

**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, February 26, 2015

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

1. The Invocation was delivered by Reverend (Ret.) Tom Heger, Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church, guest of Councilmember Roberto Treviño.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of January 14 - 15, 2015.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of January 14-15, 2015. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 4:

2015-02-26-0144

4. An Ordinance ordering a special election to be held on May 9, 2015 in the City of San Antonio, Texas to amend the City Charter. [Martha G. Sepeda, City Attorney]

Martha Sepeda, Acting City Attorney presented a Power Point outlining the proposed propositions for the Charter Amendment Election. She stated that the first Ballot Proposition would authorize voters to decide if funding should be allocated toward Streetcar and Light Rail Systems. She noted that a Charter Review Commission (CRC) had recommended four additional Propositions: 1) City Council Pay in the amount of \$45,722 for Councilmembers and \$61,725 for Mayor; 2) Increase in City Council Pay every 10 years to match the San Antonio Area Median Household Income; 3) Filling City Council and Mayoral Vacancies by Special Election rather than appointment when more than 120 days remain in the unexpired Council Term; and 4) Update Outdated and Obsolete Language.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Richard Perez, President and CEO of the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce addressed the City Council in support of the five ballot propositions. He spoke of his experiences while serving on the City Council and noted the importance of Council Pay.

Gerald Ripley addressed the City Council in support of Proposition 1 which would allow the citizens to vote on the Streetcar Project. He thanked the City Council for placing the item on the ballot.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that he was supportive of Transportation and updating obsolete language.

Written testimony was received from the North San Antonio Chamber in support of Council and Mayoral Compensation.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for their work.

Councilmember Gallagher recognized the Charter Review Commission (CRC) Members that were present and asked them to make a brief statement on the process and recommendations.

Sharon De La Garza stated that she served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Council Vacancies and that it had a robust discussion and process that worked very well.

Patricia Rodriguez stated that she served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Council Compensation and that they had a great amount of discussion on the recommendations. She noted that they were pleased to provide unanimous recommendations from the CRC.

Dr. Francine Romero added that she served on the Council Vacancies Subcommittee and was pleased that she had the opportunity to serve.

David McGhee stated that he served on the Council Compensation Subcommittee and commended the CRC for their work. He urged the City Council to approve the Proposition related to Council Pay noting that it would open up opportunities for people to serve on the City Council.

Frank Garza stated that he worked on the Subcommittee to review Superseded and Obsolete Language and was pleased that the CRC had agreed unanimously on the recommendations made.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he was pleased to have served along with the other CRC Members and commended everyone for their work.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the CRC for their work and stated that it was important to give voters a chance to be heard. Councilmember Warrick also thanked the CRC for their work and stated that although the salary was low; he was supportive of same.

Councilmember Krier thanked everyone for their work but explained why he could not support Proposition 2 regarding Council Pay. He stated that the most important issue at this time was negotiating the Police and Fire Contracts and that is where efforts should be focused.

Mayor Taylor stated that she understood Councilmember Krier's concerns; however, she felt that the issue of Council Pay should be brought to the voters. She noted that the recommendation was reasonable since it was tied to the Median Household Income and asked how the salaries would be funded if approved. Mrs. Sculley replied that it could be covered within the current City Council District Budgets. Councilmember Saldaña

expressed support for Council Pay noting the time commitment involved. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that not everyone could afford to serve on the City Council without receiving a salary and he would support allowing the voters to decide.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt Proposition 1 (Streetcar) for the May Ballot. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt Proposition 2 (Council Pay) for the May Ballot. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg and Gallagher

NAY: 1 - Krier

Councilmember Gallagher moved to exclude Proposition 3 (Future Council Pay Raise) from the May Ballot. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt Proposition 4 (Council Vacancies Processes) for the May Ballot. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt Proposition 5 (Superceded and Obsolete Language) for the May Ballot. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 8 was pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items: 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor announced that there were no citizens registered to speak on the Consent Agenda Items. Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in favor of Items 4-6, 8, 9, 11, and 12. He wrote in opposition to Items 7 and 10.

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

AYE: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

2015-02-26-0145

5. An Ordinance authorizing a contract with LifeLine Mobile, Inc. to provide the City of San Antonio with one Mobile Health Clinic for STD/HIV prevention and control for a total cost of \$358,340.00, funded by the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program referred to as Texas Medicaid 1115 Waiver Funding. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2015-02-26-0146

6. An Ordinance accepting the offers from Fisk Electric Company and Intertech Security, LLC., to provide the Security Division of the Information Technology Services Department, with a contract to maintain the City's access control, video surveillance, intrusion alarm security systems, and installation of any new security systems at various major City facilities for an estimated annual cost of \$3,000,000.00, funding sources include, but are not limited to capital funds, operating budgets, and grants authorized by City Council. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2015-02-26-0147

7. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$1,130,000.00: (A) Collision Country Repair Center for medium and heavy duty truck collision repair, (B) Diversified Computer Supplies d/b/a Proforma DCS for violation notice forms, (C) Rider Wash Systems for vehicle carwash and vacuum parts and service, and (D) Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. and Western Emulsions, Inc. for asphalt, oil & emulsions. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

2015-02-26-0149

9. An Ordinance approving the application, and acceptance of funds upon award, of a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant for the Rites of Passage program in an amount up to \$100,000.00 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office. [John Bull, Presiding Judge, Municipal Court]
10. 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) Appointing Greg Leonard (District 10) to the Transportation Advisory Board.

B) Reappointing Donald G. Halloran to the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire December 19, 2017.

2015-02-26-0150

11. An Ordinance scheduling City Council Meetings for March 11-12, 2015 and rescheduling the March 18-19, 2015 City Council meetings. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

2015-02-26-0151

12. An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Digital Health Department, Inc. to provide a site license and maintenance and support services for the Digital Health Department Environmental Health Data Management System for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District in an amount not to exceed \$60,260.00 for a one year term ending December 31, 2015 with the option to renew for two, additional one year terms at a cost not to exceed each previous annual maintenance fee plus 5%. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Thomas L. Schlenker, Director of Public Health]

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

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 8:

2015-02-26-0148

8. An Ordinance for the construction of West Vestal Place (Commercial Avenue to Pleasanton Road), a 2012-2017 General Obligation Bond, Stormwater Revenue Bond and 2007-2012 General Obligation Bond Drainage savings-funded Project with one additive alternate accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract located in Council District 3 in an amount up to \$5,513,777.40 to R.L. Jones LP of which \$1,532,402.50 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water Systems and \$360,693.50 will be reimbursed by CPS. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Viagran highlighted the project and asked of the cost. Razi Hosseini replied that the City's Portion of the project was \$3.6 Million but the total project cost was \$5.5 Million. Councilmember Viagran asked of construction phases. Mr. Hosseini replied that they would have multiple phases and noted that their goal was to have minimal impact to the affected neighborhoods.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed his support for the project and stated that he was pleased that it was being implemented.

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

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13. City Manager's Report

A. Volunteer Services Update

Mrs. Sculley reported that in FY 2013, the City created a centralized volunteer program that would recruit volunteers for a variety of programs and services available throughout the City departments. She stated that the program streamlined the application intake process and acquired a Volunteer Registration System. She noted that a Volunteer Coordinator was hired to support the program. She mentioned that in FY 2014, the City of San Antonio Volunteer Program registered 9,272 volunteers which provided services throughout the following departments: Animal Care Services, Parks and Recreation, Development Services/Code Enforcement; Office of Historic Preservation, Library, Human Services, and Citywide Events. She indicated that volunteers provided 51,193 Volunteer Hours. She stated that FY 2015 Goals for the City of San Antonio Volunteer Program were to register 9,500 volunteers to provide 55,000 hours of service. Additionally, the program encourages

City Employees to volunteer through various Core Volunteer Program Sponsored Events. She highlighted upcoming Volunteer Events to include the Eastpoint Shine Paint-A-Thon, Graffiti Wipeout, and Fiesta Recycling.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:17 am to discuss the following:

A. 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).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 11:50 am and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC
CITY CLERK