

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
1:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>Chair, District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle (teleconference), <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Frederick P. Garcia Jr., <i>Municipal Court Clerk</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Carl Wedige, <i>Deputy Fire Chief of Administrative Services</i> ; Mario Martinez, <i>Assistant Director of Environmental Health & Safety Division</i> , Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	None

Briefing Items:

1. Update on proposed legislation for the 86th State Legislative Session
[Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government & Public Affairs*]

Jeff Coyle provided an overview of the proposed legislation for the 86th State Legislative Session. He stated that there were 19 days officially remaining in the State Legislative Session and that the deadline for proposed Bills to have passed the Full House was May 9, 2019 at midnight. In defining “Full Amendment Watch,” he referred to what was called the “Amendment Season.” He described the phase of the legislative process as the most stressful and the very first wave of Bills dying on the House Floor. He explained to the Committee that during the Amendment Season relevant Bills could be amended to include the language of Bills that died on the House Floor.

Mr. Coyle provided information on the Revenue Caps Bill, stating that the proposed legislation had passed both Chambers at 3.5% and sited that there were differences between House and Senate versions of the Bill. With regard to the differences between versions, he noted that the Senate had refused to concur with the House; he stated that the Bill would be forwarded to Conference Committee in an effort to resolve party differences. He defined the Conference Committee process as the formation of a Committee comprised of five members from the House and five from the Senate for the sole purpose of resolving chamber differences regarding the referred legislation.

Mr. Coyle provided an overview of the School Finance Bill; he stated that the House of Representatives secured full funding of their proposed legislation, whereas the Senate had not, signifying the Bill would be referred to a Conference Committee. In response to Councilmember Viagran, Mr. Coyle sited the several Conference Committee Members and their corresponding cities.

Mr. Coyle referenced the Cable Franchise Fee Bill, stating that the proposed legislation would allow Cable Companies and Telecom Companies to pay only one of two fees levied to companies providing cable and telephone service. He noted that Spectrum Cable reported an \$11 Billion profit in the first

quarter and added that the proposed legislation does not require companies to return any profit back to the customer. He also cited a national report that cable bills are rising. In response to Chairman Saldana, Mr. Coyle spoke stated that he would meet with the Council Committee after the meeting to provide update on possible delegation votes regarding this legislation. Chairman Saldaña spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Coyle provided details pertaining to the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Regulations Bill, stating that the City of San Antonio (COSA) submitted 3 versions of amendment language to protect military buffer zones. He stated that a group from Joint Base San Antonio, the Chamber of Commerce, and himself provided testimony at the State Capital regarding the importance of preserving those sensitive areas surrounding military bases. He noted that the Bill Sponsor accepted the amendment language from both COSA and SAWS and provided a substitute Bill addressing virtually all of their concerns. He added that if the proposed language amendments remain in place, the Bill will no longer be a concern.

Mr. Coyle reported that the Super Pre-emptive Bill, of which was being monitored with some concern, never made it out of the Calendars Committee and is effectively considered dead at this point. He provided a final overview on the following: Religious Beliefs Bill directly affecting the Chik fil-A decision is scheduled for calendar on May 9th but mostly likely will not happen. The Bite Sticks Bill regarding Code Enforcement Officers looks good and is scheduled for what is the equivalent of “consent agenda”; the Transportation Funding Bill 3258 is all but dead and has very little chance in the Senate; and that the Vehicle Registration Fee Bill did not make the calendar and is officially dead.

Consideration of items for future meetings:

Next Meeting Scheduled for – May 15, 2019

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña, Chair

*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*