

**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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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 a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 8 - Treviño, Hall, Saldaña, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 3 - Mayor Nirenberg, Viagran, and Brockhouse

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Viagran was attending the Women in the World Summit, Councilmember Brockhouse was ill, and Mayor Nirenberg was in Austin at the State Legislature. In the absence of Mayor Nirenberg, Mayor Pro Tem Hall presided over the meeting.

1. Briefing by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District on the development of its new strategic plan for fiscal year 2020 - 2023 [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Interim Assistant City Manager; Jennifer Herriot, Interim Director, Health]

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that 25 major health issues for Bexar County were presented and Bexar County Residents were surveyed and narrowed the number down to 10. She noted that over 4,000 responses were received from Bexar County Residents of which 74% were female. She stated that the process for communicating information and gathering input

began last year during Budget Events sponsored by SA Speakup. She noted that an interactive survey board was displayed at all SA Speakup events and attendees received three stickers to place on the board indicating their top three major health issues. She stated that electronic surveys via numerous social media platforms, websites, local media outlets, partner organizations, and Universities were distributed. She noted that paper surveys were distributed via community organizations and Metro Health Programs.

Dr. Bridger reported that the following 10 major health issues were identified: 1) Access to health services; 2) Aging Issues; 3) Dental Health; 4) Diabetes; 5) Drug and Alcohol Abuse; 6) Housing Issues; 7) Mental Health; 8) Nutrition; 9) Traumatic childhood events; and 10) Violence. She noted that staff went through a process to narrow the 10 major health issues to four by creating fact sheets for said issues and creating a health impact index for each. She stated that said index enabled the objective prioritization of the issues objectively by various stakeholders in the community to include Health Advisors, and subject matter experts on said issues. She stated that four priority health issues were identified by the group and included: 1) Access to care; 2) Adverse childhood experiences/trauma informed care; 3) Nutrition; and 4) Violence.

Jennifer Herriott stated that in mid-February, all Metro Health Staff were provided an opportunity to participate in a survey to assist in determining the top two to three focus areas for each of the top four health priorities. She noted that 150 responses were received and four work groups were formed which were comprised of subject matter experts within Metro Health. She stated that meetings were initiated with key stakeholders and more meetings were scheduled. She noted that an initial listening session was held in March 2019 and additional community input opportunities were being planned. She stated that the first focus area under access to care was preventing depression and anxiety and three potential strategies were identified regarding pregnant and postpartum mothers, teens, and adults. She noted that the second focus area under access to care was ensuring friendly immigrant services. She stated that the following were focus areas for adverse childhood experiences/trauma informed care: 1) Increasing community awareness; 2) Ensuring healthy teen relationships; and 3) Ensuring parent support systems. She noted that the focus areas for nutrition were: 1) Childhood nutrition; 2) Access to affordable healthy food and beverages; and 3) Community nutrition standards. She stated that the following were focus areas for violence: 1) Prevent child abuse; 2) Prevent domestic violence; and 3) Reduce gun violence. She noted that staff have been developing community outreach plans to include a community listening session, and outreach via social media, radio, health fairs, focus groups, and one-on-one conversations. She stated that feedback would continue to be gathered from key stakeholders, health community, and other city employees. She noted that staff would develop proposed strategies and budgets for discussion with Councilmembers before the Budget Goal Setting Sessions begin.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall expressed support for treating violence as a health issue.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the Health Department would be responsible for implementing the strategies. Ms. Herriott replied that the Health Department would focus on the strategies for the next four years. She noted that funding for said strategies must be identified.

Councilmember Courage noted that three of the four priority health issues have mental health components.

Councilmember Treviño spoke of heat impacts to health. Dr. Bridger stated that health was a core pillar of everything that is done in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was not held. Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced that the Executive Session would be held the following day after the Business Portion of the Regular City Council Meeting. He recessed the meeting at 2:54 pm and announced that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for Citizens to be Heard.

- 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 related to opioid manufacturers, distributors, and promoters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Settlement offer in a lawsuit styled Roseanne Rocha v. City of San Antonio pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Hall reconvened the meeting at 6:02 pm and addressed Citizens to be Heard.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of the New Tax Abuse Laws in connection to religion. He expressed concern with the abuse occurring in Catholic and Southern Baptist Churches.

Brian Hughes played a video of atmospheric levels of CO2 from 1979 to today and noted that the level of CO2 in the atmosphere keeps increasing.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the storage of hazardous materials and businesses operating without the proper permits.

John Bachman stated that he has been speaking about spaying/neutering animals for 15 years and noted that San Antonio needs 100,000 spays/neuters per year over 3 years to achieve net zero population growth.

Roger Fisher stated that he was a resident of District 10 and expressed concern that sidewalks were not wide enough for wheelchairs. He asked for assistance from the City Council.

RECESSED

Mayor Pro Tem Hall recessed the Executive Session portion of the meeting to the following day. There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hall recessed the meeting at 6:20 pm.

APPROVED

ART A. HALL
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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