

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>Chair, District 8</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Ed Guzman, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Chief of Police</i> ; Maj. Gen. Juan Ayala, <i>Director, Office of Military and Veterans Affairs</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Tim Woliver, <i>Assistant to the Director, Office of Military and Veterans Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director, Government & Public Affairs</i>
Others Present:	Snapper Carr, <i>Focused Advocacy, LLC</i> ; Alan Montemayor, <i>Sierra Club</i> ; Greg Harmon, <i>Sierra Club</i> ; Annalise Peace, <i>Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance</i> ; Julia Carrillo, <i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>

Call to Order

Chairman Peláez called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Montemayor expressed support for the Pipeline Resolution to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Greg Harmon expressed support for the Pipeline Resolution to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Annalise Peace expressed support for the Pipeline Resolution to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

3. Briefing and Possible Action on a Resolution to Protect the Edwards Aquifer from the Potential Negative Impacts of Oil and Gas Pipelines. [Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government and Public Affairs*]

Jeff Coyle stated that Enterprise Products Partners, LP was in the process of expanding its Midland, Texas to Houston, Texas network through the construction of a 30-inch crude oil pipeline. He stated that the initial route of the pipeline indicated that it would likely cross over the Edwards Aquifer's contributing, recharge, and artesian zones. He noted that the company issued a press release on October 4, 2019 indicating that the pipeline would avoid the Edwards Aquifer. He stated that subsequently, the Mayor's Office requested that a Resolution be brought forward to protect the Edwards Aquifer from the potential negative impacts of oil and gas pipelines. He noted that the Resolution would be brought before the Committee and then to City Council. He stated that the Government and Public Affairs Department conducted outreach to local and statewide oil and gas stakeholders, including:

- Edwards Aquifer Authority
- Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- City of Austin
- CPS Energy
- NuStar Energy
- Texas Pipeline Association
- Texas Railroad Commission
- South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable (STEER)
- Texas Oil and Gas Association

Councilmember Cabello Havrda entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Coyle noted that the Texas Railroad Commission had regulatory authority over the Oil and Gas Industry which was limited to safety and rate regulation. He stated that no approval was required by the State for construction or routing of a pipeline. He noted that the Oil and Gas Industry has stated that pipelines were the safest, most reliable, and efficient means of transporting natural gas, crude, and refined petroleum products and the State mandated a Pipeline Integrity Management Program which exceeds Federal standards. He noted that the Oil and Gas Industry utilized advanced technology and techniques to safeguard the public, and prevent property damage while minimizing environmental impact. He reviewed the best practices of the Texas Pipeline Association. He stated that the Resolution would oppose oil or gas pipelines with the potential to impact groundwater of the Edwards Aquifer. He noted that the Resolution called for staff to study legislative and legal avenues to protect landowners, landowners' property rights, and communities from the potential negative impact of oil and gas pipelines including:

- Create a regulatory process for pipeline routing which enables affected landowners and communities to provide input on the routing process, similar to the practice followed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding the routing of electric transmission lines
- Require environmental and economic impact studies for intrastate pipelines, including the participation of local government entities, and making the studies available for review by the public
- Require governmental oversight over eminent domain delegated to private companies and/or rescinding the unlimited power of eminent domain delegated to private companies

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if the City had a regulatory role on oil and gas pipelines. Mr. Coyle replied that the City did not have a regulatory role on oil and gas pipelines. Councilmember

Rocha Garcia asked who would pay for the environmental and economic impact studies. Mr. Coyle replied that the companies would pay for the studies.

Councilmember Viagran requested that the Resolution be discussed with the Bexar County Legislative Delegation before its consideration by the City Council.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed support for conducting environmental and economic studies. She asked if the Texas Railroad Commission had regulations for oil and gas pipelines which differed depending on the route. Mr. Coyle replied that the regulations did not differ regardless of the route but the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) had the authority to regulate activities with potential to pollute the Edwards Aquifer with the exception of activities related to the exploration, development, and production of oil, gas, and geothermal resources.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if there was an area of the Edwards Aquifer which was especially vulnerable. Julia Carrillo replied that the recharge zone was an area that was especially vulnerable.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to refer this to a subcommittee for further review and involve all delegation and impacted stakeholders in the process. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. Chairman Peláez made a friendly amendment for staff to make the Resolution more flexible. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 was addressed at this time.

2. Briefing on the October 2019 Washington, D.C. Advocacy Visit. [Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government and Public Affairs*]

Sally Basurto stated that Chairman Peláez and Councilmember Sandoval led a delegation to Washington, D.C. on October 21-24, 2019. She noted that the delegation attended the following agency meetings:

- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Health & Human Services Department (HHS)
- U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (DOD)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

She stated that the delegation met with Congressman Cuellar and Congressman Castro and with Congressional Staff for Congressman Doggett and Congressman Hurd. She noted that the issues focused on during the visit included:

- Domestic violence prevention funding
- BUILD Grant submission for the redevelopment of the Robert Thompson Center (\$25 million)
- Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
- F-16 fighter squadrons at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)
- Migrant Resource Center

Ms. Basurto presented the Domestic Violence Prevention Funding FY 2020 Grants forecast for the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, and the State Criminal Justice Division. She stated that on October 24, 2019, staff provided a policy update to the Domestic Violence Commission and shared the details of the DOJ and HHS Agency meetings in Washington, D.C. and also shared the Federal consultant's memo on domestic violence funding opportunities. She noted that staff communicated regularly with Congressional Grant Coordinators to identify opportunities as they become available. She stated that staff have access to the E-Civis Grants Locator software and communicate regularly with the State Justice Programs Administrator. She noted that staff shared the Domestic Violence Comprehensive Plan with HHS and the Congressional Delegation. She stated that staff would hold a technical assistance call with HHS regarding their recommendations for San Antonio and an open records request had been submitted to the DOJ for successful VAWA Grant proposals. She noted that VIA submitted a \$25 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant application to redevelop the Robert Thompson Transit Center into a daily station with mixed-use development. She stated that VIA was not selected for an award and would request a grant debriefing from DOT. She noted that the Government and Public Affairs Department would coordinate with the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department to identify possible projects for the next BUILD Grant cycle. She stated that the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorized the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) which would provide local governments funding for off-base community infrastructure projects which support mission readiness and resilience. She noted that DCIP has not been funded but GPA has shared information with the DOD on the JBSA projects which were ready for execution should DCIP funds become available. She stated that the DOD identified JBSA as a candidate for basing an F-16 Permanent Formal Training Unit and a congressional support letter would be submitted. She noted that the City submitted \$540,543 in reimbursement requests for expenses associated with the Migrant Resource Center and the Emergency Food and Shelter Board (EFSP) approved \$280,201 of that for reimbursement. She stated that Congressman Cuellar organized a call with EFSP on October 29, 2019 and additional reimbursement information would be submitted to EFSP. She noted that EFSP would hold a listening session in San Antonio on November 19, 2019.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she would partner with TCI to review an east-west connector south of Loop 410 as a possible project to be submitted for the BUILD Grant during the next cycle.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked what would be considered a demonstration project. Mr. Coyle replied that funded demonstration projects would focus on expanding capacity to prevent future domestic violence by addressing the needs of children exposed to family violence.

Chairman Peláez stated that HHS and DOJ recommended that staff and Federal, State, and local partners meet with them to discuss domestic violence and highlight why San Antonio was the best place to invest. He noted that HHS and DOJ recommended that partners promote enforcement of all laws available to the U.S. Attorney such as continued possession of weapons following a charge for domestic violence. He asked if successful applications were requested for all unsuccessful applications made by the City. Carlos Contreras that successful applications would be requested for all grants submitted in the past two years.

4. A Briefing and Possible Action on Renewal of Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Twelve School Districts within its Boundaries.

Michael Shannon stated that the purpose of the ILA was to streamline the development permitting and construction activities related to the various local school districts, and to further define procedures, processes, and fee structures in order to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and completeness of project review in a cost effective manner. He noted that the ILA was approved in 2009 and expired on July 31, 2019. He presented the 12 school districts in San Antonio which were participating and stated that eight meetings with the school districts have been held. He stated that the following key items to be included in the ILA were developed or refined through those eight meetings:

1. Changes to tree preservation and landscaping requirements
2. Clarifies drainage studies and changes to FILO fees
3. DSD maintains School District Project Team
4. Work together from master planning through construction
5. Coordination with TCI on street cuts
6. Utilize 35% threshold to upgrade sidewalks
7. Change to maximum parking spaces by campus type
8. Use of previous adopted codes (by one cycle) for school bonds
9. District participation for traffic control devices
10. Equal funding for After School Challenge Program
11. Districts provide facilities for polling and community meetings
12. Expedited procedures for portable classrooms

Councilmember Cabello Havrda exited the meeting at this time.

Mr. Shannon stated that the ILA was an excellent partnership with schools and City departments and streamlined the development and permitting processes. He noted that the ILA would assist in ensuring that schools open on time at the beginning of each school year. He stated that staff recommended that the ILA be brought before the City Council in January 2020.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that the ILA would ensure that the effects of projects on the watershed were known in advance.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked of the number of parking spaces for elementary, middle, and high schools. Mr. Shannon replied that elementary schools had a maximum of 275 parking spaces; middle schools had a maximum of 400 parking spaces; and high schools had a maximum of 1,275 parking spaces. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked of the use of restrooms at polling sites located at schools. Mr. Shannon stated that he would provide information on that.

Chairman Peláez asked if the City could partner with school districts to provide information on domestic violence. Mr. Shannon replied that it could.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to recommend and forward the renewal of the ILA with the twelve school districts within its boundaries.

Councilmember Sandoval requested that the ILA be brought back before the Committee after revisions were made. Councilmember Rocha withdrew the motion and moved to reconsider renewal of the proposed ILA with the twelve school districts within its boundaries to include revisions by the Committee prior to City Council consideration. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Manny Peláez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Denice F. Trevino
Office of the City Clerk