

**INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018
3:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

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| Members Present: | Councilmember Manny Peláez, Chair, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Committee Member Will Garrett, <i>Citizen</i> Committee Member DeAnne Cuellar, <i>Citizen</i> |
| Members Absent: | Committee Member Dirk Elmendorf, <i>Citizen</i> |
| Staff Present: | Maria Villagómez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Craig Hopkins, <i>Chief Information Officer of Information Technology Services Department</i> ; Brian Dillard, <i>Interim Chief of Innovation</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; Roger Gonzalez, <i>Office of the City Manager</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> |
| Others Present: | <i>None</i> |

1. Approval of the October 23, 2018 Innovation and Technology Committee meeting.

Councilmember Roberto Treviño moved to approve the Minutes for the October 23, 2018 Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting. Committee Member Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Viagran entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing and possible action on responses to the Request for Information on testing autonomous vehicles in San Antonio. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt stated that the Transportation & Capital Improvements Department coordinated with the Innovation and Information Technology Services Departments on the development of the Request for Information (RFI) on autonomous vehicles in July 2018. He noted that there were five-levels of automation. He mentioned that the benefits to autonomous vehicles included reduced driver error and safety, reduced congestion and emissions, mobility as service, and first-mile last-mile. He highlighted the concerns of autonomous vehicle technology to include uncertain regulations, cost and time of adoption, liability of AV Systems, sprawl, and congestion.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that Texas Senate Bill 2205 allowed the operation of automated motor vehicles on Texas roads with restrictions. He noted that there were nine respondents for the RFI for Pilot Program Locations. He mentioned that the goal of the Pilot Program was to gain an understanding of automated vehicle services currently in the marketplace and the functionality of the vehicles.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the following RFI Pilot Programs included:

- Innovation Zones
- City Employee Shuttle
- City Fleet Integration
- Military Base Shuttle
- USDOT Designated Proving Ground

Committee member Garrett asked if the Military Base Shuttle would be a viable location due to military security and missions. Mr. Reinhardt stated that Joint Base San Antonio was interested in the collaborating with the City when funding became available for the Innovation Zone.

Chairperson Peláez suggested that staff communicate with Brigadier General Laura L. Lenderman of JBSA to forge a partnership to create and provide convenience to JBSA.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and possible action on Innovation Zones community input. [Brian Dillard, Interim Chief Innovation Officer]

Brian Dillard stated that the City of San Antonio launched a Smart City Program (SmartSA) and that the vision was to build a connected, inclusive, and resilient community that supported a high quality of life. He provided background information on the Innovative Zones and noted that would serve as pilot areas for SmartSA Partners to test various Smart City Technologies in a defined geographic area. He added that there were three Innovation Zones: 1) Brooks, 2) Downtown, and 3) Medical Center.

Mr. Dillard stated that a component to the Innovation Zones was community feedback to address community challenges. He noted that there were 3,400 surveys completed. He added that the input from surveys reflected the demographics of the City. He stated that pedestrian safety, parking, and traffic congestion was a challenge inside the Innovation Zones.

Mr. Dillard highlighted next steps which include a focus on access services, mobility, and sustainability. He stated that a Vendor Summit would be held in January 2019.

Committee Member Cuellar suggested that staff engage with seniors 60 years or older for community feedback.

Chairperson Peláez requested a list of vendors that were invited to the Summit.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing and possible action on digital inclusion and municipal broadband. [Craig Hopkins, Chief Information Officer]

Craig Hopkins stated that the mission of the CivTechSA Program was to connect students, companies, and the tech community with the City to solve community challenges and grow

civically-minded tech-talent. He noted that the Program was a partnership between the Innovation Office and Geekdom. He added that the Program centered on working with entrepreneurs and students to find impactful solutions to current civic challenges and to actively grow the startup and technology ecosystems in San Antonio.

Mr. Hopkins presented a video regarding the CivTechSA Program Partnerships with other organizations. He stated that a total of 13 civic challenges were addressed during the first year of the program. He noted that CivTechSA engaged 250 participants and 10 City Departments, and formed partnerships with 15 local schools, universities, entrepreneur-focused programs and other organizations. He added that the goal of the Program's first year was to build foundational excitement and engagement.

Mr. Hopkins stated that CivTechSA sought to connect and develop students, entrepreneurs and the tech community through implementation in 2018. He noted that the goals of the Program were to expand the City's capacity for innovation, develop customized technology solutions to community challenges, and create tech civically-minded business leaders.

Councilmember Gonzales suggested that the Program begin with youth as young as 5-years old.

Councilmember Viagran requested that staff provided demonstrations of the implementation for the public and the full City Council.

No action was required for Item 4.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Manny Peláez , Chairman

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