; Mike Shannon, *Director, Development Services Department*; Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Terry Burns, *Chair, Alamo Sierra Club*; Alan Montemayor, *Alamo Sierra Club*; Steven Duong, *AECOM*; John Esquivel, *AECOM*; Bobby Mergden, *AECOM*; Hillary Lilly, *SARA*

Call to order

Chairperson Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the October 26, 2017 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Citizens to be Heard

Chairperson Sandoval called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Alan Montemayor noted that Goodwill Industries sold items to customers which contributed to obesity.

Terry Burns encouraged Councilmembers to vote against the San Antonio Water System's rate increase.

Briefing and Possible Action on:

2. A Briefing on Resilience Definition, Current Local Resilience Efforts and a Review of Other Cities' Effort. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Douglas Melnick stated that resilience was the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience. He noted that resilience was about surviving and thriving regardless of the challenge regarding:

- Climate resilience
- Economic resilience
- Cyber resilience
- Individual resilience
- Neighborhood resilience
- Urban resilience

Mr. Melnick noted that chronic stresses were slow moving disasters which weaken the fabric of a city and can include high unemployment, mobility changes, poverty, and educational attainment challenges. He stated that acute shocks were sudden, sharp events which threaten a city including floods, heat waves, terrorist attacks, or disease outbreaks. He noted that resilience could be social, environmental, and economic in nature and could be focused in numerous areas including, but not limited to cybersecurity, emergency management, climate change, energy sector, and food security. He stated that El Paso was one of the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Program which was dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges which were a growing part of the 21st century. He provided an overview of the City of El Paso's best practices which were focused on chronic stress. He noted that as part of the implementation of the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan and City Council's Paris Climate Agreement Resolution, the Office of Sustainability coordinated with City Public Service (CPS) Energy and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) on the development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), with climate resilience as a key component. He stated that as part of the CAAP, the Office of Sustainability would conduct climate change projections, assess community and municipal sector vulnerabilities, and develop an adaptation plan to address these vulnerabilities and increase resilience. He noted that many other city departments and external agencies continue to address issues of urban resilience in areas such as flooding, extreme heat, cybersecurity, wildfire mitigation, and public health.

Councilmember Pelaez requested the performance of an objective analysis for resiliency by a third party.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke of the lack of resiliency which could be present in some areas.

Councilmember Shaw stated that it was difficult to predict response to acute shocks and spoke of the importance of communicating with the community.

Chairperson Sandoval supported the performance of an objective analysis by a third party review. She requested that staff identify other communities and their response to chronic stress and acute shocks for presentation to the committee.

No action was required for Item 2.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk