

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

**9:00 AM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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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, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher

1. The Invocation was delivered by Deacon Felipe Barajas, St. Jude Catholic Church, guest of Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, District 5.
2. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting of June 9, 2016 and City Council Meetings of June 15-16, 2016

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Meeting of June 9, 2016 and City Council Meetings of June 15-16, 2016. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:



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

**ABSENT:** 1 - Saldaña

**OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR PRO TEM**

City Clerk Vacek administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Warrick to serve as Mayor Pro Tem beginning August 23, 2016 through November 1, 2016.

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Warrick recognized the First Graduates of the Eastside Dreamers Academy. He stated that the program was designed to develop underserved youth on the Eastside between the ages of 13-17 years old. He thanked everyone involved and wished the graduates well in their future endeavors.

Councilmember Lopez recognized Sophia Christilles, an Intern who would be completing her Senior Year at Providence High School. He thanked her for her work and wished her well in the future.

Mayor Taylor recognized the McAllister Park All-Stars who were competing in their Third Little League World Series in seven years. She wished them success in their upcoming games.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 4:

**2016-08-11-0590**

4. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance adopting the following components of the San Antonio Master Plan: [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Interim Director, Planning and Community Development; Terry Bellamy, Assistant Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements; Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

A. SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan;

B. SA Tomorrow Multimodal Transportation Plan; and

C. SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan.



Bridgett White made a brief presentation noting that they were recommending adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Multimodal Transportation Plan, and Sustainability Plan. She reported that there were 25 proposed amendments for the three plans submitted by Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Treviño, and Councilmember Nirenberg.

Mayor Taylor called the citizens registered to speak.

Laurie Griffith stated that she was representing the Real Estate Council in support of the three Plans as recommended by the Planning Commission with exception to Dark Skies and Impervious Cover. She noted that expansion of said policies should only be done after appropriate studies.

Fredericka Kushner addressed the City Council and stated that she was representing the Tobin Hill Community Association in support of the Plans. She requested that Historic Sites and Conservation Districts be protected from inappropriate development.

Wendell Fuqua stated that he was a member of the Sierra Club and expressed concern with the Vista Ridge Project.

Robert Naething and Jim Cannizzo representing the Department of the Army addressed the City Council in support of the Plans. Mr. Naething requested that Dark Sky Lighting and Impervious Cover Standards remain in the Sustainability Plan. He referenced an Information Paper outlining their importance to Military Installations in San Antonio.

Meredith McGuire of the Alamo Sierra Club stated that it was important to have sound restrictions in all parts of the Comprehensive Plan and requested that the City Council accept the amendments that would be made by Councilmember Nirenberg. She expressed concern with the Vista Ridge Pipeline noting that it was not a sustainable water supply.

Cynthia Spielman, President of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association and member of the Tier 1 Neighborhood Coalition stated that she was supportive of the Plans. She thanked Councilmember Treviño and his staff for addressing issues related to neighborhoods.

Cosima Colvin stated that she was also supportive of the Comprehensive Plan and asked that input from the neighborhoods continue to be solicited during the implementation. She requested that more staff be hired in the Planning Department to assist Neighborhoods with Plan Implementation.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez addressed the City Council in support of the Plans.



Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the Plans noting concerns with the proposed Light Rail and lane reductions. He noted that the plan would replace minimum parking space requirements with maximum parking space requirements discouraging the use of vehicles. He also spoke against the proposed Toll Roads.

Mariana Ornelas representing the Dellview Neighborhood Association stated that she was opposed to the Plans on principle, noting concern that neighborhood representation was not included in the process. She thanked Councilmember Treviño for working to ensure that language was added to the Comprehensive Plan to protect neighborhoods.

Mike Rust representing the San Antonio Apartment Association spoke in support of the Plans but noted concern with potential regulations that may be counter-productive to the goals of developing walkable communities, improving economic vitality, and increasing the stock of affordable housing.

Paula Bondurant, President of the Monte Vista Historical Association thanked the City Council for listening to the concerns of the neighborhoods.

Betty Eckert stated that the Comprehensive Plan was needed but expressed concern that neighborhood representatives were not included in the process. She requested that a Neighborhood Commission be created to gather input and noted that she looked forward to implementation of the Plan.

Anastasia Christilles spoke of the importance of limiting Impervious Cover and noted concern with water runoff that leads to negative consequences. She stated that there were alternatives for Impervious Cover that developers could utilize such as cobblestones or lattice bricks.

Gianna Rendon stated that she was supportive of the Sustainability Plan and encouraged the City Council to add in Dark Sky and Impervious Cover Initiatives. She noted that Light Pollution was a quality of life, health, and environmental issue.

Natalie Rodriguez stated that she was supportive of the Sustainability Plan but also asked that the Dark Sky and Impervious Cover Initiatives be added back in.

Graciela Sanchez spoke of the experiences of her Grandmother and Mother growing up on the West Side. She stated that the SA Tomorrow and Comprehensive Plans must be for everyone and asked that the neighborhoods be included in the future.



Bianca Maldonado, President of the Monticello Neighborhood Association and Marie Cooper, President of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association expressed support for the SA Tomorrow Plans. Ms. Maldonado thanked Councilmember Treviño for listening to the concerns of the neighborhoods. Ms. Cooper added that she was supportive of the Plans.

Ellen Berkey stated that she was concerned with the language included in the Sustainability Plan related to the Vista Ridge Project.

Terry Burns, Chair of the Alamo Group of the Sierra Club stated that they were supportive of the final drafts of the SA Tomorrow Plans with some of the strengthening language added. He noted that there was plenty of information to support Dark Skies and Impervious Cover Policies.

Vicky Araujo spoke in opposition to the Plans as the Los Angeles Heights Neighborhood Association was not involved in the process. She asked that their input be requested in the future.

Peter Bella stated that advisement from the San Antonio River Authority should be sought when formulating policy regarding the health and sustainability of the San Antonio River.

Jerry Morrissey stated that he was supportive of the Dark Sky Initiative. He expressed concern with the Vista Ridge Pipeline which would bring water from 140 miles away that would create a great amount of energy use.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone that came out to share their thoughts and stated that the City Council would vote on each Plan individually. She addressed the Comprehensive Plan first.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve Item #4A, the staff and Planning Commission recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan, and directed staff to begin implementation. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Treviño moved to amend Item 4A, the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, to include the following: 1) On page 17.10, include "Neighborhood and community plans should be respected, as appropriate, as they are integrated into the Sub-Area Plans." 2) On page 17.14, include additional language related to neighborhood plans that strikes "replace" and adds "incorporate" so that the whole text reads, "The Community Plans should integrate and will eventually incorporate." 3) On page 8.12, add GCF Policy (under infill and revitalization): "establish appropriate buffers and transitions (land use, form and/or landscaping) between residential neighborhoods and surrounding higher density



development.” 4) On page 8.12, amend GCF P9 by adding the words “and where appropriate” to the existing text reading, “allow higher density and mixed uses in portions of, and adjacent to, single-family residential areas to encourage shopping, services, and entertainment amenities in closer proximity to housing.” Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran asked staff to clarify the Regional Centers identified in the Comprehensive Plan. Bridgett White explained that 13 Regional Centers had been identified and that they would be creating Master Plans for each one. Councilmember Viagran asked of potential encroachment into the neighborhoods. Ms. White responded that they would not encroach into the neighborhoods and that they would work to preserve the unique character of impacted neighborhoods. Councilmember Viagran asked if this document would add any additional authority for eminent domain. Martha Sepeda replied that it would not add additional authority for eminent domain. Councilmember Viagran stated that this plan was a guide and they needed to be proactive with regard to the Regional Center at Brooks which has been long overlooked.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if the Plan was considered City Code or was only a guide. Ms. White replied that it was a framework for where to go and how to get there.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to amend the Comprehensive Plan as follows: On page 8.8 describing the Growth and City Form plan element, revise the section regarding water supply diversification to read, in part: “Although the 142-mile pipeline will provide the largest Non-Edwards Aquifer water supply in the City’s History, consideration of and unanimous SAWS and City Council commitment to the project allowed for a significant community debate regarding water reliability, SAWS rate restructuring and conservation and landscape irrigation controls.” Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment by Councilmember Gallagher. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 10 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

**NAY:** 1 - Nirenberg

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment by Councilmember Treviño. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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



Councilmember Nirenberg thanked everyone that participated in the lengthy process. He stated that San Antonio was continuing to grow and they were working to accommodate that growth in the best way possible.

Councilmember Warrick stated that this was a framework for the future and that there was still a great amount of work to be done. He asked of the next steps. Ms. White stated that staff would work on an Implementation Plan with the City Council, as well as Internal and External Stakeholders to include Neighborhoods.

Councilmember Medina asked how many public meetings were held on the SA Tomorrow Plans. Ms. White replied that since 2014, they held 77 meetings of which 28 were Community Meetings. Councilmember Medina asked of the Neighborhood Plans. Ms. White stated that they had added Chapter 17 to the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that existing Neighborhood and Community Plans would be incorporated into the process.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked Mayor Taylor and Councilmember Nirenberg for their leadership and asked of the last time that the city adopted such a plan. Ms. White replied that they were updating the 1997 Master Plan Policies and that the Master Plan prior to that had been adopted in the 1970's. Councilmember Saldaña stated that there had been imbalanced growth in the past but wanted to ensure that this was the People's Plan. Ms. White noted that the updated Comprehensive Plan would allow them to address gaps throughout the city. Councilmember Lopez stated that this was a very important day and thanked everyone for their work.

Councilmember Krier asked when the Plans would be reviewed. Ms. White stated that the Plans were long-range but Chapter 18 required that they be reviewed in five years. Councilmember Krier asked of the projected revenues to implement the Plans. Ms. White stated that they were able to put together a fiscal analysis for the plan based on current data and will adjust it accordingly each year during the Budget Process.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the amendments being made and why they were not done prior to approval by the Planning Commission. Ms. White explained that some of the amendments were made after the posting deadline for the Planning Commission Meeting and some were made during that meeting. She noted that staff was presenting the Plans that the Planning Commission adopted and that amendments could be considered by the City Council at this time.

Mayor Taylor stated that amendments were being requested based on input received from the community and stakeholders and were trying to strike a good balance.



Councilmember Treviño thanked Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Nirenberg, and their staffs for listening to neighborhood concerns. He also thanked his staff and the Neighborhood Leaders that provided input. Councilmember Nirenberg also thanked his staff and stated that the Plans were starting blocks.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan with the following amendments: 1) In Section 8.13, amend Item GCF P23 by changing the word “incentive” to read, “Develop regulations and promote incentives for”; 2) Items GCF P28 and P29 to insert the words “regulations” and “promote” between “Develop” and “incentives” to read, “Develop regulations and promote incentives”; 3) In Section 12.13, under CHW POLICY and in Section 14.14 under NRES POLICY, add the policy, “Review and update, if necessary, the City’s Tree Preservation Ordinance.” Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion.

Councilmember Krier asked if the amendments were listed on the 4 pages distributed this morning. Councilmember Nirenberg confirmed that they were. Councilmember Krier stated that he could not support those changes. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was supportive of removing the word “Incentivize” and adding something that makes it more inclusive to encompass a broader scope than to only incentivize around the Recharge and Contributing Zones.

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment by Councilmember Nirenberg. The motion failed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 4 - Treviño, Saldaña, Gonzales and Nirenberg

**NAY:** 7 - Mayor Taylor, Warrick, Viagran, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

Mayor Taylor addressed the main motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan by Councilmember Warrick as amended. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**NAY:** 1 - Saldaña

Councilmember Lopez stated that the Region had focused on Transportation for a very long time and that the recommendation included data driven facts from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG). He noted that he was pleased to be moving forward with a Regional Approach.



Councilmember Lopez moved to approve Item 4B, the staff and Planning Commission recommendation for the Multimodal Transportation Plan and directed staff to begin implementation. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve Item 4B, the Multimodal Transportation Plan, with the following amendments: 1) Item 15, reinstate deleted text to read, "The City should consider UDC policies that require the construction of collectors by developers as they are subdividing property between arterials. This policy would require connections between arterials in a manner that best suits the city. This approach (in lieu of placing collectors on the MTP Map) allows developers some flexibility with the alignment while improving the connectivity of the overall MTP." 2) Item 18, reinstate deleted text to read, "Provide ADA compliant infrastructure such as curb ramps, unobstructed sidewalks and crossings, and accessible pedestrian signals for persons with disabilities wherever a pedestrian way is newly built or altered." 3) Item 22, reinstate deleted text and insert the words, "or pervious cover when appropriate" between "buffer" and "and" to read, "six foot landscaped buffer or pervious cover when appropriate and a minimum six to eight foot sidewalk" and insert the words "can accommodate trees, where appropriate, that provide shade and" between the words "sidewalk" and "create" to read, "sidewalk can accommodate trees, where appropriate, that provide shade and"; 4) Item 33, reinstate deleted text to read, "Transit supportive development zoning and incentives"; 5) Item 34, reinstate deleted text to read, "Development requirements - incorporate transit and multimodal requirements in all development approvals as they are now for roadways or consider in lieu of financial contributions in specialized cases." 6) Item 56, reinstate the word, "increased" between the words "Incorporate" and "development" to read, "Incorporate increased development requirements," as well as reinstate text that reads, "strongly enforce the existing UDC requirements for development in these areas, and cease allowing opportunities for waiving the UDC requirements." 7) Item 59, reinstate deleted text to read, "47. Continue to require all projects to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and establish a program to focus on priority locations near schools, transit services, and within Regional Centers." 8) Item 69, reinstate deleted text to read, "6. Implement Unified Development Code (UDC) updates in order to reflect changes to the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) to allow flexibility for complete streets implementation." Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion.

Councilmember Viagran asked why those items had been deleted by the Planning Commission. Mr. Frisbie replied that staff had recommended that the items be deleted based on concerns that were raised. He noted that with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it was a Federal Requirement that would be followed whether or not the language was included in the Multimodal Transportation Plan.



Councilmember Krier asked of the proposed Light Rail included in the Plan. Mr. Frisbie replied that the Plan was a toolbox with various options that could be deployed in the future. He stated that Mass Transit was an important part of the future and it would be up to the voters to decide. Councilmember Krier commended Councilmember Lopez for his great work on Transportation. He noted that he could not support the amendments to the Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Treviño asked how long ADA had been in existence. Mr. Frisbie replied that it was implemented in 1990. Councilmember Treviño stated that ADA had been around for quite some time but there was still more work to be done. He noted that he was supportive of the amendments.

Councilmember Gonzales asked when the Major Thoroughfare Plan would be updated. Mr. Frisbie replied that they would review corridors in the Plan and make changes appropriately utilizing a public process. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was supportive of the amendments as they were part of the original recommendation.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern with making last minute changes and noted that ADA Requirements were already in effect.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased to support the Multimodal Transportation Plan which provided a variety of options and was in favor of the amendments. Mayor Taylor commended Councilmember Lopez for his contributions on Transportation and Councilmember Gonzales for her commitment on issues related to Pedestrian Safety.

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment to the Multimodal Transportation Plan by Councilmember Nirenberg. The motion failed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 4 - Treviño, Saldaña, Gonzales and Nirenberg

**NAY:** 7 - Mayor Taylor, Warrick, Viagran, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

Councilmember Viagran moved to amend the Multimodal Transportation Plan as follows: 1) Include Item 18 to provide ADA compliant infrastructure such as curb ramps, unobstructed sidewalks and crossings, and accessible pedestrian signals for persons with disabilities wherever a pedestrian way is newly built or altered; and 2) Item 59 to continue to require all projects to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and establish a program to focus on priority locations near schools, transit services, and within Regional



