

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the "B" Room of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

ABSENT: 1 - Saldaña

Mrs. Vacek announced that Councilmember Saldaña was on city business and would not be present.

1. A briefing on the current status of the City of San Antonio's three growth-related plans including the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, and the Sustainability Plan collectively named "SA Tomorrow." [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

City Manager Sheryl Sculley provided an overview of the SA Tomorrow Plan Process and recognized Tri-Chairs Councilmember Nirenberg and Dr. Afamia Elnakat that were present. She noted that Darryl Byrd also served as a Tri-Chair but could not be present. John Dugan

played a video outlining the City of San Antonio SA Tomorrow Plan and presented an update on the three City's Growth-Related Plans. He outlined the Comprehensive Plan Process and stated that they had researched Best Practices of other cities including Seattle, Austin, and Houston. He noted that they had conducted an Existing Conditions Report and projected an increase of 1.1 million people by the year 2040. He outlined the Plan Element Working Groups that include: 1) Growth and Urban Form; 2) Transportation & Connectivity; 3) Housing; 4) Healthy Neighborhoods; 5) Public Facilities & Safety; 6) Natural Resources and Environment; 7) Historic Preservation; 8) Military; 9) Jobs & Economic Competitiveness; and 10) Implementation & Codification. He mentioned that Focus Groups and Stakeholder Interviews would be conducted August 5-6, 2015 and that Plan Element Working Groups would meet from September 22-24, 2015.

Mr. Dugan highlighted the SA Tomorrow Strategic Multimodal Transportation Plan. He outlined the project process that includes an Existing Conditions Report, Forecasting Growth, Modeling, Corridor Criteria & Selection, as well as Plan Development. He spoke of the 2040 Modeling Scenarios in which Scenario 1 encompassed Business as Usual; Scenario 2 that focused on Capacity & Connectivity; and Scenario 3 which Promotes all Modes of Transportation. He stated that they were rethinking corridors for livability and safety. He spoke of the Large Community Forum on Transportation that would be held on October 13, 2015.

Mr. Dugan provided an overview of the Sustainability Plan that promotes a Healthy Environment, Thriving Economy, and Inclusive & Fair Community. He reported that they had a Steering Committee, Resiliency Advisory Committee, and would utilize input from Municipal Leadership.

Lastly, Mr. Dugan highlighted the engagement and outreach that had occurred for all three plans that include a Mind Mixer and Sustainability Forum. He stated that they would continue to solicit community input for all three plans and thanked the City Council for their support.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the arterials. Mr. Dugan replied that if they built out the Multi-Modal Thoroughfare Plan adopted in 1978; it would require a 62% increase in arterial lane miles. Mayor Taylor asked the goal for public transportation usage. Mr. Dugan stated that they had not set a goal but there was currently 3% transit use. Mayor Taylor asked of the amount of people that work from home and ways to promote same. Mr. Dugan replied that he did not have that information but would provide it to the City Council. Mayor Taylor reiterated that there was a great opportunity to make investments through the 2017 Bond Program. She asked everyone to promote attendance at future workshops and forums and recognized Dr. Elnakat. Dr. Elnakat stated

that this was the most inclusive plan she had seen and that she was pleased to serve as a Tri-Chair. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for their work.

Councilmember Viagran thanked everyone for their work on the Plans and stated that she looked forward to participate on the Committee. She noted that it was important to look at everything together noting underdevelopment that existed. She asked of the estimated costs of housing. Mr. Dugan replied that they would create different goals for the various types of housing. Councilmember Viagran asked of outreach to Seniors. Mr. Dugan replied that they had visited Senior Centers and engaged them regarding their needs. He stated that they would continue dialogue with Neighborhood Presidents to better understand community needs. Councilmember Viagran spoke of the need for rail transportation and recommended rail travel from Texas A&M San Antonio to Austin/Georgetown.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked everyone for their work thus far and spoke of the great amount of information that was included in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that they had made great efforts to incorporate citizen input and direction into the Plan. Mr. Dugan stated that they would utilize the data they received from stakeholders and provide it to the Homeowner Associations (HOAs), Development Community, and General Forums. He mentioned the Social Media Engagement in which they had received and would continue to receive input from the public. He added that they would receive input from the Citizen Planning Institute and was pleased that the Comprehensive Plan was incorporated into the City Council Committees. Councilmember Nirenberg referenced the article regarding bad data in Governing Magazine and asked for reassurance that good data would be utilized for SA Tomorrow. Mr. Dugan replied that they were utilizing National Data that had been vetted by the three Consultants. He noted that they had also sent data to collaborating agencies for validation.

Councilmember Warrick stated that this was a great start and asked of the increased housing density. Mr. Dugan replied that it was a big challenge to coordinate new growth and infill development with the existing communities that see it as a threat. He stated that there were things that could be done within neighborhoods to increase housing capacity such as the second unit approach where small units could be added to accommodate one or two persons. Councilmember Warrick asked of a comparison to Austin's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dugan replied that they could utilize the Austin Plan as a model and that their growth rate was twice as fast as that of San Antonio. He noted that San Antonio had a gap between its growth and Sustainability Goals.

Councilmember Krier stated that there were people that may not participate in the process and asked if there was a way to secure support and endorsement of the final plan from community organizations. Mr. Dugan replied that they would begin with the large

institutions that were part of the Advisory Group and had participated in the process. He stated that the Working Groups were comprised of individuals nominated by community groups and institutions as well as others that provided technical expertise. Councilmember Krier asked of the partnership with VIA Metropolitan on the route projections. Mr. Dugan replied that they were working very closely with VIA and that they would coordinate routes to ensure that the plans are seamless. Councilmember Krier asked if staff had received data from the Lone Star Rail regarding ridership. Mr. Terry Bellamy stated that they projected 8,000-9,000 riders per day. Councilmember Krier spoke of the importance of future jobs and workforce development. Mr. Dugan stated that it was one of the key components of the Sustainability Plan.

Councilmember Gallagher spoke of the importance of citizen outreach and the cultural shift that must occur related to mass transit. He mentioned the success of community outreach on the Perrin Beitel/Nacogdoches Project and recommended the same strategy be utilized for SA Tomorrow.

Mayor Taylor recognized Tri-Chair Darryl Byrd. Mr. Byrd spoke of the importance of engaging end users in the planning process and commended staff for their work.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of Vision Zero noting that there were many traffic-related fatalities in District 5. Mr. Terry Bellamy stated that they had performed a great amount of work related to pedestrian safety and had seen a reduction in the amount of traffic-related fatalities. He spoke of their collaboration with other entities and noted that it was a component of the Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Lopez provided an example of a work session he had attended noting that he had spoken with a participant that was opposed to Toll Roads since the toll continued even after the roads were built. He stated that there could never be too much input and that it was important to include the opinions of a variety of citizens throughout the community. He recognized the work of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that he and several Councilmembers served on.

Councilmember Treviño spoke of the core value of the City Council to improve safety in the varied corridors and asked that public safety concepts be vetted through the Public Safety Council Committee. Mr. Dugan stated that the concept of complete streets would be revisited throughout the process and that complete streets should accommodate all modes of transportation safely. Councilmember Treviño spoke of the importance of proper design and planning as well as citizen education. Mayor Taylor spoke of an example in which an individual using a double wide stroller had to walk on the street due to broken and uneven sidewalks. She stated that she hoped to address these types of quality of life issues.

Councilmember Warrick asked if the Austin or San Antonio Plans projected the cities becoming a Metroplex by 2040. Mr. Dugan replied that they were not addressing it in the City of San Antonio Plan but that they would work with the MPO and address regional planning issues.

Councilmember Medina stated that this was a great opportunity to gather ideas from throughout the city and looked forward to serving on the Committee.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

2. A Briefing on the San Antonio Public Library Mayor's Summer Reading Club. [Xavier Urrutia, Interim Assistant City Manager; Ramiro S. Salazar, Director, San Antonio Public Library]

Ramiro Salazar introduced Dr. Viki Ash and Jennifer Velasquez of the Library to present a summary of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. Ms. Velasquez stated that summer reading was important as it encouraged incidental learning and self-directed interests. Dr. Ash spoke of the concept of "Summer Slide" in which children lose their reading skills over the Summer Months and stated that kids who read beat the "Summer Slide." Ms. Velasquez and Dr. Ash thanked the community partners for the program that include Mayor & City Council, Parks and Recreation Department, SA Food Bank, SA Youth Literacy, and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. Ms. Velasquez stated that they did not have 2015 Results yet, but provided statistics for 2014 noting that 32,321 children participated and read 161,751 books. Dr. Ash showed photos and provided examples of the various programs that children participated in such as creating art and learning to use 3-D Printers.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she was pleased with the results of the program. Councilmember Viagran commended staff for their work and stated that she was pleased with the great amount of participation. Councilmember Nirenberg added his support for the program and stated that books taught children empathy.

Councilmember Medina noted his appreciation for the work of the Library Staff and stated that his children had participated in the program. Councilmember Treviño expressed his support for the program and stated that he appreciated the work of Library Staff. He noted that he was pleased that they were using tools such as a 3-D Printer and exposing children to what the future holds. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:20 pm to discuss the following:

- A. 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).
- B. 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).
- C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Discuss legal issues relating to a lawsuit styled the Estate of Alfred Hector Aragon, et al v. City of San Antonio, et al pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She stated that the Executive Session related to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Item C) would be addressed on August 6, 2015 after the business portion of the Council Meeting. She addressed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 3:

- 3. A Public Hearing for the FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2016 Action Plan funded through the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities

for Persons with AIDS Grant, and the FY 2016 and FY 2017 REnewSA target areas. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing.

John Dugan presented a brief Power Point regarding the FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2016 Action Plan. He stated that the Plan sets priorities and goals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), Emergency Services Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA) for the next five years. He noted that the Action Plan identifies all actions the city takes in a given year and must align with the Consolidated Plan Five Year Goals. He outlined the process in which they utilize citizen and stakeholder input. He highlighted the recommended priorities, goals and allocations within each grant category. He presented a map of the proposed FY 2016-2017 Target Areas that include Edgewood, Las Palmas, Avenida Guadalupe, Five Points, Wheatley, Harlandale, and South San/Kindred. He added that the items would be considered by the City Council on August 6, 2015.

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizen registered to speak.

Mr. Roman Pena stated that he was the Chairman of the Casas Resident Council and they had been in operation for 20 years. He noted that they were requesting funding for Single Family and Commercial Projects in the Inner City.

There being no other citizens wishing to speak, Mayor Taylor closed the Public Hearing.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Michael Knuffke spoke in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He stated that the concerns of the nearby neighborhood were not being addressed.

Danny Petri addressed the City Council in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He stated that the building was too large to be zoned C1.

Harry Padilla spoke in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He noted concerns with the abortions being performed at the facility.

Patrick Von Dohlen addressed the City Council in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He stated that he had attended various Building and Fire Code Appeals Committee Meetings and asked why the zoning case had not been heard by the Zoning Commission.

Sylvia Villarreal spoke in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road noting that the building was zoned as a medical office and not a surgical facility.

Mark Perez addressed the City Council and spoke of public safety concerns due to the facilities operating throughout the city without the proper permits. He expressed concern with various City Employees that had not responded to his requests.

Philip Trickett stated that he was opposed to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and noted that the zoning was incorrect.

George Askey addressed the City Council and spoke of billing concerns related to San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS). He stated that SAWS had been charging them sewer fees for 45 years after his father passed away. He noted that after hiring an attorney; he and his siblings only received a refund of \$5,000.

John Cope addressed the City Council in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. He expressed concern with the services offered at the facility.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez addressed the City Council and spoke of issues with contamination related to CPS Energy.

Betty Eckert addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. She noted that it was improperly zoned for the services it was providing.

Wilson Luke Von Dohlen addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and expressed concern with the abortions performed at the facility.

Renee Frias spoke in opposition to the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road. She noted concerns with the services offered at the facility as it was improperly zoned.

Hope Von Dohlen addressed the City Council in opposition to the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and expressed concern with the abortions performed at the facility.

Angela Garcia, Senior Advisor for LULAC addressed the City Council in support of funding for a Minor Repairs Program through the Consolidated Funding Process. She noted that there was a great need to assist Seniors in District 5.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that high-tech solar plants failed to deliver their expected electricity. He submitted several newspaper articles highlighting the June 13, 2015 Mayoral Run-Off. He referenced the District 2 Park Improvements for Coliseum Oaks, Herrera, and Lincoln Parks. He wrote of the success of the Museum Reach Section of the River Walk. He requested that the start dates for Texas Schools not be changed. He expressed concern with the increase in gas prices.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMC/MMC
CITY CLERK