

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015
4:00 PM
PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Joe Krier, Chair, <i>District 9</i> Councilmember Alan Warrick, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i>
Staff Present:	Martha G. Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Edward Guzman, <i>City Attorney's Office</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director, IGR</i> ; Jacob Wong, <i>Executive Management Assistant</i> ; Tom Morgan, <i>Grants Administrator</i> ; Derek Roberts, <i>District 2</i> ; Joseph Cortez, <i>District 6</i> ; Eloy LaQue, <i>District 8</i> ; Charles Mazuca, <i>District 9</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Lauren Sides, <i>District 10</i> ; Paul Jimenez, <i>District 10</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>IGR</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>IGR</i> ; Eduardo Carrasco, <i>IGR</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Joe Alderete III, <i>SAPFFA</i> ; Rudy Morales, <i>SAPFFA</i> ; Harold Driver, <i>Capitol Consulting</i>

Item 1. 84th State Legislative Session Update on the status of Proposed Legislation [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Revenue Caps

Mr. Jeff Coyle reported via teleconference call that there was an amendment made in the Senate last week to Senate Bill 1760 which stated that if the City Council wants to raise the tax rate beyond 8%; it would take a 60% supermajority vote to do so. He noted the amendment passed in the Senate and that the amendment would override the City Charter by requiring a supermajority vote rather than the current simple majority.

Chairman Krier asked what the Bexar County Property Appraisals Notices would produce in terms of a percentage increase in revenues. Mr. Carlos Contreras responded that the data was not yet available but next year's revenue would be presented to the City Council at a later time.

Mr. Coyle stated that SB 1760 had been sent to the House for consideration where it would be referred to a House Committee for review. He explained that if the Bill passed Committee Consideration, it could go to the House Floor for a vote.

Annexation

Mr. Jeff Coyle stated that at the request of Texas Municipal League, the San Antonio Delegation organized a meeting on Monday with the Speaker's Staff that included the cities of Houston, Austin, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Dallas, and Fort Worth to argue against the Legislation. He noted that they discussed municipal concerns with changing Annexation Law. He mentioned that they used Limited

Purpose Annexation in recruiting Toyota and Military Bases to the City of San Antonio. He spoke of the danger of becoming landlocked and the inability for cities to regulate their growth as regions become more developed over time.

G.J. Sutton

Mr. Jeff Coyle reported that Article I of the Budget would likely be finalized by next week. He referenced a meeting with the Speaker's Chief of Staff in which a draft for the budget was provided that authorized the whole project but appropriated only debt funding. He added that finalization of Article I of the Budget was imminent; and thus, it was vital to champion the G.J. Sutton Legislation before the end of next week.

Texting Ban

Mr. Jeff Coyle reported that HB 80 was set for Committee Hearing in the Senate and that a primary concern was the ability to regulate other Hands Free Activities. He reported that there was nothing in the State Legislation that preempted the City's Authority to regulate other Hands Free Activities and that there was no impact to City Regulations.

Truancy

Mr. Jeff Coyle stated that Senate Bill 106 sponsored by Senator Whitmire had passed the Senate and was scheduled for a House Committee Hearing. He noted that the Bill supports proactive measures to oppose Truancy. He added that a provision was included to ensure that current programs in place at the local level are left unencumbered.

Item 2. Federal Representation Services Contract Request for Proposal [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager and Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Chairman Krier requested that the presentation of Item 2 be postponed until Mr. Jeff Coyle was physically present to provide his briefing to the Intergovernmental Committee.

Item 3. Next Meeting Scheduled: May 13, 2015

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alexander J. Pytel,
Office of the City Clerk


Joe Krier, Chairman