

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Special Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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Wednesday, August 24, 2016

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

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

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

1. Staff presentations on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City policies and initiatives: [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; John Woodruff, Director, Management and Budget]

A. Public Safety

B. Infrastructure

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY**

Fire Chief Charles Hood presented the Fire Department Proposed Budget for FY 2017 and personnel compliment. He highlighted health and safety improvements to include the use of Ballistic Gear by First Responders, installation of Exhaust Removal Equipment at Fire Stations, and procurement of additional Bunker Gear for all Fire Personnel. He reported

that these improvements would assist in the prevention of injuries and future health concerns. He stated that the Department was requesting additional funding to cover costs associated with the deployment of personnel along the newly annexed Highway 281 Corridor, contract fee increases for medical oversight and training, and the selling of unused sick leave as part of the Sick Leave Buyback Program.

In the area of Revenue Enhancements, Chief Hood noted that the Department was proposing to charge individuals requiring watercraft rescues at Braunig and Calaveras Lakes, as well as increase fees for customers requiring buildings to be re-inspected and Standby Paramedics. He reported that the Department planned to purchase 3 Drones at a cost of \$100,000 which would be used for crowd control purposes and assessing safety issues at fires. He stated that these new devices were more technologically advanced than the ones currently used. Lastly, Chief Hood spoke of the services offered by Fire Personnel and the various methods used to provide said services.

Mayor Taylor asked of the impact of the Department's Collective Bargaining Agreement on future Budgets. Mrs. Sculley stated that the Department was still operating under the Terms of the Evergreen Clause of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and that service needs were being addressed through Overtime. She reported that the City was able to accommodate current improvements but that future Budgets could not absorb the deployment of additional EMS Units. She spoke of efforts made by the City to meet with Fire Union Personnel and encouraged negotiations. Mayor Taylor spoke of adding Fire Personnel to address potential increased fire response times in the future. Mrs. Sculley reported that said hiring action would result in the City incurring an additional \$6 Million to cover health care costs under the current terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. She noted that these funds could be redirected to hiring additional Personnel if a new Collective Bargaining Agreement was approved.

Councilmember Krier asked of the number of calls received for service and the deployment of personnel. Chief Hood stated that the Department responded to over 325,000 calls for service with 82% of calls being for medical emergencies. He highlighted the process for responding to calls and spoke of the benefit of deploying multiple units to each medical emergency call. He noted that most Large Cities require a Paramedic on each Fire Truck as it allowed for medical treatment to be administered sooner; especially in the event that a Fire Truck arrived before the EMS Unit. Councilmember Krier asked of Revenue Enhancements being requested. Chief Hood stated that additional revenue would be generated from the proposed fee increases. Ms. Maria Villagomez reported that the proposed funding increases would generate an additional \$20,000 in revenue annually.

Councilmember Medina noted concerns with the call volume received by Fire Station #32

and asked of the status of providing additional resources to the area. Chief Hood stated that the replacement Fire Station #32 was scheduled to open in September 2016. Councilmember Medina spoke in support of proposed health and safety improvements and asked for clarification regarding the Water Craft Rescue Fee. Ms. Villagomez clarified that the City was expected to generate an additional \$20,000 in revenue annually for providing watercraft rescues at Braunig and Calaveras Lakes and that all other rescue fees would remain the same.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the Mobile Integrated Unit. Chief Hood reported that the Unit was fully staffed as a result of previous enhancements. He outlined the staffing compliment and stated that Personnel was available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Councilmember Viagran asked of Fire Station #53. Chief Hood reported that they were scheduled to break ground on Fire Station #53 the week of August 29, 2016.