Centers. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment to the Multimodal Transportation Plan by Councilmember Viagran. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Taylor addressed the main motion to approve the Multimodal Transportation Plan by Councilmember Lopez as amended. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve Item 4C, the staff and Planning Commission recommendation for the Sustainability Plan and directed staff to begin implementation. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve an amendment to the Sustainability Plan, Item 4C, to add: 1) On Page 22: GB10 Strategy: Working with a broad stakeholder group, study and consider whether to update San Antonio's Dark Sky Ordinance; 2) On Page 22: GB10 Description: The current ordinance only applies to areas around military bases. An update to this ordinance, if deemed necessary through a broad stakeholder process, could expand the reach and leverage newer technology to promote energy savings in addition to the other environmental and health benefits associated with dark skies; 3) On Page 29: NR2 Strategy: Through a representative stakeholder process, conduct a science based assessment of the impact of increased impervious cover and determine if development standards are needed to address flooding, water quality, and urban heat islands; and 4) On Page 29: NR2 Description: Impervious surfaces can exacerbate flooding as water is not able to infiltrate. Pervious surfaces, such as grass, soil, or porous pavement allow water to infiltrate, helping reduce the impacts of flooding. Working with a broad group of stakeholders, determine whether it is necessary to update impervious cover standards outside of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and, if needed, identify standards that would reduce flooding, improve water quality, and reduce urban heat islands. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased to promote sensible regulations and was supportive of the amendments. Councilmember Gallagher referenced the concerns by the Military related to Dark Skies and Impervious Cover Initiatives and wanted to ensure that the Council was fully supportive of their requests. Councilmember Krier added that he was also supportive of the amendments as he was sensitive to the Military's views on Dark



Skies and Impervious Cover.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for working together on the issues and stated that they were able to discuss them at great length.

Mayor Taylor addressed the amendment to the Sustainability Plan by Councilmember Treviño. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Taylor addressed the main motion to approve the Sustainability Plan by Councilmember Nirenberg as amended. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Taylor thanked the City Council for their patience, diligence, and hard work noting that this was a great step forward. She stated that the City Charter called for the Planning Commission to recommend the Master Plan to the City Manager and Council. She noted that this was only the first step and that implementation is where the action would occur. She mentioned that they would convene groups to discuss Dark Skies and Impervious Cover Issues, as well as other Watershed Protection Strategies. She asked that they have a renewed focus on outreach and inclusivity as well as a greater emphasis on supporting neighborhoods.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Items 7, 13, and 16 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor called upon Mr. Jack M. Finger to speak. Mayor Taylor exited the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presided.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the professional services agreement with Davis Vision, Inc. (Item 12) and asked why it was not included with other Employee Insurance Programs. He asked how the City of San Antonio would benefit from the Sister City Agreement with the City of Windhoek, Republic of Namibia (Item 13). He spoke against the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Legal Holdings, LLC (Item 14).

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in opposition to Items 4 and 5 and in favor of Item 6.



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

**AYE:** 9 - Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 2 - Mayor Taylor and Nirenberg

**2016-08-11-0591**

5. An Ordinance accepting the offer from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. to provide the Aviation Department's Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting personnel with replacement self contained breathing apparatuses and accessories for a total cost of \$120,935.34, funded from the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

**2016-08-11-0592**

6. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$2,085,000.00: (A) Rush American Printing, Inc., TL Abbott Investments, LLC and Smith Print II for supplemental printing services, (B) Poppe Automotive Warehouse, Inc. for auto light duty truck drums and brake parts, (C) Color Spot Nurseries for bedding plants, (D) ICL Performance Products, LP for Phos-Chek foam for the San Antonio Fire Department, (E) Wagner Automation, Inc. for magnetic operators and gate installation, preventive maintenance, repairs and parts for the San Antonio International Airport, (F) Doggett Freightliner of South Texas for Cummins ISL G compressed natural gas engine parts and service, and (G) Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. for SCBA replacement parts. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

**2016-08-11-0594**

8. An Ordinance authorizing the closure, vacation and abandonment of a 0.0489 acre portion of alley Public Right of Way located between North New Braunfels and Breezewood Drive in Council District 10 as requested by EVC Alamo Heights, L.P. for a fee of \$11,800.00. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2016-08-11-0595**

9. An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council to provide funding to STRAC in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 in support of a multiagency funded license for EverBridge software and maintenance cost related to other medical response systems related to public health



emergency preparedness activities for Bexar County for a period ending June 30, 2017. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Vincent R. Nathan, Interim Director of Health]

10. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2017, 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 Ba’Ron Head (District 2) to the Zoning Commission.

