

**State of Texas  
County of Bexar  
City of San Antonio**



**DRAFT  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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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 a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

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

Item 2 was addressed first.

2. Briefing and possible action regarding the City’ “3 Plus 9”, the City’s FY 2019 Budget status for the first three months, updated estimates for revenues and expenditures for the remaining nine months, and the recommended FY 2020 Budget Calendar. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Justina Tate, Budget Director]

Justina Tate presented the FY 2019 Three Plus Nine Financial Report. She stated that the FY 2019 City Budget totaled \$2.8 billion; \$1.26 billion of that amount being the General Fund. She reported that the Year End Projection for the General Fund was \$2.3 million in additional revenue; \$800,000 in less expense; and provided an overview of the Property Tax, Sales Tax, and CPS Energy Revenues. She outlined the Restricted Funds that include Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT), Development Services Fund, and Solid Waste Fund. She

highlighted the 1st Quarter Budget Initiatives regarding the Street Maintenance Program, Sidewalk Program, Affordable Housing, and Youth Re-Engagement Center. She presented a Budget Calendar for FY 2020 in which the Budget will be adopted on September 12, 2019. Lastly, she spoke of the Property Tax Revenue Cap noting that a 1% reduction in the revenue cap equates to \$68 million in lost revenue over five years. She added that staff recommended reserving a better ending balance for the FY 2020 Budget due to uncertainty in the State Budget.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. Mrs. Tate replied that it was scheduled to be presented on April 17, 2019.

Councilmember Viagran asked if there was an impact due to the Federal Government Shutdown. Mrs. Tate replied that there was not. Councilmember Viagran asked of the funding for sidewalks. Razi Hosseini stated that \$48 million was allocated in Bond Funds over the next five years for all Districts with the exception of Districts 8 and 10. Councilmember Viagran requested an analysis of the impact of a 2.5% Revenue Cap on School Districts, Bexar County, and University Health Systems.

Councilmember Courage asked of the revenue received from CPS Energy. Ben Gorzell replied that it was up to 14% of gross revenues and varied due to exemptions for certain entities. Councilmember Courage stated that he would like to have additional discussions regarding the CPS Energy and SAWS payments to the City of San Antonio.

Councilmember Hall expressed support for reserving the better ending balance for the FY 2020 Budget.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

1. Briefing on the Public Safety Radio System Project. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager]

Craig Hopkins presented a briefing on the Public Safety Radio System Project. He stated that the current Radio System was implemented in 2004 in coordination with Bexar County. He noted that CPS Energy implemented their system in 2002 at the Braunig and Calaveras Power Plants but support would end in 2018. He spoke of the benefits of a Regional System that include: 1) Enhanced coverage; 2) Interoperability; 3) Efficiencies; 4) Safety; and 5) Lower cost to the public. He reported that the Interlocal Agreement would be executed among the following entities and ownership contribution: City of San Antonio (56%), Bexar County (22%), and CPS Energy (22%). He provided an overview of the timeline noting that it would take 42 months for completion. He outlined the infrastructure and capital costs

totaling \$80.7 million and preliminary change orders. He noted that next steps would include approval by the City Council on March 7, 2019.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if the change order was within the range agreed to by the three parties. Mr. Hopkins replied that they were continuing negotiations and agreed to a not-to-exceed amount.

Councilmember Viagran asked how the change orders would be funded. Mr. Hopkins replied that funding was allocated in the Capital Budget. Councilmember Viagran requested a more detailed discussion regarding change orders.

Councilmember Perry asked if Bexar County was on board. Mr. Hopkins replied that they were in support of the agreement. Councilmember Perry asked of San Antonio Water Systems. Mr. Gorzell replied that they were linked into CPS Energy's System and they were providing an in-kind contribution by allowing the installation of antennas on their infrastructure. Councilmember Perry requested a cost breakdown for all entities. He expressed concern with the amount of the change orders.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked everyone for the presentation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:27 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 related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Litigation matters involving the City, pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- E. Legal issues relating to City policy concerning political activity and City resources pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

### **RECONVENED**

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval reconvened the meeting at 5:36 pm and announced that no official action was taken in Executive Session.

### **CEREMONIALS**

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval presented a Citation to Dante Jones for creating R.O.L.L. Models, a mentoring program that teaches kids important life lessons while getting them outside to bike and skate. It was noted that the R.O.L.L. (Respect, Obedience, Love, and Leadership) Models Program, through a partnership with the San Antonio Housing Authority and other community members, teaches youth different life skills and lessons while they are participating in activities that involve rolling.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval recognized the winners of the 4th Annual SA Tomorrow Sustainability Awards. It was noted that the awards honor local programs, projects and building structures that promote sustainability and engagement with San Antonio Residents within their surroundings. Each category supports the goals of the SA Tomorrow Plan in the areas of Energy; Food Systems; Green Buildings and Infrastructure; Land Use and Transportation; Natural Resources; Public Health; and Solid Waste Resources.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Benjamin Welchman expressed concern with environmental issues and asked the City Council to take action to reduce coal usage.

Charlotte Welchman expressed concern with permitting and zoning practices.

Carlos Rodriguez asked the City Council to take action to reduce carbon emissions more quickly.

Joseph Powell asked the City Council to shut down coal plants and spoke in support of expanding contracting opportunities to African-American Owned Businesses.

Jonathan Castro, Lexis Ratto, and Kelly O'Kane spoke on behalf of Ignition Green and the Chief Science Officer Program in support of climate initiatives.

Antonio Padron expressed concern with pollution in San Antonio and asked the City Council to take more aggressive climate action.

Briauna Barrera expressed concern with climate change and asked the City Council to take more aggressive climate action.

Steven Lane asked the City Council to pursue innovative solutions to climate change.

Justin Lecea asked the City Council to take more aggressive climate action and share related data.

Elizabeth Montgomery spoke of the negative health impacts of climate change.

Dr. Meredith McGuire expressed support for rapid climate action.

Adriana Castro noted the importance of climate justice.

Alex Birnel expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and spoke of the financial impact of climate change.

Nery Chavez expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and requested an accelerated timeline.

Justice Lovin expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and requested an accelerated timeline.

Katherine Jones expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Gregory Harman expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Ben Pelayo expressed support for sustainable transportation options and a green economy.

Shawn Garner expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and requested an accelerated timeline.

Joan Cunningham expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and suggested organizational cooperation to enhance the effects.

Austin Dolan expressed support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and requested an accelerated timeline.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC