

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

1. Staff presentation and possible action on Potential Amendments to the FY 2019 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Justina Tate, Director, Management and Budget]

City Manager Sheryl Sculley stated that community input was gathered from 8,000 residents regarding budget priorities with strongest support for infrastructure and Animal Care Services. She noted that the City received an additional \$3.1 million in CPS Energy Revenues which could be utilized in the FY 2019 Budget if directed by City Council.

Councilmember Viagran requested two SAFFE Officers and three Code Officers for the southern sector. She expressed support for the Healthy Corner Store Project to address food deserts and requested funding for upgrades at Southside Lions Park.

Councilmember Saldaña requested \$180,000 to supplement the San Antonio Police

Department's Mental Health Unit and asked that St. Vincent de Paul be given \$135,000 to fund St. Vinny's Bistro at Haven for Hope. He expressed support for additional funding for the Westside Arts Coalition.

Councilmember Courage expressed support for all amendments presented to the City Council.

Councilmember Gonzales requested support for the Guadalupe-Buena Vista Bridge Maintenance Project and upgrades to Guadalupe Plaza. She asked for additional funding for the Near West Side Opportunity Zone, Business Legacy Corridor Project, House of Neighborly Services, Cesar Chavez March, Maestro Center, Westside Arts Coalition, Southside First, and South Texas Asthma Coalition's Pediatric Managing Asthma through Care Management in Homes (PMATCH) Initiative.

Councilmember Shaw expressed support for all amendments presented to the City Council and highlighted his request to establish a Vacant Lot Program and support owner-occupied construction.

Councilmember Treviño expressed support for the PMATCH Initiative and asked of raising the proposed funding amount. Mrs. Sculley replied that two-year funding options were \$495,000; \$692,000; or \$928,000. Councilmember Treviño invited Dr. Joseph Diaz to speak on the benefits of the initiative and requested the maximum proposed funding level for implementation.

Councilmember Sandoval requested the maximum funding amount for the PMATCH Initiative and expressed support for Southside First and Westside Arts Coalition.

Councilmember Viagran expressed support for Southside First.

Councilmember Brockhouse expressed support for all amendments presented to the City Council and highlighted his support for the Westside Arts Coalition, additional SAFFE Officers in the southern sector, and St. Vinny's Bistro. He requested higher pay increases for Civilian Employees in future funding cycles and highlighted reallocations in District 6 to support employment assistance for former military service members.

Councilmember Perry requested funding for an additional Drainage Project and a Homeless Outreach Coordinator for District 10.

Councilmember Courage asked how the proposed amendments would be funded. Mrs. Sculley replied that funding would come from additional CPS Energy Revenues and the Contingency Fund.

Councilmember Pelaez expressed support for all amendments presented to the City Council and highlighted a proposed Pilot Program to address panhandling in District 8. He expressed support for the PMATCH Initiative.

Councilmember Viagran expressed support for higher COLA amounts in the future.

Mayor Nirenberg expressed concern with depleting the Contingency Fund but expressed support for all amendments presented to the City Council. He highlighted support for the Westside Arts Coalition, Maestro Center, Vacant Lot Program, future COLA increases, and the PMATCH Initiative at the highest funding level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:32 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- C. Legal issues relating to the lawsuit filed by Secure San Antonios Future, Political Action Committee against the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 624 and the City of San Antonio pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Legal issues relating to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) report concerning the fire on May 18, 2017 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 6:05 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. He recognized Councilmember Courage for a Point of Personal Privilege. Councilmember Courage welcomed Boy Scout Troop 429 from District 9.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 2:

2. Second Public Hearing on the City's 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the FY 2019 Proposed Budget. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Justina Tate, Director, Management & Budget]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the second Combined FY 2019 Budget & 2018 Tax Rate Public Hearing.

María Villagómez provided an overview of the proposed FY 2019 Budget.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez stated that Public Safety allocations were too high and Code Enforcement was insufficient.

Theresa Berlanga expressed support for Drainage Projects in District 10.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the City Council would vote on the City of San Antonio Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2018 at its meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018, 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 Nirenberg declared the second Combined FY 2019 Budget & 2018 Tax Rate Public Hearing closed.

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 3:

3. Second Public Hearing for Delegate Agencies funded through the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Consolidated Funding Process for Human and Workforce Development Services. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the first Delegate Agencies Public Hearing for those Agencies whose names begin with K through Z.

Melody Woosley provided an overview of proposed Delegate Agency Funding for FY 2019.

Pamela Toman, Executive Director of Literacy San Antonio, spoke of the positive results of the SA Reads Program for local schoolchildren.

Vincent Faris, Chief Executive Officer of Meals on Wheels San Antonio, thanked the City Council for their support of the Friendly Visitor Program to assist homebound Senior Citizens.

Stephanie Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of Presa Community Center, described the positive outcomes of their Children's Programs.

Cathy Valdez, Chief Executive Officer of Project MEND, spoke of supplying refurbished medical equipment to the community. Denise Bennett, Director of Operations and Development, thanked the City Council for their continued support.

Dr. Larry Mejia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Respite Care of San Antonio, noted that his organization offered support to families with children with special needs and offered a comprehensive curriculum to support development.

Kelly Rhodes, Director of Restore Education, spoke of providing opportunities for at-risk youth and adults. A former program participant shared her positive experiences with Restore Education.

Cynthia Nelson, Chief Executive Officer of San Antonio AIDS Foundation, spoke of the struggles of those diagnosed with HIV and AIDS. She described the specialized services they provided to combat homelessness and hunger.

Adrian Lopez, Director of Community Development Initiatives for the San Antonio Housing Authority, stated that they served 65,000 individuals with housing and programming. Shay Johnson, President of the Alazan-Apache Courts Resident Council, spoke of programs to reduce student absenteeism.

Dr. Kitty Brietzke, Chief Executive Officer of San Antonio Independent Living Services, spoke of the Gateway to Abilities Program which provides case management for people with disabilities.

Navarra Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries, spoke of the services provided to the homeless population and their evidence-based approach to address root causes of homelessness.

Michelle Cammack, Vice President of Programs at Seton Home, spoke of the Pathways of Independence Program which targeted teen mothers for case management and counseling.

Barbara Ward, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Antonio, spoke of feeding the homeless through St. Vinny's Bistro. Lorris Gibson thanked the City Council for their reconsideration of funding for St. Vinny's Bistro and noted its positive impact on the homeless community.

Dr. Rosalind Harris, Executive Director of the Inspiration Center, spoke of the positive impact of the Dollars for Scholars Program for students seeking higher education.

Sandra Whitley, Executive Director of THRIVE, spoke of providing services to LGBT homeless youth and noted collaboration with other organizations to help them find success and stability. She noted that THRIVE was the only LGBT shelter in Texas.

Catherine Cisneros, Artistic Director of URBAN-15 Group, spoke of the unique offerings of the Cultivation Project for Senior Citizens and spoke of planned expansion for music and art programming.

Kathy Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer of Voices for Children of San Antonio, asked the City Council to reconsider funding for professional development opportunities to enhance child services in San Antonio.

Judith Bell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Place, described challenges for women impacted by abuse and human trafficking and spoke of the positive impact of their programs on family stability.

Sandy Morander, President and Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Greater San Antonio, thanked the City Council for their support of Delegate Agencies and associated programming to benefit the community.

Francesca Rattray, Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA, noted the importance of their programs to empower women and eliminate racism. She asked the City Council to consider reallocating funding for the Positive Youth Development Program.

Having heard all comments from the Delegate Agencies Public Hearing for those Agencies whose names begin with K through Z, Mayor Nirenberg declared the Delegate Agency Public Hearing closed.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern with permitting procedures and chemical contamination.

Paul Gescheidle presented comments in opposition to the Alamo Master Plan process and asked that the Cenotaph remain in place.

Angie Aguirre read a statement from Senator Dr. Donna Campbell and associated comments asking that the Cenotaph remain in place.

Lamar Henry spoke in opposition to the approval of the Alamo Master Plan and asked that the Cenotaph remain in place.

Keri Hillyer asked that the Alamo remained unchanged to honor Texas History.

Theresa Berlanga asked that The Alamo remain unchanged and requested that additional funding be provided for infrastructure improvements. She noted the importance of Historic Preservation.

Brandon Burkhardt asked that the Cenotaph remain in place.

Artman Bland expressed concern with drug-related activity and police conduct.

Michael Garza asked that the City Council perform more community engagement.

Matt Piña spoke of the importance of empathy in governance.

Cynthia Brehm asked that the Cenotaph remain in place.

Myfe Moore expressed opposition to the proposed Alamo Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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