

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING B - ROOM

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	<i>Mayor Ron Nirenberg</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>State Legislative Manager</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i> ; Henry Bonilla, <i>Normandy Group</i> ; Walter Serna, <i>Serna and Serna</i> ; Kathy Garcia, <i>CPS Energy</i>

1. Federal Legislative Update on Nonstop Flight to DCA [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle reported that it took an act from Congress to approve direct flights into Reagan National Airport or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to extend direct flight perimeters 250 miles out to include San Antonio. He stated that there were a particular number of slots approved for nonstop flights per day into the Airport. He noted that San Diego and San Antonio were the only two large Airport Hubs that could not fly nonstop into Reagan National Airport. He added that the Virginia Maryland Delegation and United Airlines indicated that additional traffic into Reagan National Airport would lose their investments into Washington Dulles International Airport.

Mr. Coyle stated that San Antonio proposed an Amendment to allow airlines the choice to take an existing route from a market that had multiple slots flying into Reagan National Airport and offer a slot to a market outside the FAA Perimeters that had a major military installation. He noted that Chairperson Rey Saldaña attended the House Committee to support the San Antonio Amendment. He added that the Machine Workers International Association opposed the Amendment stating that the Amendment would hurt employment and that pensions were at risk.

Mr. Coyle stated that United and American Airlines spent a combined \$4 million in the first quarter on lobby representation. He noted that Representative (Rep.) Henry Cuellar and Rep. Will Hurd suggested to Mayor Nirenberg that they pull the Amendment for a House vote. He added that misinformed data was distributed by the opposition and had successfully confirmed votes against the Amendment.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Amendment had made it through the House and would go before the Senate. He noted that Chairperson John Thune wanted the FAA Reauthorization Bill considered before they recessed on July 4, 2018 and sent to the President before they recessed in August 2018.

Councilmember Viagran asked if United and American Airlines Employees would be at risk of losing their jobs because of the Amendments. Mr. Coyle replied that the Employees would not lose their jobs

because the Amendment allowed airlines the choice to take an existing route from a market that had multiple slots flying into Reagan National Airport.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he was disappointed with the misinformation that the Airlines provided to the House and the Senate.

No action was required for Item 1.

2. State Legislative Update [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]
(a) Interim Session Update from CPS Energy [Kathy Garcia, CPS Energy]

Kathy Garcia provided an overview of CPS Energy (CPS) Interim Charges. She reported that there were over 300 Charges issued and that they were tracking 30 of these. She stated that they partner with the City to engage in areas of importance to the San Antonio Community. She noted that the Business and Commerce Committee and State Affairs Committee had jurisdiction over energy related issues. She added that the Committees examine the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Market and the Retail Electric System.

Chairperson Saldaña entered the meeting at this time.

Ms. Garcia stated that CPS had participated on a Municipally Owned Utility Panel. She noted that CPS had testified during the Veterans Affairs Committee on ways to partner with the military community and Border Security; and the Business and Commerce Committee on post Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery.

Councilmember Perry asked of the ERCOT Reserve Margins. Ms. Garcia stated that ERCOT Reserve Margins Goals were set at 13.7% and that it was 11% to date. Councilmember Perry requested data comparing CPS to other utility markets.

In response to Councilmember Peláez, Ms. Garcia stated that CPS was the largest electric and natural gas Municipally Owned Utility Company in Texas.

Megan Dodge provided a briefing on the House Committee Interim Charges. She reported that the City opposed changes to the revenue cap. She stated that the City was able to secure annexation authority around military bases. She stated that the City sought to have the authority to create local ordinances to reflect what was needed in the community and that the City strived for funding for The Alamo. She added that the City advocated for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant.

Ms. Dodge stated that the City had partnered with local organizations to support or oppose matters that concerned the community. She noted that the Government & Public Affairs Department was collaborating with other City Departments to identify any Senate Committee Interim Charges that they would recommend the City advocate for. She added that staff would be working with the City Council to create a legislative agenda for the 2019 Legislative Session and would be speaking with local delegates to discuss the City's Legislative Priorities. She mentioned that staff would present a draft to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee in August. She stated that staff would provide a briefing to the full City Council in August 2018 and seek approval in September 2018.

Councilmember Courage asked staff to provide a list of the topics that the City and local organizations have created to support or oppose matters that were related to the City.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. 2020 Census Overview [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Item 3 was not addressed.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña, Chairperson

Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk