

**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 17, 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 the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 10 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Hall, Viagran, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 1 - Saldaña

City Clerk Vacek announced that Councilmember Saldaña would not be in attendance.

1. Pre-K 4 SA program overview and briefing on the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2020 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as adopted by the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors on April 9, 2019. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA]

Sarah Baray stated that Pre-K 4 SA was a workforce development initiative designed to change San Antonio’s education and workforce trajectory in one generation. She noted that Pre-K 4 SA was conceptualized by the Brain Power Task Force which was appointed by Mayor Castro in 2011. She stated that the Task Force studied educational interventions which could be utilized to improve the City’s education trajectory and selected early

childhood education as their focus. She noted that in 2012, voters approved the call for investment in early childhood education and an 11-member Board of Directors was appointed for Pre-K 4 SA. She stated that Pre-K 4 SA was funded by a raise in the sales tax of one eighth of a cent. She noted that between 2012 and 2016; four centers were opened, professional learning had begun, and the first competitive grant was received. She stated that the last two years were spent refining and systematizing the program and staff was assisting other programs to implement the quality processes and educational structures that have been developed.

Mrs. Baray stated that the City Council appoints the Board of Directors and the City Manager provides oversight of Pre-K 4 SA. She noted that the Board of Directors developed five big promises which would guide the program and assist in development of the Budget. She stated that said promises were fulfilled through the following four components of the program: 1) Education Centers; 2) Family engagement and outreach; 3) Professional learning; and 4) Competitive grants. She noted that a program was recently launched with Edgewood Independent School District to develop a model Pre-K through second grade program and said program would replicate the practices learned at Pre-K 4 SA. She stated that this was accomplished by leveraging Senate Bill 1882 which incentivizes School Districts to partner with programs which have a track record of success. She noted that a study conducted by the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) found that children attending Pre-K 4 SA had: 1) Better attendance, resulting in 7 weeks more instruction; 2) Better third grade math scores, exceeding the State average score by 16.9%; and 3) Better third grade reading scores, increasing the share of economically disadvantaged students who met or exceeded the State average score by 12.3%.

Mrs. Baray reported that School Districts spent approximately \$8,500 per student on full day Pre-K; Pre-K 4 SA spent approximately \$11,500 per student; and high quality programs in School Districts spent approximately \$13,500 per student. She reviewed the Budget assumptions and the eight year financial forecast, and noted that the Board of Directors had approved the Budget last week. She noted that the Budget would be brought before the full City Council for consideration on May 2, 2019. She stated that projected revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 was \$47.6 million and the projected expenditures for FY 2020 were \$47.6 million.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the City had met its goal of influencing the overall ecosystem of early childhood education. He spoke of the disparity among School Districts in the number of training hours utilized and asked how equity could be built into that. Dr. Baray replied that some School Districts provide their own training which is not reflected in the data and the number of training hours was related to the size of the School District and the number of Educators they have. She stated that the number of training hours were related to the initiatives underway in the School District and where they were in terms of implementation.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the process for selecting grant recipients. Dr. Baray stated that the process begins with the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) and pre-proposal sessions are held. She noted that a selection committee reviews the proposals at multiple levels and once the highest scoring proposals and the grant awardees were identified; staff works with them to define their project.

Councilmember Perry asked why the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget was estimated. Dr. Baray replied that Pre-K 4 SA's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th which was different from the City's Budget.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for an example of a School District high quality program. Dr. Baray stated that the Carroll Early Childhood Education Center was a good example of a high quality program in a School District.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was not held. Mayor Nirenberg announced that it would be held the following day after the Business Portion of the Regular City Council Meeting. Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 3:26 pm and announced that the meeting would resume at 5:30 pm for Ceremonials.

- 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).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm and addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the Centro San Antonio Ambassadors who presented their 2019 Fiesta Medal to the Mayor and City Council. He noted that the Ambassadors help accommodate the growing residential population through their efforts in the Public Improvement District to position Downtown as a premier convention and visitor's destination.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 71st Annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade that will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019. It was noted that this year's theme is "Reflections of Music Past," and serving as Grand Marshal would be Chubby Checker. It was also noted that the Flambeau is one of the premier events of Fiesta and has been called America's largest illuminated night parade.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Conservation Society who will host its Fiesta Event, "A Night in Old San Antonio" (NIOA) April 23-26, 2019. It was noted that the four-night festival is held in the La Villita National Historic District and celebrates San Antonio's diverse cultural heritage. It was also noted that what began as a handful of Society Ladies serving food and drink from river barges has grown into the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the nation and truly lives up to its motto as a "Celebration for Preservation."

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of Nisan 14 that would occur at sunset on Friday to celebrate the Messiah. He noted that the end of time was here.

Beth Guinn expressed concern with the City Council vote on Chick-Fil-A and stated that it was a Title 7 issue; not an LGBTQ issue.

Antonio Diaz requested a partnership with VIA to expand free rides to the polls during Early Voting.

Gabriel Mansbach stated that he was a Riverwalk Vendor and expressed concern with the illegal vending that continues to occur and affects his business. He requested assistance from the City Council.

Kermit Maass spoke of the challenges he has faced after returning from service in Vietnam. He expressed concern with city funds being used to assist illegal immigrants.

Bo Carrington expressed concern with the airport concessions contract, noting that he was speaking as a small business owner that contracts with governments. He noted that the business arguments made for Chick-Fil-A did not add up.

RECESSED-EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the Executive Session portion of the meeting. There being no further discussion, he recessed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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