Councilmember Lopez requested clarification on the duty of Texas Parks and Wildlife to respond to watercraft emergencies at Braunig and Calaveras Lakes. Chief Hood responded that the City of San Antonio was called upon to make rescues as these bodies of water were within the City Limits. He stated that Parks and Wildlife Staff were not present when previous rescues were made by the Department. Councilmember Lopez asked for the Fire Department to coordinate rescue efforts with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke in support of the proposed Health and Safety Improvements and asked for clarification on the funding implications associated adding a Second EMS Unit. Mr. Erik Walsh reported that the deployment of a Second EMS Unit would cost the City \$1.8 Million. Councilmember Saldaña asked of Ambulance Transportation Fees. Chief Hood responded that the fee included the cost of rendering emergency services to each person and was not based on the number of units deployed. Ms. Villagomez reported that Transportation Fees were not proposed this year. As requested by Councilmember Saldaña, Deputy Fire Chief Carl Wedige and Mr. Mike Frisbie provided a status on Fire Station #2 to include procurement of a New Fire Engine and approval of the Construction Contract.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked the Department for assisting with the fire that occurred at Grace Point Church. He spoke of the overgrowth of brush and asked of a Wildfire Prevention Plan. Chief Hood reported that January was typically the time when Brush Fires were likely to develop and highlighted mitigation efforts. In the area of Hazmat Remediation, Chief Hood reported that the Department had 2 Units to assist with Emergency Operations and that no additional resources were required at the time. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of resources needed for newly annexed areas of San Antonio. Chief Hood highlighted the allocation of resources based on need and stated that

all areas of the City were appropriately staffed by trained Fire Personnel.

Councilmember Gonzales requested clarification regarding the reduction in positions. Ms. Villagomez explained that there was not a reduction in Personnel and that 30 Cadets were expected to graduate from the Fire Academy. Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern with the Personnel Compliment based on the high volume of calls for emergency service received and requested an increase in Fire Personnel for future Budgets.

Councilmember Warrick asked for clarification regarding services offered by Fire Stations 18 and 30. Chief Hood clarified that both Stations would continue to be fully operational and resources were not scheduled to be added to either Fire Station. Councilmember Warrick spoke of the number of emergency service calls received and asked of efforts to increase resources allocated to the Prevention Program. Chief Hood reported that home checks performed by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Unit helped mitigate call volume.

Councilmember Gallagher addressed the lack of progress made by the Fire Union in approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement and expressed concern with the anticipated increase in calls for emergency services resulting from the City's Growth. Mrs. Sculley stated that the annexation of the Highway 281 Corridor would not impact the current level of services offered by the Fire Department. She reported that the City had been in discussions with Area Emergency Service Districts and that an Interlocal Agreement had been drafted.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

Police Chief William McManus provided an overview of the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) FY 2017 Proposed Budget and Personnel Compliment. He highlighted Budget Enhancements recommended for FY 2017 to include the deployment of additional personnel and funding allocations associated with the Annexation of the Highway 281 Corridor, continued implementation of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program, and maintenance of the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). He noted that the Department was requesting additional personnel for the Communications Unit in order to answer calls for emergency service within the required 10 seconds. Overall, the Department was requesting the hiring of 28 Emergency Call Takers, 9 Communications Supervisors, 3 Quality Assurance Reviewers, and 2 Paralegals. He noted that additional Communications personnel would also be requested in the FY 2018 Budget.

Chief McManus highlighted Enhancements which include a proposed funding allocation of \$1.9 Million for the purchase of additional Body Cameras to be deployed in February 2017 and \$1.1 Million for the hiring of 25 new Officers to assist with the COPS Program. He

reported that the Officers currently working COPS Units would be transferred to the IMPACT Team once the new COPS Officers were trained. He mentioned additional Proposed Enhancements to include the allocation of \$115,000 and the hiring of 6 Civilians to manage the Property Room and allocation of \$83,000 and hiring of 12 Civilian Positions for the Alarms Office. He reported that the Alarms Unit was currently being staffed by Temporary Personnel and for continuity and training purposes; were proposing to utilize Full-Time Civilians.

Chief McManus reported that FY 2017 Budget Enhancements were also being proposed for Park Police. He stated that they were requesting additional resources to include the allocation of \$394,000 to be used for the hiring of one new Park Police Lieutenant and 4 Park Police Officers to provide Linear Creekway Security. Also, \$258,000 for the hiring of 4 Park Police Officers to provide security along the Outer Districts. He stated that the Police Department FY 2017 Proposed Budget aligned with Departmental Priorities and Council Priorities regarding the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the Departmental Goals were to fill existing Uniform Vacancies, provide effective and efficient emergency communications services, provide police service to annexed areas, and assume management and supervision of the Detention Center.

Mayor Taylor requested information on the COPS Initiative and deployment of San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers. Chief McManus reported that a requirement of the COPS Grant was for Officers to assist the Community and that the strategy was to increase foot patrols in the neighborhood. He highlighted efforts made by the Gang Intervention Unit and reported that the Department planned on collaborating with SA Fighting Back to mitigate crimes and gang violence.

Councilmember Gallagher thanked Chief McManus and spoke in support of SAFFE Officers. Chief McManus stated that the plan of action was to continue and enhance the SAFFE Officer Program.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke in support of COPS Efforts and the use of SAFFE Officers. He asked for information regarding the high turn-over rate of SAFFE Officers. Chief McManus stated that turn-over was due to the fact that the position was entry level and many Officers sought a promotion. At the request of Councilmember Saldaña, Chief McManus reported that the department had a total of 2,400 Police Officers and that 117 Patrol Officers were deployed each shift. He stated that the number of Officers per shift did not include Officers assigned to specialized units or Supervisors. Councilmember Saldaña asked of the possibility of adding more Patrol Officers. Chief McManus stated that the fulfillment of said request would require the Department moving Officers from their current area of operation as well as the acquisition of additional patrol vehicles and infrastructure.

Councilmember Viagran asked for clarification on training requirements for SAFFE and Patrol Officers. Chief McManus reported that the objective of a Patrol Officer was to answer calls for emergency service whereas the objective of a SAFFE Officer was to assist with chronic community issues. Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of Officers wearing Body Cameras as they resulted in less accusations being assessed by the public against Police Officers. She asked of the allocation of resources to assist and mitigate Human Trafficking. Chief McManus reported on departmental efforts to combat said crime and noted that specialized training was provided to Officers. Councilmember Viagran asked of efforts being made to curb illegal dumping. Mrs. Sculley reported that said topic would be discussed during the FY 2017 Solid Waste Budget Presentation.

Councilmember Medina asked for clarification on the deployment of Body Cameras. Chief McManus reported that a total of 800 cameras had been issued to date with an additional 2,200 scheduled to be issued by February 2017. Councilmember Medina requested information on the Department's Staffing Allocation. Chief McManus noted that a total of 2,385 positions were authorized in the FY 2017 Budget. Of those, a total of 2,124 were Sworn Officers with an additional 115 Cadets scheduled to participate in 3 Cadet Classes. He reported that the Department had a total of 146 Vacancies.

Councilmember Warrick asked for clarification on the \$1.9 Million for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras. Chief McManus reported that the cost included upgrades and that Body Cameras were switched out every 18 months. At the request of Councilmember Warrick, Chief McManus reported on the Shot Spotter Program to include the number of hits received by the Shot Spotter, number of Citizens Calls received, and evidence collected. Erik Walsh noted that the Department was 3 months into a 12 month Program and that procedures were being enhanced as the Program evolved. Councilmember Warrick asked for information on the delivery of requested evidence and lab reports. Chief McManus reported that the Department was receiving reports between 24 hours and 3 months depending on priority. He spoke of efforts to acquire additional equipment in order to decrease the evidence processing time. Councilmember Warrick requested that the Department collaborate with other jurisdictions. He asked for clarification on the issuance of Alarm Permit Waivers and outreach efforts. Mr. Steve Baum reported that a total of 20 Waivers had been issued in FY 2016 to victims of Domestic Abuse.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for a status on the distribution of Body Cameras. Chief McManus reported that no problems were encountered with distribution and that the challenge was isolated to transferring video from SAPD to the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. At the request of Councilmember Nirenberg, Chief McManus reported that no issues were anticipated with using Body Camera Video as evidence since retention

and collection protocols for same were based on sound policies. Councilmember Nirenberg requested information regarding the increase in violent crimes by 20%. Chief McManus stated that the increase was due to outside factors and that the Department was utilizing resources to the fullest extent possible.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for clarification on the decrease in Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Citations. Chief McManus stated that decrease was due to factors that he could not quantify. Councilmember Treviño asked of funds allocated to the IMPACT Team to address homelessness in the Downtown Area. It was noted that Officers first recommend that individuals seek assistance from medical and charitable organizations and that individuals who refuse assistance are asked to find another area to congregate. Mr. Walsh highlighted Community Partnerships and financial support to include assistance from Centro San Antonio.

Councilmember Krier asked for clarification regarding the City's Annexation along Highway 281. Mrs. Sculley reported that the Highway 281 Corridor required immediate emergency protection based on its Limited Purpose Designation. She stated that the City Council would be provided with additional information on September 8, 2016 during the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Taylor thanked Chiefs Hood and McManus for the presentations.

## **B. INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mike Frisbie presented the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department Proposed FY 2017 Budget to include Funding Appropriations and Staffing by Area. He reported that the Department was proposing to reduce 10 positions from Capital Management Services for a cost savings of \$804,000 and 2 positions from the General Fund for a cost savings of \$176,000. He reported on the Pavement Management System and stated that the Department maintained a total of 4,081 centermiles of streets. He noted that streets were given one of five grades based on condition and detailed assessment criteria. He reported that a total of 55% of streets did not require remediation as they were in good condition.

Mr. Frisbie stated that the Department was proposing an allocation of \$64 Million for the Street Maintenance Program and that funding would allow for 903 Streets to be repaired. He reported that an allocation totaling \$15 Million was being proposed for the repair of 85 Projects as part of the Sidewalks Program. He noted that the Department planned on utilizing alternate materials in the development of sidewalks. He presented the Vision Zero Plan and highlighted events and actions scheduled to be completed. He reported on the number of Pedestrian Fatalities that occurred and noted that \$1.7 Million was being proposed in the FY 2017 Budget to fund Pedestrian Safety Improvements. As it relates to

the School Pedestrian Safety Program, Mr. Frisbie stated that 45% of Projects had been completed and that Projects were scheduled to be completed in 4 years rather than 5.

Mr. Frisbie provided an overview of the Fiber Deployment Management Team and reported that 12 of the 14 Positions were new. He stated that the Team was created to assist with Community Outreach Efforts, ensure Right-of-Way Inspections, reduce the impact on other Utility Services, and provide Management with Activity Reports. He reported on the proposed Policy Change to the Storm Water Utility Fee and stated that fees would be collected over 5 Years based on impervious cover. He outlined Enhancements for the Storm Water Operational Program to include adding 8 new positions for Vegetation Maintenance at a cost of \$631,000; allocating \$900,000 for the Underground Infrastructure Program; and completing 4 identified Capital Improvement Projects at a cost of \$4.5 Million.

Mr. Frisbie reported that the City's Transportation, Technology & Utilities (TTU) Council Committee recommended that the City financially support VIA Service Improvements over a 4-year period. He stated that funding allocations would begin in FY 2018 and would increase each year. He stated that funds would be used to improve VIA's service frequency and reliability as well as enhance activity center connectivity. He added that said item would be presented to the Mayor and Council on September 28, 2016. He provided a status on the Lone Star Rail Program and highlighted Partnerships. He reported that the Capitol Area MPO stopped funding the Environmental Impact Statement Process and removed the project from their Long-Range Transportation Plan. He stated that the Alamo Area MPO would be assisting with Design and Construction.

Mayor Taylor asked for clarification regarding FY 2017 funding allocations for VIA. Mr. Frisbie reported that allocations to VIA were not included in the FY 2017 Budget and if approved; would begin in FY 2018.

Councilmember Treviño spoke in support of utilizing alternate materials when designing sidewalks. Mr. Frisbie highlighted the benefits of utilizing innovative solutions to include the use of pre-cast materials and mentioned the installation of an interlocking sidewalk along Main and Soledad Streets. Councilmember Treviño addressed the installation of Fiber Huts. Mr. Frisbie noted that they had created a Fiber Deployment Team with the purpose of informing Vendors of permitting and installation requirements. Councilmember Treviño spoke in support of the Storm Water Fee decrease for Tri-Plexes and Quad-Plexes and highlighted the economic benefit to the public.

Councilmember Medina spoke in support of planned communication efforts as residents had voiced concern with the lack of community input regarding the installation of a Fiber Hut at the Castle Hills Park. He requested that the Team be pro-active when advising



Council and the community of work to be performed. He spoke in support of investments made around schools.

Councilmember Krier thanked Mr. Frisbie for making safety improvements in and around schools. He spoke of the City of Austin's plan to hold a Bond Election in May 2017 and noted that said Bond Program totaling \$720 Million would result in a tax increase if approved. He thanked Mrs. Sculley and Mr. Frisbie for developing and managing Capital Improvements that benefit the City without tax increases. Mrs. Sculley spoke of the process used by the City to ensure that Bond Projects are completed on time and on budget. Councilmember Krier noted that long-term construction proposed for Highway 281 resulted in connectivity issues for Area Residents and thanked the Department for resolving the issue by creating new exits. He also thanked Mayor Taylor and the City Council for supporting the Lone Star Rail Project and stated that the City needed to find alternate modes of transportation.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of availability of resources for completing traffic studies and installation of traffic calming devices. Mr. Frisbie reported on Staffing allocations and noted that services would be completed as requested. As it relates to Traffic Synchronization efforts, Mr. Frisbie reported that work had been completed on 98% of the 1,400 identified intersections. He reported that the use of wireless technology had improved System Communications.

Councilmember Viagran asked of notification protocol for the installation of Fiber Huts. Mrs. Sculley reported that a Plan was devised over the Summer to ensure that Vendors complied with local requirements to include the permitting process and performing working along the right-of-way. She clarified that a total of 17 Technology Huts were scheduled to be installed at identified Public Facilities to include Parks, Libraries, and Emergency Centers. Mr. Frisbie reported that it would take over 4 years to complete installation efforts. Councilmember Viagran requested that TCI Staff develop a Communication Plan in order to ensure that Bond Project Construction was not comprised during the installation of Fiber Huts and Lines. Mr. Frisbie reported that location coordinates were entered into GIS Databases. Councilmember Viagran asked of the Sidewalk Matching Funds Program. Mr. Frisbie reported that 9 Projects were funded at \$10,000 each in FY 2016. He noted that the Program would continue to be funded in FY 2017 in the amount of \$250,000. At the request of Councilmember Viagran, Mr. Frisbie stated that the City was responsible for maintaining Right-of-Ways and that the City had acquired an additional 45 acres from the Texas Department of Transportation. He noted that the City was approached by the State on said purchase as the City has better resources and performed work at a higher standard.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked Mr. Frisbie for communication efforts regarding the

Vision Zero Plan. She highlighted funding allocations for pedestrian safety and requested that said amount be increased. She spoke in support of funding increases for Sidewalk and Street Improvements.

At the request of Councilmember Warrick, Mr. Frisbie provided an overview of street repairs based on condition. Councilmember Warrick requested that additional funding be spent on streets classified as C, D, and F. Mr. Anthony Chukwudolue reported that of the \$64 Million allocated for the Street Maintenance Program; \$61 Million was dedicated for repairing streets identified as C, D, and F.

Councilmember Lopez stated that a total of 17 Fiber Huts would be installed in 3 Target Areas throughout the City over a 4-year period. He noted that said installation did not offer connectivity between the Hut and the Home and that additional construction would be required beyond the initial Hut install. He recommended that the Vendor performing the work have an operation center in San Antonio and provide the City with a Plan of Action for handling emergency situations to include network outages.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 5:20 pm for discussion on 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 related to the City's process for the procurement of services pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:42 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LETICIA Y. SAENZ, TRMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK