

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



**DRAFT
Meeting Minutes
City Council Special Meeting**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, May 9, 2019

1:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in a Special Meeting 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: 9 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Hall, Viagran, Gonzales, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

ABSENT: 2 - Saldaña, and Brockhouse

1. Briefing by CPS Energy on the 2019 summer outlook, utility readiness, and an overview of the customer education and awareness campaigns. [Paula Gold-Williams, CPS Energy President and CEO]

Paula Gold-Williams reported that City Public Service (CPS) Energy had been meeting with environmental stakeholders for over four years and currently met every quarter. She stated that a panel discussion was held on February 27, 2019 on Coal and Climate and Councilmember Courage had welcomed the panelists. She mentioned that CPS Energy was partnering with Electrify America and encouraged partnerships to include more infrastructure or charging stations. She provided highlights of the City of the Future Conference held on February 25-26, 2019 and stated that said conference boasted 400 attendees and featured

local experts and leaders, national and international experts in mobility, and provided civic and community engagement and inclusive design. She spoke of the New Energy Economy (NEE) and noted that on April 24, 2019; GreenStar hosted officials from Sonora, Mexico to a contract signing of a historic multi-dimensional \$766 million project in San Antonio.

Mrs. Gold-Williams stated that CPS Energy hosted a meeting of the Innovation and Technology Council Committee where an overview of the University of the Incarnate Word University and CPS Energy partnership on the advancement and use of drone technology was provided. She mentioned that approximately one year ago; CPS Energy purchased a large van which was utilized as support for the community. She noted that the new Sprinter Vehicle was equipped with an external television to conduct information-sharing with groups of residents, a customer service support station to assist customers, external outlets and USB connection ability, and free public wi-fi. She noted that CPS Energy Team Members often visit schools to promote safety and CPS Energy had a Literacy Program where Team Members would assist students in learning. She stated that People First Community Fairs continue and offered to bring a People First Community Fair to individual City Council Districts. She spoke of the progress of the building of the new headquarters and offered tours to the City Council. She stated that once the building was completed; the current headquarters would be available for sale. She indicated that the sale of the current headquarters and other properties across town would partially mitigate the cost of the new building.

Mrs. Gold-Williams reported that CPS Energy was reinstituting live chat opportunities with customers in which Executives and Managers were available to answer questions submitted online. She noted that Environment Texas released their 2019 Shining Cities Report which ranked San Antonio 1st in Texas and 7th in the nation for solar energy capacity. She stated that CPS Energy has been designated as a 2019 Environmental Champion for the third year in a row and residential customers rated CPS Energy exceptionally on 2018 survey questions which focused on brand trust, service satisfaction, and product experience. She stated that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy (SARA) was estimating a peak demand increase of 1.9% or 1,380 megawatts (MW) versus summer of 2018 and noted that a strong reserve margin was maintained to meet the needs of the community. She mentioned that the seasonal weather forecast did not include abnormal heat or drought expectations and forecast departures from normal were lower than experienced in the summer of Calendar Year (CY) 2018. She reviewed the CPS Energy summer readiness work and spoke of the new Five Megawatt Community Solar Project, energy storage units, and solar system. She noted that the Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan (STEP) has delivered 711 megawatts without debt or major capital spending for 13 years and reviewed customer benefits of said plan.

Councilmember Courage asked of the life span of the two coal burning plants utilized by

CPS Energy. Mrs. Gold-Williams replied that the life span of the newest coal burning plant had the capacity to perform past 2040 and the older coal burning plant had the capacity to perform until 2030.

Mayor Nirenberg excused himself from the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Hall presided.

Councilmember Perry asked of the use of nuclear power by CPS Energy. Mrs. Gold-Williams stated that nuclear power was not as competitive as gas which required a lower investment and because gas was so reliable and affordable; it was chosen over nuclear power.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of results of the use of the “smart sniffer.” Mrs. Gold-Williams replied that the “smart sniffer” had a high degree of accuracy to pinpoint leaks and if there was a leak; it could help determine how big it was and if there were other leaks in the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall thanked Mrs. Gold-Williams for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:33 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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