

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



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
114 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, April 10, 2014

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. The City Clerk took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

Present: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

Mrs. Vacek announced that Mayor Castro was on City Business and would not be present. Mayor Pro Tem Medina presided over the meeting.

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Kelly Nix, Alamo City Apostolic Church, guest of Councilmember Ray Lopez, District 6.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Medina led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the February 12 - 13, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes of the February 12-13, 2014 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Lopez recognized Campus Leaders and Students from the Health Careers High School and read a Proclamation in recognition of the Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) Conference held in San Antonio two weeks ago. Principal Linda Burk thanked Councilmember Lopez for the recognition and stated that there were over 2,600 attendees at the Conference. She commended everyone that helped make the Conference a success.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 25 and 28 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Bernal moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

2014-04-10-0222

4. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$488,000.00: (A) Intervet, Inc. d/b/a Merck Animal Health for pet microchip implants with optional registration, (B) Gateway Safety Products for red burning flares, and (C) Altus Traffic Management, LLC for rental of barricades. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0223

5. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Dorazio Enterprises, Inc. to repair San Antonio River tunnel outlet gates and replace the tunnel inlet transfer switch for a total cost of \$76,000.00, from the FY 2014 Storm Water Operations Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0224

6. An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of print media advertising with Clear Channel Outdoor for an amount not to exceed \$55,131.00 to support the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District in promoting children's oral health services, HIV and Syphilis prevention, and breastfeeding promotion by educating the community and providing outreach, funded by the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program previously authorized by City Council. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0225

7. An Ordinance accepting the bids from Asco Inc., Briggs Equipment, Anderson Machinery Company, Holt Cat, Cooper Equipment Co., Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, assignee of Freightliner of San Antonio, LTD and Grande Truck Center to provide City departments with heavy equipment for a total cost of \$2,951,882.00, funded with Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund, Solid Waste Management Department Operating Fund paid through a Municipal Lease and the Aviation Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0226

8. An Ordinance authorizing a contract with Productivity Apex, Inc. to provide a solution for City-hosted inspector route optimization for the Development Services Department for an estimated initial cost of \$305,000.00 and \$52,200.00 annually thereafter for a period of four years and with the Development Services Fund's fund balance for \$149,964.00, which has dedicated fund reserves for software replacement. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0227

9. An Ordinance authorizing a task order to a Job Order Contract in an amount not to exceed \$118,036.86, payable to Davila Construction, Inc., for the Development Services Board Room Renovations Project located at 1901 S. Alamo St. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

2014-04-10-0228

12. An Ordinance authorizing revisions to the Master Lease Agreement for the West Air Cargo Facility at San Antonio International Airport to allow the Aviation Director to authorize the recapture, relocation, adjustment, reconfiguration, enlargement or reduction of the leased cargo space. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Frank Miller, Director, Aviation]

2014-04-10-0229

15. An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Chapter 10, Building Related Code, Article XII, Section 10-119, Demolition Contractor Licenses and Bonding; Demolition Permit Requirements, and the addition of a note to Chapter 35, Unified Development Code, Article VI, Historic Preservation and Urban Design, Section 35-614, Demolition, of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, to provide for a time period of one full business day following the date of the final vote of the Board or Commission or decision of an Administrative Official authorizing the issuance of a demolition permit. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services]
16. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2015, to be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after appointment; or for terms and effectiveness as otherwise indicated below: [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]
- A) Reappointing George L. Britton (District 4) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs.
- B) Reappointing Mona R. Thaxton (District 8) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.
- C) Appointing Lori B. Rodriguez (District 5) to the Historic and Design Review Commission.
- D) Appointing Julius G. Lorenzi (District 5) to the SA2020 Commission on Education.
- E) Reappointing Nettie P. Hinton (District 2) to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee.

2014-04-10-0230

18. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with Derek Consulting Group, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$190,368.00 for Computer Maintenance Management System consulting services for the San Antonio Airport System. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Frank Miller, Director, Aviation]

2014-04-10-0231

19. An Ordinance authorizing the second amendment to the First Amended and Restated License Agreement with Aramark Sports and Entertainments Services of Texas, Inc. and the third amendment to the Amendment and Restatement of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Food and Beverage Service and Concession Services Agreement with the RK Group L.L.C. transferring concessions and catering services on the Club Level and grounds of the Alamodome from the RK Group to Aramark. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Michael J. Sawaya, Director, Convention & Sports Facilities]

2014-04-10-0232

20. An Ordinance approving an amendment to the Competitive Matter Memorandum of Understanding between the City and CPS Energy as authorized by Ordinance No. 99907 on October 21, 2004, allowing further pricing flexibility to CPS Energy in pursuing certain wholesale off-system sales. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-04-10-0233

21. An Ordinance authorizing the first one-year extension and amendment of a professional services agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. to compile the data for the Federal Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

2014-04-10-0234

22. An Ordinance authorizing software agreements with the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's use of SmilesMaker software and documentation for the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program for an amount up to \$24,000.00, commencing upon execution and terminating on September 30, 2014 with two, one-year renewal options. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Dr. Thomas Schlenker, Director, Public Health]

2014-04-10-0235

23. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Federal Initiatives Program consolidating the City's and Port San Antonio's federal representation services with Patton Boggs, LLP, with the City paying an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per month, not including travel related expenses, for a term to end on December 31, 2014. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Intergovernmental Relations]

2014-04-10-0236

24. An Ordinance allocating \$150,000.00 in FY 2014 HOME Investment Partnership

Community Housing Development Organization Set-Aside funds to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc., Alamo Area Mutual Housing, Inc., Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio, and Merced Housing of Texas for operating expenses. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

2014-04-10-0237

26. An Ordinance approving an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Elmendorf for the release of approximately 7.93 acres of land from the City of San Antonio's extraterritorial jurisdiction to the City of Elmendorf with certain conditions. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development]

2014-04-10-0238

27. An Ordinance approving an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Somerset for the release of approximately 1.8 square miles (1,163 acres) of land from the City of San Antonio's extraterritorial jurisdiction to the City of Somerset with certain conditions. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 10:

2014-04-10-0216

10. An Ordinance for Beacon Hill Park Phase II project accepting the lowest responsive bid to award a construction contract, including two (2) additive alternates, in the amount of \$386,594.00, payable to Harborth Construction, LLC, an authorized 2012–2017 Bond Project, located in Council District 1. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Mayor Pro Tem Medina called upon the citizens registered to speak:

Jerry Lockey, Vice-President of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association expressed support for the Linear Creek Project. He stated that it would provide much needed outdoor space and opportunities for the community.

Cosima Colvin also expressed support for the Linear Creek Project and commended Mr. Lockey for his work on the project.

Councilmember Bernal thanked the residents of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood for their work on the project. He stated that the Linear Park Project was formerly a collection of vacant lots that had been cleaned up and converted into green space.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 11:

2014-04-10-0217

- 11.** An Ordinance ratifying a task order to a Job Order Contract in an amount of \$180,486.68, payable to Horizon International Group, Inc., for site work related to 2012-2017 Bond Program Pearsall Park project, located in Council District 4. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Saldaña highlighted the Pearsall Park Project and asked for a brief presentation. Mr. Mike Frisbie explained that they were taking soil from the Westwood Village Project in District 6 and using it as fill material for the Pearsall Park Project. He stated that there would be cost savings on both projects totaling \$2.6 Million.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 13:

2014-04-10-0218

- 13.** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas for the use of City property for the installation of prefabricated communications equipment shelters. [Carlos J. Contreras, III, Assistant City Manager; Hugh Miller, Director, Information Technology Services]

Councilmembers Lopez and Krier recused themselves on Item 13 by exiting the Council Chambers and noting that they submitted their recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Gallagher requested a brief presentation. Hugh Miller stated that said item was similar to the agreement executed with Google Fiber to explore options to build a Fiber Network. He noted that AT&T was requesting to utilize City Land to place Equipment Shelters if necessary. Councilmember Gallagher asked if there were any associated costs. Mr. Miller replied that there was no cost to the city and that AT&T would have to pay a lease cost.

Councilmember Bernal asked if AT&T would offer the same services if Google did not select San Antonio. Mr. Miller replied that he was not sure and that it would be a business decision by each entity. Ms. Renee Flores of AT&T stated that they were constantly looking for ways to enhance and upgrade their networks in every market. She added that from 2011 to 2013, AT&T had invested over \$450 Million in their networks in San Antonio.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked AT&T for taking a proactive step and expressed his support.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

Abstain: 2 - Lopez and Krier

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 14:

2014-04-10-0219

- 14.** An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a renewal and extension of lease agreement for a five-year term ending March 31, 2019 with HEBSCO Development Inc. for 1,600 square feet of office/retail space located at the McCreless Market Shopping Center, for use by the San Antonio Police Department's San Antonio Fear Free Environment unit, at a rate that is at no cost throughout the term, located in Council District 3. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Etienne, Office, EastPoint & Real Estate Services]

Councilmembers Saldaña and Nirenberg recused themselves on Item 14 by exiting the

Council Chambers and noting that they submitted the recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Viagran highlighted the Store Front used by the San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Unit.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

Abstain: 2 - Saldaña and Nirenberg

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 17:

2014-04-10-0220

17. An Ordinance appointing two full-time Municipal Court Judges, appointing one part-time Municipal Court Judge, and re-appointing seven full-time Municipal Court Judges for a term effective May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016; and establishing judicial salaries and benefits. [John W. Bull, Presiding Judge, Municipal Courts]

Judge John Bull outlined the process of appointing the Municipal Court Judges and stated that the applicants for two vacant full-time positions had been interviewed by the Governance Council Committee. He noted that the San Antonio Municipal Court has 10 Judges that adjudicate 300,000 cases per year.

Councilmember Bernal thanked the Municipal Court Judges for their work and stated that he was pleased with the selection of the two new Judges. He referenced a letter from Judge Guerrero and asked of the Appellate Body for a Municipal Court Decision. Judge Bull replied that the rulings made at Municipal Court are appealable to the County Court. Councilmember Bernal asked of the Grievance Process for Judicial Misconduct. Judge Bull stated that a Judge could be removed from office by the Judicial Conduct Commission. He added that Judges were not allowed to comment on cases due to perception and that there would always be one side that was not pleased with the outcome. Councilmember Bernal noted that there were appropriate avenues to deal with an outcome or Judicial Conduct and thanked the Judges for their service.

Councilmember Krier asked of the progress related to Juvenile Truancy. Judge Bull replied that they had assisted the Northside ISD in 2010 in handling their Truancy Cases and they had experienced a 42% drop in Truancy Cases filed. He highlighted the work of the Bexar County Truancy Committee chaired by Councilmember Saldaña and stated that their goal

was to develop a coordinated plan for all of Bexar County in the future. Councilmember Krier asked if the Judiciary was unduly influenced by the City's Position related to Animal Care Services Cases. Judge Bull replied that he felt that the Judges took their jobs very seriously and maintained the integrity of their decisions. Councilmember Krier stated that he wanted Judges to view cases on their own merit without bias.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of the greatest amount of cases heard at Municipal Court. Judge Bull replied that Traffic Cases were the highest number but there were many types of cases related to drugs, alcohol, assaults, and others. Councilmember Gallagher stated that it was a huge responsibility and commended the Judges for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina thanked the Municipal Court Judges for their work.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the ordinance appointing the following Full-Time Judges: Clarissa Chavarria; Linda H. Conley; Lisa M. Gonzales; Daniel Guerrero; James Daniel Kassahn; Christine Dauphin Lacy; Carla Obledo; Margarita S. Pol; Peter Andrew Zamora; and Part-Time Judge Alfredo M. Tavera effective May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2016. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 25:

2014-04-10-0221

- 25.** An Ordinance authorizing the City's criteria for evaluating applications seeking U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Home Investment Partnerships program funding assistance and other City assistance in support of multi-family rental housing development activities. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development]

Councilmember Krier requested a brief presentation. Mr. John Dugan stated that the Department of Housing and Community Affairs at the State Level recently had some litigation in which the Court ordered a Remediation Plan for the Allocation of Tax Credits for Low and Moderate Income Housing. He noted that the State must allocate some of their Tax Credits toward High Opportunity Areas in which there are lower poverty levels and high performing schools. He indicated that the ordinance would add new criteria to the City's Evaluation Process within the Site Characteristics and Transit Amenities Scoring

Category to reflect the State Change. Councilmember Krier stated that he thought that more incentives and available housing options would be provided near poor performing schools. Mr. Dugan explained that the substance of the litigation was that you could not discriminate people from access to good schools and better jobs. Councilmember Krier stated that the market should drive the demand for housing and asked if private development was taken into account. Mr. Dugan replied that it was not part of the scoring criteria.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that in the past, many of the Housing Tax Credits were utilized in minority areas where there was lower income and a higher crime rate. He noted that there needed to be more opportunities for Middle-Class Families to move into areas with higher performing schools. Mr. Dugan mentioned that these were not public housing projects and that the idea was to open up opportunities for children to go to better schools and have access to better jobs. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he looked forward to additional policy discussion regarding same.

Councilmember Taylor stated that the discussion was related to multiple public policy goals including Education, Transportation, and Neighborhood Stabilization. She noted the intent of the lawsuit at the State Level in order to provide opportunities for children from Low Income Families to attend better schools. She stated that she hoped that policies could be developed which would create more Mixed Income Communities throughout San Antonio.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that people were being shifted out of their homes and stated that they should stay where they are with improved housing opportunities.

Councilmember Lopez stated that this was a good approach and that the Homeowner Associations would have input in the developments. He noted that this was a fair process and predicated on the law.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of Section 8 Housing. Mr. Dugan explained that Section 8 Housing was a development in which all or a large portion of a housing project was for individuals that did not have jobs. He stated that the Multi-Family Rental Housing Development being discussed today was Workforce Housing in which you must have a job making twice the minimum wage to qualify. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that he had written a letter to the Quality of Life (QOL) Council Committee regarding the need to address the process and uniformly apply criteria to all projects.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if this policy would be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dugan replied that the Comprehensive Plan would coordinate all of the city's initiatives and that Transportation was a component of that Plan. Councilmember Gonzales stated that it was a challenge to vote on one project after another without the big picture on how they affect each other. She spoke of the importance of quality housing disbursed

throughout the city.

Councilmember Viagran concurred that it was important to provide Market Rate and Mixed-Income Housing throughout the city.

Councilmember Bernal stated that San Antonio was recently named as one of the most Economically Segregated Cities in the Country. He noted that this was not Section 8 Housing and that it was important to provide places for people that make less than the Median Income of that area to live. He expressed concern with clustering poverty in one area and stated that there were great benefits to having diverse neighborhoods.

Councilmember Taylor stated that it was the responsibility of Elected Officials to provide working families with decent housing in diverse areas throughout the city. She noted that they should also work to stabilize neighborhoods in the Inner City.

Councilmember Saldaña added that people should have opportunities to live in the area in which they work and believed that good housing should be provided throughout the city.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he appreciated the good intentions but was still concerned that citizens would be deprived of good housing within their Council District.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked the City Clerk to re-read the caption for Item 25. Mrs. Vacek re-read the caption.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina and Nirenberg

Nay: 2 - Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 28:

DENIED

- 28.** Appeal to the City Council of a decision by the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board in connection with the denial of a Home Improvement Contractor Registration Application to Mr. Louis H. Perez III. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services]

Mayor Pro Tem Medina called upon Mr. Jamal Rhadbane to speak:

Mr. Jamal Rhadbane, Attorney representing Mr. Louis H. Perez, III, stated that Mr. Perez had carried on the Family Business after his Father had passed away. He noted that at the time that Mr. Perez submitted his application to the city, he had not pled guilty to any crime of moral turpitude. He added that although Mr. Perez had made some mistakes in the past; he should be allowed to perform construction work.

Rod Sanchez stated that the City Code allows the Building Official to review a person's Home Improvement Contractor Registration Application. He noted that a person issued a Certificate of Registration must: Be at least 18 years of age; Be a United States Citizen or a Lawfully Admitted Alien; and the Building Official must be satisfied with the person's honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness based on information supplied and discovered in connection with the application. He indicated that Residential Building Contractors were issued permits from the city to legally work and meet with citizens in their homes. He reported that Mr. Perez's September 2013 Application included a Felony Conviction in 1999 related to Drug Possession, as well as other convictions including arrest warrants, unlawful carrying of weapons, and assault. Therefore, the Development Services Department denied his application per City Code and the intent of the Consumer Protection Program. He stated that the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board heard and denied Mr. Perez's Appeal in November 2013.

Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Rhadbane and Mr. Perez if they wanted to provide any additional information to the City Council. Mr. Rhadbane stated that the City Council should allow individuals with a checkered past the opportunity to get back on the right path.

Councilmember Taylor stated that although she believed that individuals should be given a second chance, she was concerned with additional offenses that occurred in 2013.

Councilmember Taylor moved to deny the appeal of the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board decision submitted by Louis Perez, III. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Absent: 1 - Mayor Castro

29. City Manager's Report

A. Center City Development Office Update

B. Solid Waste Management Update - Recycling Partnership

A. Mrs. Sculley reported that the Center City Development Office (CCDO) creates a monthly newsletter, Focus Downtown, which goes out to over 1,500 Downtown Workers, Organizations, Businesses, Stakeholders, Residents, and Community Members throughout the city. She stated that the newsletter is transmitted electronically and highlights Downtown Events, Development Projects, and provides Overall Updates on Downtown Activity. She highlighted the Grand Re-Opening of Travis Park that was featured last month. She mentioned that Travis Park had been closed for several months to allow for the installation of significant improvements, including: electrical upgrades, irrigation system repairs, landscaping, re-sodding, new dog park and the addition of new tables and chairs. She noted that the Grand Re-Opening attracted hundreds of people to the park as attendees participated in free family-friendly activities such as fitness classes and historic tours. She indicated that this year, the park would host Movies by Moonlight, Fitness in the Park, Public Art Installations, and free Cultural Performances. She added that the newsletter was also used to feature a new housing project each month, demonstrating the city's commitment to meeting the SA2020 Goal of increasing the supply of housing in the Center City. She stated that a list of Upcoming Downtown Events was included in each month's issue and that individuals could sign up to receive the monthly newsletter on the CCDO Website at www.sanantonio.gov/ccdo.

B. Mrs. Sculley reported that the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) has partnered with the San Antonio Spurs to promote recycling to San Antonio Residents. She stated the partnership includes a new commercial featuring Danny Green from the Spurs explaining that it is easy being "Green." She noted that the commercial was currently running during all Spurs Games playing on KENS 5, Fox Sports Southwest, and the CW 35. She added that the commercial would run several times during the upcoming March Madness and NBA Playoffs. She stated that as part of the partnership, the SWMD and Spurs were promoting a Recycling Contest as part of the NBA Green Week. She noted that Residents and Schools were asked to provide a one-minute video or photo and essay explaining how they are San Antonio's Best Recyclers. She indicated that the winner would receive a VIP Spurs Experience and be recognized at the April 11, 2014 Spurs Game. She added that Individuals interested in the contest could visit <http://www.nba.com/spurs/scorewithrecycling>.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina thanked staff for their work on CCDO and Recycling Initiatives.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Pro Tem Medina recognized Councilmembers Nirenberg and Krier who will celebrate their Birthdays on April 11th and April 15th, respectively. The City Council sang Happy Birthday to Councilmembers Nirenberg and Krier.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Medina adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

APPROVED

JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC
CITY CLERK