

# **ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 1, 2016**

**1:30 PM**

**MUNICIPAL PLAZA B ROOM**

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i><br>Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i><br>Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i><br>Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>                                                         |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>Chair, District 9</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Leticia M. Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Rene Dominguez, <i>Director, Economic Development Department</i> ; Brandon Smith, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> ; Denice F. Treviño, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> |
| <b>Others Present:</b>  | Marco Barros, <i>President, Tourism Council</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

Councilmember Gallagher presided over the meeting in the absence of Councilmember Krier.

## **1. Minutes for the May 3, 2016 meeting of the Economic and Human Development Committee.**

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2016 Economic and Human Development Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## **2. Consideration of Applicants to the Airport Advisory Commission (10 Slots). [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

Leticia Vacek stated that there were 10 Slots available on the Airport Advisory Commission whose terms had expired for the following categories: 1) Community (1); 2) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (1); 3) Taxi Cab Industry (1); and 4) Travel & Tourism (1). She noted that the following applicants for the Community Category were present for interviews. She noted that statements were provided by applicants that were not present.

Councilmember Gallagher requested that applicants be given two minutes to speak and that each applicant state their qualifications for service on the Airport Advisory Commission.

Maureen M. McCann stated that she was a previous City Employee in the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Laura Bray noted her previous service as an Airport Ambassador and stressed the importance of making a good first impression on travelers.

Steven Gonzales stated that he had 20 years of business planning and Engineering Experience.

Adam Goodman stated that he had a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and a Master's Degree in Accounting. Councilmember Gallagher asked of his current position. Mr. Goodman stated that he was the President of San Antonio Taxis and owned a Consulting Firm.

Janet Livingston stated that she served as District Governor for Rotary International and wishes to serve the community.

Farooq Malik stated that he would like to share his experience of having lived in a number of world class cities. He noted that he currently serves as an officer of the North American Development Bank.

Deborah A. Omowale stated that she retired from the Federal Aviation Administration as a Support Manager for the San Francisco International Airport and Co-owned a Bed and Breakfast.

Mrs. Vacek introduced the following applicants for the Taxicab Industry Category:

Zahabi Fereidoon stated that he enjoyed being on the Airport Advisory Commission.

George Alva stated that he had worked in the Taxicab Industry for over 20 years.

Councilmember Gallagher asked Mr. Alva of his absence at several of the Airport Advisory Commission Meetings. Mr. Alva indicated that major issues regarding Transportation Network Companies were underway at his company on those dates.

The committee addressed Item 3 at this time.

### **3. Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (3 Slots). [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

Mrs. Vacek stated that there were three available slots on the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) and called the following applicant to speak:

Steven A. Gonzales reviewed his experience and areas of expertise to include project oversight, coordination between multiple political entities, and the leveraging of funding.

#### **Executive Session**

Councilmember Gallagher recessed the Economic and Human Development Council Committee into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Councilmember Gallagher reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Councilmember Treviño moved to recommend and forward the appointment of the following applicants to the Airport Advisory Commission in the following categories:

- Mark T. Huff/Airport Business Lessee
- Alexander Reidel/Aviation Industry
- Mark R. Fessler/Business Community
- George C. Meketa/Business Community
- Leslie Hobgood/Community
- Maureen McCann/Community

- Deborah Omowale/Community
- Earl Jackson, Jr./FAA
- George Alva/Taxicab Industry
- Marco Barros/Travel & Tourism

Councilmember Treviño noted that a waiver would be required for applicants not residing in the City of San Antonio. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Lopez moved to recommend and forward the appointment of Mike T. Dwyer, Juan Landa, and Marianne Watson to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation SAEDC). Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Mrs. Vacek noted that the committee's recommendation would be brought before the full City Council on June 16, 2016 for consideration.

#### **4. Adoption of Amendments to the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Guidelines.** [Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development Department]

Rene Dominguez stated that every two years, the Economic Development Department (EDD) reviewed the EDIF Guidelines and provided recommended updates for City Council consideration. He noted that said updates aligned the wage requirements of the EDIF Guidelines and all Economic Development Grant Incentives under Chapter 380 connected to job creation and/or retention with those contained in the Tax Abatement Guidelines. He added that the proposed updates expanded support for initiatives and projects which would achieve goals outlined in the community's Economic Development Strategic Plan, *Forefront SA*, and those outlined in the *SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan*, focusing on supporting growth in entrepreneurial development. He reviewed the proposed amendments to the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Guidelines.

Councilmember Treviño suggested that this presentation be made to the Housing Committee.

Councilmember Viagran moved to recommend and forward the amendments to the EDIF Guidelines to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denice F. Treviño  
Office of the City Clerk



Mike Gallagher

