

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council B Session**

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

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**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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The City Council of San Antonio convened in the “B” Room of the Municipal Plaza Building at 2:00 pm with the following Councilmembers present: Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, Gallagher, and Mayor Castro.

1. A Briefing on revisions to the Arts Funding Guidelines for FY 2015. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Felix Padron, Director, Culture and Creative Development]

Felix Padron presented information regarding the Arts Funding Program. He stated that Arts Funding was supported by the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) and stipulated by State Legislation. He noted that in 2006, the City Council had increased Art Allocations up to 15% by introducing a City Owned Facility Agency (COFA). He mentioned that 15% of allocations to the Arts were calculated after Debt Service Payment from the overall HOT Collections for the Convention Center Expansion Project.

Mr. Padron stated that Art Funding was governed by Guidelines adopted by the City Council and noted that the last significant revision to the guidelines was in 2006. He stated that the Department for Culture and Creative Development (DCCD) was identified as a partner with SA2020 and has expanded its portfolio to include Public Arts, Film Commission, and Facilities. He reported that an Arts and Cultural Survey was conducted in partnership with SA2020 and the Cultural Planning Group to better gauge the

environment; measure quality in comparison to outside markets; and measure the local satisfaction of Arts and Cultural Activities.

Mr. Padron outlined the Goals of the Arts Funding Program to stimulate Innovation, Artistic Excellence and Enhance Audience Engagement. He noted that by diversifying Artistic and Cultural Offerings, the DCCD was more in line with the SA2020 Vision and target areas. He reported that on January 6, 2014, staff presented proposed Art Funding Guidelines and held four public hearings since January 25, 2014. He noted that there have been three Cultural Arts Board (CAB) Meetings and three CAB Sub-Committee Meetings which resulted in revisions to the Proposed Guidelines.

Mr. Padron stated that the current Arts Funding Program Categories were as follows: General Operational Support, Project Funding, Community Arts Access, and Technical and Economic Development Assistance. He noted that the proposed categories were: Cultural Arts Program, Festivals and Community Celebrations, stArt Place, Artist Re-Granting Program, COFA Deferred Maintenance, and Technical & Economic Development Assistance. He indicated that current Operational Eligibility Guidelines require an organization to have three years of existence as a 501(c)3 Organization in San Antonio. He noted that Accredited Academic Institutions could not apply for funding. He stated that the Proposed Eligibility Guidelines require an organization to be recognized as an active Art or Cultural 501(c)3 Organization with a proven track record of producing and presenting Arts and Cultural Activities for a minimum of two years. He further stated that the accredited academic teaching institutions and departments thereof could not apply with the exception of the Southwest School of Art. He highlighted the proposed Maximum and Match Requirement Funding Guidelines for agencies based on their Arts and Cultural Budgets.

Mr. Padron outlined the proposed Review Categories which include: Museums, Visual Arts and Exhibition Institutions; Live Performances; and Community Based Organizations. He stated that all of the categories would have a 7-Member Panel consisting of 1 CAB Member, 2 Local Peer Experts and 4 experts from Outside of the City. He indicated that the Panel would score 85% based on Artistic Excellence and Community Engagement & Audience Development. He noted that staff would score the remaining 15% based on Financial Position. He added that applicants who scored below 75% would not be eligible for funding.

Mr. Padron stated that applications would be accepted throughout the year and funds could only be used for Contracted Services and Artist Fees, Production Expenses, Space Rental, and Marketing and Promotion. He noted that the proposed Festival and Cultural Celebrations Program would require that the festivals focus on the Arts, Culture or Heritage and must have been in existence for a minimum of three years. He spoke of the proposed stArt Place Eligibility Requirements which state that applicants must be a Professional

Artist, Artist Collective and/or Neighborhood Non-Profit. He stated that all programs should be open to the public, take place within city limits, be accessible, and applicants would be encouraged to utilize non-traditional spaces.

Mr. Padron stated that the proposed Artists Re-Granting requires that non-profit organizations be based in San Antonio and have a funding process that is open and accessible to all. He noted that awards were available in amounts up to \$30,000 and 10% of the award could be used for administrative costs with a cash match of \$1 to \$1. He added that the application would be reviewed by City Staff, CAB Panel Members and Invited Reviewers.

Mr. Padron mentioned that currently, a minimum of 4.25% of the HOT Collection is utilized to fund COFAs. He stated that staff has proposed that the minimum no longer be applicable; however, agencies would continue to be eligible for operational support using general operation support criteria and scoring processes. He further stated that funds would be set aside to supplement deferred maintenance. He reported that no changes were proposed to the Technical and Economic Development Assistance Program. He added that final funding recommendations would be presented to the City Council in August 2014 with City Council approving the awards in September 2014.

