

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019
1:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>Sr. Management Analyst of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	None

1. Update on the 86th Texas Legislative Session [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle stated that the Revenue Caps Senate Bill (SB) 2 had been voted out of the Senate Committee and that House Bill (HB) 2 would be heard in the House Ways and Means Committee. He noted that the proposed property tax rate for SB 2 and HB 2 was 2.5%. He added that Mayor Nirenberg had sent a letter to Governor Greg Abbott that the City was willing to collectively identify a resolution to the proposed property tax rate.

In response to Chairperson Saldaña, Mr. Coyle stated that the Revenue Caps Senate Bill would apply to government entities that had more than \$15 million total in property and sales tax levies.

Councilmember Perry requested a copy of the letter that Mayor Nirenberg sent to Governor Abbott and suggested that all legislative matters be presented to the Committee.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Public School Finance Budget Bill HB 1 and SB 1 was \$7 million for each bill, but that staff was unaware of its funding sources.

Councilmember Perry asked what the expected tax relief would be for the property owner.

Mr. Coyle stated that Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio were supportive of the Prima Facia Bill because it would allow Texas' four major cities to lower speed limits by default to 25 miles per hour if not otherwise posted. He noted that the Paid Sick Leave SB 15 would preempt cities from having any regulations or restrictions related to leave benefits and that the Paid Sick Leave SB 15 was a low numbered bill, which suggested high priority by the Senate.

Chairperson Saldaña suggested the City defend the Paid Sick Leave Ordinance and that the City's position should be against the Paid Sick Leave SB 15. Councilmember Viagran suggested that staff discuss the Paid Sick Leave SB 15 at a B Session City Council Meeting.

Mr. Coyle reported that the Alamo HB 1836 was filed this week and that it prohibited a city from moving historical monuments and required a unanimous vote of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, House Speaker, and Land Commissioner. He stated that the City would make their \$50 million Budget Request

for the Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant to the Chair of the Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives.

No action was required for Item 1.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña, Chairperson

Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk