

**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, September 11, 2014

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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

Present: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

1. The Invocation was delivered by Balwinder Dhillon, Sikh Center of San Antonio, guest of Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, District 8.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meetings of July 22, 2014 and July 28, 2014.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the Minutes for the Special Meetings of July 22, 2014 and July 28, 2014. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

The Deputy City Clerk read the caption for Item 4:

2014-09-11-0674

- 4.** An Ordinance establishing the composition and structure of a Charter Review Commission. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager]

Carlos Contreras presented a Power Point and stated that the City Council had established a Charter Review Commission (CRC) on August 7, 2014. He explained that the CRC would consist of 13 Members and be subject to the Open Meetings Act and Board and Commission Rules. He noted that Members must be qualified voters of the city. He mentioned that they would serve two-year terms concurrent with City Council Terms; however, initial appointments would expire on May 31, 2015.

Mr. Contreras reported that that CRC would be charged with reviewing the City Charter and identifying sections or provisions that are obsolete or inconsistent. He stated that they would prepare recommendations for the City Council to include issues such as a Mayoral Mid-Term Vacancy and City Council Compensation. He noted that the City Council would review the recommendations of the CRC and take action when needed. He added that City Council Action was required before any issue or proposal was placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters.

Mr. Contreras stated that the CRC would consist of 13 Members as follows:

- Seven (7) Community Representatives
- Two (2) Former Elected City Officials
- One (1) Former City Employee
- One (1) Individual with Expertise in Municipal Law
- One (1) Individual with Expertise in Human Resources
- One (1) Individual with Expertise in Municipal Finance

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she welcomed the opportunity to create a mechanism where the City Charter could be continually examined.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that the City Council should recommend individuals that will make decisions based on their long-term applications. He added that more than two Former Elected Officials could serve if they represented another category.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the length of the terms. Mr. Contreras replied that they would serve terms concurrent with the City Council Terms and that their initial term would expire on May 31, 2015.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez requested that a good process be established for the Committee.

Jack M. Finger expressed concern with the composition of the Charter Review Committee that would include Former City Officials and City Employees.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Toney seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 20 was pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor called upon Mr. Jack M. Finger to speak.

Mr. Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the City Council Project Fund Allocation to San Antonio Sports and the San Antonio Public Library (Item 16). He stated that he was pleased that the Tax Rate for the Public Improvement District had remained the same (Item 20).

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in opposition to Items 5, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18. For Item 17, he wrote that Board Members should be interviewed on television. He wrote in favor of Items 6-11, 13, 16, 19, and 20. He requested that sidewalks in the Downtown Area be cleaned four times per day (Item 20).

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

2014-09-11-0675

5. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Readsoft, Inc. for the purchase, configuration, implementation and training for software to further automate and streamline Accounts Payable invoice processing for an initial cost not to exceed \$384,000.00, funds for this contract and the server will be appropriated from 2011 Tax Notes. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0676

6. An Ordinance accepting an offer for an IMMUNOSPOT® S6 MICRO ANALYZER system from CTL Analyzers, LLC to increase surveillance of latent tuberculosis infections by increasing local testing capability and capacity in the San Antonio Metro area in the amount not to exceed \$67,460.00, from the FY2014/2015 Health Services Region 8-TB Waiver Project funds. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0677

7. An Ordinance accepting the bid from ThyssenKrupp Airport Systems, Inc. to provide the Aviation Department with the fabrication, delivery, and installation of 24 LED lighted ramp gate approach signs for a total cost of \$107,243.98, funded with the FY 2014 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0678

8. An Ordinance accepting the offer from PerkinElmer LAS, Inc. for the purchase of a Janus Auto pipettor liquid handling system and accessories to significantly increase in T-Spot tuberculosis testing throughput, capacity, and quality by replacing manual pipetting methods for a cost of \$80,890.96. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0679

9. An Ordinance authorizing a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC for the purchase of one Pierce Velocity Compressed Air Foam System Fire Engine for a total cost of \$634,247.00, funded with the FY 2014 - 2019 Capital Improvements Program. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0680

10. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Waterblasting Technologies, Inc. to provide the Aviation Department with one high pressure, 40,000 psi water blasting paint and rubber removal vehicle for a total cost of \$407,173.53, funded with the FY 2014 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer;

Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0681

11. An Ordinance accepting the bids from Silsbee Ford and Grande Truck Center to provide the Aviation Department with three light duty trucks and one sport utility vehicle for a total cost of \$130,436.20, funded with the FY 2014 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0682

12. An Ordinance accepting the bids from Associated Supply Company, Barco Pump Company, Quality Equipment Co., Waukesha-Pearce Industries and Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. to provide City departments with heavy equipment for a total cost of \$942,444.56, funded with the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0683

13. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Hubb Systems, LLC d/b/a Data 911 to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with 248 Central Processing Unit upgrades for an estimated \$1,051,150.48, funding will be determined and approved through the annual budget development process. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0684

14. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$1,542,000.00: (A) Casco Industries for firefighting foam, (B) Grande Truck Center for Telma Brake Retarders parts and service, (C) Vulcan Construction Materials, LP for rock products, (D) DeWinne Equipment Co., James Lawnmower and John H. Sorola, Inc. for lawnmowers, edgers, chain saws, parts and service, (E) Johnson Controls, Inc. to extend the maintenance agreement for the METASYS system at Alamodome for one year, (F) Austin Vacuum S.A., Inc. and Gulf Coast Paper Co. for city wide janitorial supplies, (G) Gulf Coast Paper Co. for trash liners, (H) HLP, Inc. for shelter software case management maintenance and support, and (I) TASER International, Inc. for SAPD Taser Supplies. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2014-09-11-0685

15. An Ordinance authorizing a Donation/Maintenance Agreement, Pedestrian Easement, and Temporary Right of Entry with CRP-GREP Elan Riverwalk Owner LP for construction of public improvements on River Walk property adjacent to the

development project at the northwest corner of S. St. Mary's Street and Cesar Chavez Blvd. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jim Mery, Deputy Director, Center City Development & Operations]

2014-09-11-0686

16. An Ordinance awarding a City Council Project Fund grant allocation to San Antonio Sports an amount not to exceed \$32,443.42 for the Fit Family Challenge District 4 5K and the District 6 Fitness 5K and \$13,137.18 to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation to support special programming. [Edward Benavides, Chief of Staff; Chris Callanen, Assistant to City Council]
17. 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 Eddie Pete Rodrigues (District 4) to the Transportation Advisory Board.
- B) Reappointing Randall S. Preissig (District 4) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board.
- C) Appointing Josephine P. Garza (Mayoral), Alyssa M. Newton (District 2), and Alondra de Leon (District 4) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.
- D) Reappointing Abraham Robles (District 4) to the Disability Access Advisory Committee.
- E) Appointing Susana M. Segura (District 4) to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee.
- F) Reappointing Margaret W. Anaglia (District 2) to the Brooks Development Authority.
- G) Appointing Melissa D. Unsell (District 8) to the Parks and Recreation Board.
- H) Appointing Donald H. Flanary, III (District 10) to the Ethics Review Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire April 25, 2015

2014-09-11-0687

18. An Ordinance authorizing assignments of all benefits, rights and obligations included in approved Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) Development Agreements from HLH Developments, L.P. to their parent company Hausman Holdings, Ltd for the Developer-Initiated TIRZ of Plaza Fortuna TIRZ #12 in Council District 5, Mission Creek TIRZ #17 in Council District 3, Hallie Heights TIRZ #19 in Council District 4, and Heathers Cove TIRZ #21 in Council District 4. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

2014-09-11-0688

19. An Ordinance approving an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of San Antonio, Texas, in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act"), as amended, for City Council to annually review and approve the City's Investment Policy and Strategy; designating certain employees as Investment Officers for the City of San Antonio; and providing an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, Troy Elliott, Director of Finance]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The Deputy City Clerk read the caption for Item 20:

2014-09-11-0689

20. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving the levy of a Special Assessment for the Downtown Public Improvement District; levying an assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2015 at \$0.15 per \$100.00 value of real property in the Downtown Public Improvement District and \$0.09 per \$100.00 value of residential condominiums; and approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Services and Assessment Plan for the Downtown Public Improvement District. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jim Mery, Deputy Director, Center City Development & Operations]

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing and called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Pat DiGiovanni thanked the City Council for their support and stated that he was available to answer any questions.

Diane Coliz, Owner of Red Star Property Management stated that she had managed the Milam Building for 15 years and was pleased to support the levy of the Assessment Rate for the Downtown Public Improvement District (PID). She thanked the Amigos for their

great work to keep the Downtown Area clean.

Mayor Taylor closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Bernal thanked everyone for their work on the PID and stated that the Amigos represented the city very well.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Toney, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Aguirre-Rodriguez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

RECESSED

Mayor Taylor recessed the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:37 am. She announced that the City Council would reconvene the previous day's B Session to address the Sustainability Department Budget.

RECONVENED - B SESSION - ITEM 4. SUSTAINABILITY

Douglas Melnick presented the Sustainability Department Budget totaling \$3.2 Million and stated that they did not receive funding from the General Fund. He highlighted FY 2014 Accomplishments that include saving \$2.1 Million through Energy Efficiency and promoting Sustainable Transportation. He reported that there had been a 76% increase in Certified Fiesta Events and 90% increase in Recycling Tonnage. He added that they were in the process of reviewing the Ordinance and would make recommendations for improvement to the City Council in November.

Mr. Melnick reviewed FY 2015 Major Initiatives noting their focus would be on Air Quality Planning in coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He stated that they would expand the B-Cycle Program by providing 18-20 more stations with 150 bikes. He mentioned that they were working with the Development Service Department to review the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code which would set standards for Energy Efficiency. He spoke of the development of a Sustainability Plan for the City of San Antonio noting that cities are being benchmarked upon their levels of Sustainability. He added that they were coordinating with the Planning and TCI Departments on the Comprehensive and Multi-Modal Transportation Plans to ensure that there is no duplication of efforts.

Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Melnick for the presentation. She stated that the initiatives should enhance each other so that there is not a duplication of efforts and asked of the timeline of the Sustainability Plan. Mr. Melnick replied that they would begin their

engagement outreach at the same time as the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased with the grants received. Mr. Melnick replied that they had received multi-year grants for B-Cycle and Outreach/Education and hoped to receive additional grants in FY 2015. Councilmember Viagran asked of the B-Cycle Expansion and locations. Mr. Melnick responded that the locations were still being determined and that they must be placed a minimum of half a mile apart. Councilmember Viagran stated that she would like to have one at Stinson Airport.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that the EPA would be raising standards and that the City of San Antonio could be placed in Non-Attainment Status. He spoke of the emissions that were being cleaned up from H.B. Zachry's Cement Plant and noted that he would like for the community to be educated on Air Quality Initiatives.

Councilmember Krier asked if the \$2.1 Million in savings were recurring or one-time savings. Philip Gates stated that \$1.1 Million in savings was identified in 2014. He noted that \$1 Million was cumulative from previous years. Councilmember Krier expressed concern that they were spending \$3.1 Million to save \$2.1 Million and with the nine employees assigned to the Department. He stated that the work would still be occurring if the nine employees did not exist and that additional funding should be allocated to the Office of Military Affairs which only had one employee.

Councilmember Lopez stated that he concurred with Councilmember Krier regarding the attention needed toward the Military but did not feel that \$3 Million should be redirected from Sustainability. He spoke of appropriating funds to the Plans that are tied to the Sustainability Plan as well as identifying which Plans already have funding allocated. He noted the Air Quality Issue and the need to identify costs.

Councilmember Toney asked that staff consider the quality of life initiatives that are planned for the urban core in District 2 and stated that he would like to see B-Cycle Stations added. Mr. Melnick stated that he would work on same. Councilmember Toney stated that he also would like to see further coordination with the Military.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked staff for their work and stated that there should be an increasing return on investment. He mentioned the importance of Human Capital for a Sustainable City. He added that Sustainability must be researched, developed, and data-driven and that it was an investment for the future.

Councilmember Aguirre-Rodriguez asked of the Grants Listed on Slide 5. Mr. Melnick replied that the grants were provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. Councilmember Aguirre-Rodriguez stated that she was pleased with the positive revenue

that was helping with Sustainability Efforts. She noted the importance of funding to address issues for the future and asked of the initiatives of other cities. Mr. Melnick replied that it varied and that there were some offices that had one person and some had more staff.

Councilmember Bernal stated that there should be additional staff within the Office of Military Affairs but did not feel that Sustainability should be cut. He noted that there was additional time to discuss adding and reducing funds to Departments.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

Mrs. Sculley provided the City Council with a handout of Potential Budget Amendments and stated that she and Maria Villagomez would meet with the City Councilmembers individually regarding same. She noted that a B Session would be held next week to discuss Budget Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:27 am.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC
CITY CLERK