Mayor Castro excused himself from the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Medina presided.

Councilmember Bernal expressed his support for Arts Programs.

Councilmember Viagran asked if the Review Panel looked at organizations with Large Endowments. Mr. Padron replied that an applicant's financial position was reviewed and weighted as part of the review process. Councilmember Viagran asked why the proposed review panel for the Operational Funding Category included four outside area experts. Mr. Padron replied that it was to improve the review outcome and utilize National Best Practices.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked how many public meetings were held. Mr. Padron replied that six public meetings were held. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked if the Subcommittee Meetings were open to the public. Mr. Padron replied that they were not; however, the Cultural Arts Board meetings were open to the public. Mayor Pro Tem Medina suggested that the Operational Funding Category include four outside panelists as well as four local panelists to ensure that the City is inclusive of local talent. He asked of the HOT Funds. Mr. Padron replied that the HOT Funds were currently allocated at 14.3% for the Arts but recommended 15% to implement programs.

Councilmember Gonzales asked how much money was allocated for each Funding

Category. Mr. Padron replied that there was no set amount allocated for the categories.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of deferred maintenance for COFAs. Mr. Padron replied that if funding becomes available, they would like to earmark it to address deferred maintenance. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of Cultural Significance within the Funding Categories. Mr. Padron replied that it was embedded within all Categories.

Councilmember Gallagher asked why the 4.25% HOT Funds would no longer be acceptable for COFAs. Mr. Padron replied that the 4.25% Allocation was implemented during a time when the Arts were not as embraced in an attempt to help fund the operational support of COFAs. He added that the City was introducing a broader portfolio of programs.

Councilmember Bernal stated that Deferred Maintenance Funding was used to supplement funds allocated for the repair of COFAs and not supplant them. Mr. Padron confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina thanked staff for the presentation.

**2. A Briefing on the Terminal A Renovations project at the San Antonio International Airport. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Frank Miller, Director, Aviation]**

Frank Miller presented information on the Terminal A Renovation Project. He stated that Terminal A opened in 1984 and served about two-thirds of the passengers at the Airport. He noted that with the opening of the Terminal B, the City had committed to modernizing Terminal A so that customers in both Terminals would have a similar environment. He reported that \$35 Million has been invested in Terminal A Renovations. He mentioned that there had been 12 Public Restrooms Renovations, Interior Lighting Upgrades, and new Terrazzo Flooring and Carpets installed. He noted that six new escalators would be installed and five elevators would be refurbished.

Mr. Miller reported that the Design Contract was awarded in May 2011 to RS&H. He mentioned that the Construction Manager at Risk Contract was awarded to SpawGlass in January 2012 and construction began in October 2012. He indicated that Phase I would be substantially complete this month. He highlighted the Communication Plan which includes public outreach through signage, media stories, and social media. He added that all messaging was provided in both Spanish and English. He presented before and after photos of the New Flooring, Lighting, Fixtures, Renovated Bathrooms, and other Public Areas. He highlighted other Capital Improvements which included an expanded Food Court and Queuing Line Areas to reduce congestion from the Ticketing Area. He stated that Customer Service Improvements would include a Therapy Dog Program called Pups and Planes to

provide a stress release for passengers in both Terminals.

Mr. Miller reported that TSA's Risk-Based Security Measures include Managed Inclusion and a Pre-Check to include expansion of a Military ID Program. He stated that the Airport Checkpoint Taskforce would be focused on developing Short-Term and Long Term Line Management Solutions. He noted that Short-Term Line Management Assistance would include Customer Service Representatives and that input would be solicited from Sea World. He stated that Long-Term Solution Line Management Assistance would include Checkpoint Expansion and Concourse A/B Connector.

Mr. Miller spoke of ongoing marketing efforts regarding the Airport noting that they included continued outreach with Convention Coordinators, Hotels, Rental Car Agencies, and the Media. He reported that they would continue renovations and upgrades through Phase II which would include improvements to the exterior, as well as barrel ceiling in the Ticketing and Customs Areas. He indicated that the Customs Area was the last remaining public area that has not been updated. He mentioned that the scope would include renovating the bathrooms and general updating of finishes to provide the same environment as the Terminals. He stated that 60% of the design phase was presented to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) in April 2013. He noted that the CBP stated that any work would have to meet their 2012 Design Standards and not just accommodate the cosmetic improvement. He mentioned that in December 2013, the Aviation Department funded a second assessment under the 2012 Design Standards which would be completed in May 2014. He indicated that based on the assessment; a new scope of work would be required which would be presented to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee.

Mr. Miller spoke of the messaging that would also be updated throughout the Airport. He stated that the updates would be more engaging and holistic to affirm the city's transformative and contemporary image. He noted that based on a Worldwide Customer Survey, the San Antonio International Airport was one of six to be recognized for its improvements. He presented photos of the updated billboards located in both Terminals and the column wraps in Terminal B.

Councilmember Krier asked how to improve the TSA wait time. Mr. Miller replied that staff was aware of the need for improvement and was working with the TSA regarding same. Mrs. Sculley added that there were some physical facility limitations due to narrowness and only having six TSA Stations.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina thanked staff for the presentation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:45 pm to discuss

the following:

- A. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Deliberate the appointment, evaluation and duties of public officers and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

### **RECONVENED**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina reconvened the meeting at 6:05 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

### **CEREMONIALS**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Police Department in recognition of the Annual San Antonio Police Officers Memorial Day on Friday, May 9, 2014. It was noted that the event would honor the 54 members of the SAPD who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It was further noted that since 1961, our US President has proclaimed May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina presented a Proclamation to the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 421 in recognition of the nation-wide food drive "Stamp out Hunger." The food drive will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014. It was noted that this was the largest one-day drive in San Antonio and the surrounding areas benefitting the San Antonio Food Bank.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina presented a Proclamation to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in observance of National Bike Month. He noted that the Alamo MPO will host the 18th Annual Walk & Roll Rally on May 2, 2014 at Main Plaza. Commuters

are encouraged to improve their health, create a cleaner environment, save on gas, and reduce traffic congestion by parking their cars, taking the bus, and walking, wheeling or pedaling their way to work.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and U.S. Travel Association in celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week May 3-11, 2014. It was noted that the CVB would utilize the week-long observance to share the importance of travel and hospitality with its Industry Partners, Local Business Leaders, Legislature and Media.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

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

George Alejos, Nikki Kuhns, Rhett Smith and Janet Ahmad addressed the City Council. A video was played from an older City Council Meeting in which the Advanced Transportation District Tax was discussed. Ms. Kuhns expressed concern that ATD Funds were not being utilized as intended. She further expressed concern with fluoride in the water supply. Mr. Alejos stated that they were in the process of obtaining signatures to place the Streetcar Project on the ballot. He noted that many individuals had expressed opposition to the Project and felt they should have a right to vote. He spoke of the Pre-K Program in the South San Antonio Independent School District that was performing well. Mr. Smith spoke of the San Antonio Missions and the World Heritage Designation. Ms. Ahmad asked the City Council to let the citizens vote on the Streetcar Project.

Councilmember Bernal recognized Boy Scout Troop Number 10 and thanked them for being present. Troop Leader Nick Pelham stated that they were working to become Eagle Scouts and had been working together for eight years. He noted that they were the oldest troop east of the Mississippi. Councilmember Viagran thanked Troop Number 10 for being present. Mayor Pro Tem Medina welcomed the Boy Scouts to the meeting and wished them well in their endeavors.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of the United States Constitution and stated that changes would be made in the near future. He expressed concern with fraud occurring within religion.

Mark Perez expressed concern with Public Safety in San Antonio. He spoke of the facilities operating without the proper permits and mentioned the Tetco and AGE Refinery Buildings.

Theresa Berlanga spoke of Magdalena Gonzalez who was the last to leave the walls of the Espada Mission. She mentioned legal issues that involved the Federal Bureau of Investigation dealing with Ukraine and Russia.

Gizelle Luevano stated that she had purchased a home in the Stablewood Subdivision and expressed concern with the quality of the homes. She mentioned the health issues they were experiencing and asked the City Council to help convince DR Horton to buy the homes back.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony expressing concern with restaurants that did not receive inspections. He wrote that people should get rid of their lawns to save water. He expressed concern that prisons in Texas had the most inmates and that it was wrong to text while driving. He wrote that the Social Security Office should remain in the Downtown Area and highlighted the new events during Fiesta. He wrote that bikes and vehicles could share roads and that people should buckle up for safety reasons. He noted that he was opposed to funds being spent on Streetcars.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Medina adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED

JULIÁN CASTRO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC  
CITY CLERK