B) Appointing Divina C. Carrillo (District 5) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.

C) Appointing Victoria M. Moreno-Herrera (District 8) to the Ethics Review Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire April 25, 2017.

**2016-08-11-0596**

11. An Ordinance amending the River Barge Concession Contract to show Pat Boone having controlling interest in Rio San Antonio Cruises, LTD. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Interim Director, Center City Development and Operations Department]

**2016-08-11-0597**

12. An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with Davis Vision, Inc. for the administration and management of the City's voluntary vision insurance plan for civilian employees, eligible dependents and retirees in an estimated annual amount of \$766,000.00 funded by the Employee Benefits Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Lori Steward, Director, Human Resources]

**2016-08-11-0599**

14. An Ordinance authorizing a Chapter 380 Economic Development Grant Agreement with Legal Holdings, LLC d/b/a Easyexpunctions.com in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the establishment of its corporate headquarters in the City's Central Business District and the creation of fifty full-time jobs. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

**2016-08-11-0600**

15. An Ordinance authorizing an increase up to \$475,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2016



funding of the professional services agreement for household hazardous waste collection, characterization, packaging, transportation and disposal services; approving the second and final one-year renewal of the agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for the term of the renewal; and approving a consumer price index increase for the final term, to assist the City's Household Hazardous Waste program and mobile events, in various Council districts, funded by the Solid Waste Operating Fund. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; David W. McCary, Director, Solid Waste Management]

## **CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**

### **ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 7:

#### **2016-08-11-0593**

7. An Ordinance declaring as surplus and authorizing conveyance of 25 City-owned vacant properties, located in Council District 2. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Warrick asked for a presentation. Debbie Racca-Sittre stated that staff had identified 25 city-owned properties in District 2. She stated that 19 of the 25 properties identified were residential lots targeted for redevelopment and would be made available to San Antonio Affordable Housing, Inc. (SAAH) for the development of affordable homes. She noted that any properties not acquired by SAAH or otherwise conveyed, would be offered for sale through the Multiple Listing Service or other methods in accordance with State Law. She mentioned that SAAH was established in 1995 by City Ordinance as a Non-Profit Component of Urban Redevelopment San Antonio (OUR SA). She stated that the mission of SAAH was to develop affordable housing in targeted areas of the city and was expanded to include technical and economic assistance to promote affordable housing and business/commercial development. She reported that the 6 remnant lots were an irregular size and could not be developed independently. She stated that the lots would be offered to the adjacent property owner at a discount or through an in-kind exchange using a formula determined on a case-by-case basis. She presented a map of the locations and noted that there would be no fiscal impact. Councilmember Warrick asked what SAAH was predicting for the sales price of the properties. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that SAAH would look at the redevelopment as a benefit for the city and may ask for some funds to pay their costs in transferring the properties or funds to purchase another piece of property. Councilmember Warrick asked if there was a timeline for the properties to be developed. Mrs. Racca-Sittre stated that the agreement with New Leaf Homes had a five-year timeline.



Councilmember Warrick asked if the properties were eligible for the City's Down Payment Assistance Program. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that they were. Councilmember Warrick noted that all of the properties were in the Promise Zone and asked if there were properties outside the Promise Zone that could be relinquished to SAAH. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that these were all of the properties located in District 2 and would be looking at District 5 next.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked if they were existing homes. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that they were vacant properties without any structures. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked if there was a cap on the price. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that they must be offered at an Affordable Rate which ranged from \$120,000-140,000.

Councilmember Warrick moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 7. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 7 - Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 4 - Mayor Taylor, Saldaña, Medina and Nirenberg

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 13:

**2016-08-11-0598**

- 13.** An Ordinance authorizing the City of San Antonio to enter into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Windhoek, Republic of Namibia. [Carlos J. Contreras, Assistant City Manager, Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]

Councilmember Lopez asked for a brief presentation. Sherry Dowlatsahi presented an overview of the Sister City Agreement noting that Namibia was one of Africa's most stable countries with a robust economy and multi-party democracy. She stated that the City of San Antonio had signed a Friendship City Agreement with Windhoek on April 21, 2015 and the President of Namibia visited San Antonio in September 2015. She mentioned that the City of San Antonio currently has 9 Sister City Agreements. She added that Sister Cities International requires the signatures of both Mayors and ratification by each City Government. She mentioned that Mayor Taylor would be travelling to Namibia October 21-29, 2016 with the Signing Ceremony scheduled on October 26th.

Councilmember Lopez expressed his support and stated that they needed to figure out ways to leverage relationships with Sister Cities. He noted the importance of economic development benefits and recognized Mayor Taylor for her leadership. Mayor Taylor re-entered the meeting and presided. She thanked Ms. Dowlatsahi for her work and spoke of the need for San Antonio to be a globally competitive city. She noted the many



connections between San Antonio and Namibia and stated that she was pleased they signed the Friendship City Agreement. Councilmember Viagran also thanked Ms. Dowlatshahi for her work on International Relationships and stated that she was proud to be a part of the City Council establishing the first Sister City on the Continent of Africa.

Councilmember Lopez moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 13. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 8 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Krier and Gallagher

**ABSENT:** 3 - Saldaña, Medina and Nirenberg

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 16:

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- 16.** An Ordinance amending the recycling processing agreement with River Recycling, LLC, D/B/A ReCommunity, to address diaper contamination in the recycling stream, quarterly single stream curbside recycling audit procedures, the replacement of index values and an excess residue transportation rate. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; David W. McCary, Director, Solid Waste Management]

Councilmember Viagran spoke of the gravity of the issue of diaper contamination, not only from a financial aspect but also from a sustainability and environmental aspect. She asked Mr. David McCary to speak to the environmental and recycling impacts. Mr. McCary stated that there were four main issues: 1) Compromising the Health and Safety for workers at the ReCommunity Plant; 2) Economic impact when sending compromised commodities to the market; 3) Lack of efficiency due to ReCommunity Staff sorting out commodities that do not belong in the recycling stream; and 4) Taking ownership and executing fines as necessary. Councilmember Viagran stated that the reasons outlined were very important and that staff would work on an Education Campaign for the community. Councilmember Gonzales asked of neighbors who place items that cannot be recycled in someone else's recycling bin. Mr. McCary replied that they should contact city staff at 207-6428 so they can address the issue. Mayor Taylor thanked staff for bringing this to the attention of the City Council and encouraged viewers to get clarity on what items belong in each cart.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 16. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYE:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier and Gallagher



**ABSENT:** 2 - Saldaña and Medina

**17. City Manager's Report**  
A. Alamo Plaza Update

Mrs. Sculley provided an update on work occurring at The Alamo. She reported that the City of San Antonio committed \$16 Million for the Alamo Master Plan effort and anticipated further funding in the 2017 Bond Program. She stated that last Tuesday, the Alamo Endowment, General Land Office, and City of San Antonio hosted a public meeting to introduce the Preservation Design Partnership Team and provide an update on the planning effort. She mentioned that participants heard from Gene Powell, Chair of the 6-Member Management Committee, and Councilmember Treviño who serves on the Committee. She stated that Tri-Chairs of the Citizens Alamo Advisory Committee provided a briefing on their work and how their Vision and Guiding Principles will be incorporated into the Master Plan. She indicated that they would continue to engage the community in the Planning Process to ensure that the full story of The Alamo is told. She reported that a team led by Nesta Anderson of Pape Dawson Engineers and Kay Hindes with the Office of Historic Preservation had begun excavating Alamo Plaza and the surrounding area. She noted that the Excavation Team had recently uncovered adobe bricks belonging to a Spanish Colonial Wall at the site. She invited the public to follow their discoveries at The Alamo with daily updates on Twitter at “Reimagine The Alamo” or on their website at [reimaginethealamo.org](http://reimaginethealamo.org).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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