

**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

Thursday, August 10, 2017

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage and Perry

1. The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Roger Robles, Igniting the Harvest Christian Church, guest of Councilmember Rey Saldaña, District 4.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of June 7 - June 8, 2017.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of June 7-8, 2017. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage and Perry

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Consul General of Mexico, Reyna Torres Mendivil. He noted that Ambassador Mendivil took office as Consul General of Mexico in San Antonio on April 16, 2017, appointed last February by President Enrique Peña Nieto. He mentioned that she has been a member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1991 and attained the rank of Ambassador in 2014. He highlighted the historic economic and cultural ties with Mexico. Ambassador Mendivil stated that she was humbled by the opportunity to be present and looked forward to working with the city. Mayor Nirenberg recognized Ramiro Cavazos, President of the Hispanic Chamber; Ruben Linder of the Mexican Entrepreneur Association; and Richard Perez, President of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce who welcomed Ambassador Mendivil to San Antonio. The City Councilmembers also welcomed Ambassador Mendivil to San Antonio.

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

Items 4A and 4B were addressed jointly. City Clerk Vacek read the captions for Items 4A and 4B:

4. Presentation of the City of San Antonio 2018 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and consideration of the following related Ordinances: [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager]

2017-08-10-0551

- 4A. An Ordinance setting the proposed maintenance and operations tax rate and the proposed debt service tax rate for the Tax Year 2017.

2017-08-10-0552

- 4B. An Ordinance setting the public hearings on the proposed Budget for FY 2018 and on the proposed tax rates for Tax Year 2017.

City Manager Sculley presented the Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. She stated that they were budgeting through an equity lens and addressing historical disparities. She noted that the budget maintains the “AAA” General Obligation credit ratings and a minimum General Fund ending balance of 15%. She highlighted the OpenGov cloud-based financial tool available to the public.

Mrs. Sculley reported a Total City Budget of \$2.7 billion and outlined the General Fund Budget totaling \$1.19 billion. She outlined the Pre-K 4 SA Program and FY 2018 Annexation Recommendations. She stated that the City of San Antonio receives 22% of the property tax bill and the proposed property tax rate was not recommended to be increased. She highlighted the property tax significance of downtown and noted that \$47 million in tax relief was provided to seniors and disabled citizens. She spoke of the \$99 million allocated for the street maintenance 2-year plan to achieve an average street condition index of 70. She stated that \$10 million would be provided to VIA Metropolitan Transit over two years to enhance frequency on 10 routes. She noted that 40 new Police Officers would be added within the San Antonio Police Department and 43 new Firefighters/EMS Personnel would be added within the Fire Department. She reported that an Immigration Community Liaison was recommended to increase and strengthen coordination with stakeholders and connect the immigrant community to services. She highlighted funding for the Office of Equity, Library, and the Parks and Recreation Department to include \$2 million for the Tree Planting Program. She added that staff was recommending funding for Proactive Homeless Encampment Outreach.

Mrs. Sculley provided an overview of the Restricted Funds to include Solid Waste Fee and Storm Water Operations Fund Increases. She highlighted employee compensation recommendations in which staff recommended a civilian entry wage of \$14.25 per hour in FY 2018. She added that there would be an average 4.3% salary increase for Step Pay Plan Employees and a 3.5% average salary increase for Managerial and Professional Employees. Lastly, she outlined the \$639 million Capital Improvement Program and presented next steps in which the budget would be adopted on September 14, 2017.

Mayor Nirenberg called upon Jack M. Finger to speak.

Mr. Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the proposed budget noting that all Council Districts should be treated equally. He stated that he was pleased that a Transportation Fee was not being recommended.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Mrs. Sculley for the presentation and stated that this was a very strong budget. He noted that it was important to maintain infrastructure due to the increased number of residents projected over the next 30 years.

Councilmember Saldaña asked if VIA would present during a budget work session. Mrs. Sculley replied that they would invite VIA to present as part of the TCI budget presentation. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased that SAFFE Officers were being added and that he would like for staff to look at strengthening the Narcotics Unit. He asked that City Employees not be upside down with regard to cost of living adjustments and increased health care costs.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased that they would be looking to bring the pavement condition index of all streets to 70. She asked of the funding for Airport and Park Police. Mrs. Sculley replied that Airport Police were paid from the Aviation Fund while Park Police were paid through the General Fund. Councilmember Viagran requested that staff look at increased fines for perpetual Code violators. She asked if there would be a reduction in force. Mrs. Sculley stated that there were a few filled positions that were being eliminated but Human Resources was looking to place the employees in other vacancies throughout the city organization.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was pleased with the shift in equity and requested that a breakdown of the Infrastructure Management Program (IMP) be presented during the work session. She highlighted Vision Zero Initiatives and the additional SAFFE Officers. Councilmember Treviño stated that he was pleased with the focus on infrastructure and appreciated the equity lens. He noted that it was critical to continue investments in innovation and was supportive of the increase in funding for Council Staff.

Councilmember Shaw stated that the top 3 priorities of District 2 Residents were Streets & Drainage, Public Safety, and Code Enforcement which were in line with the budget. Councilmember Courage asked if SAPD would be fully staffed within the next 18 months. Mrs. Sculley stated that they had a plan to have less than 20 vacancies by the end of calendar year 2018. Councilmember Courage requested a detailed report on the Shotspotter Program which was not recommended for continued funding. He asked of the status of his request for SAWS to contribute more to the City of San Antonio. Mrs. Sculley replied that they needed a broader discussion before making a recommendation.

Councilmember Brockhouse noted that the term “equity lens” was undefined and should not be the basis for directing policy initiatives. He stated that he was supportive of allocating funding where it is needed the most. Councilmember Sandoval stated that she was pleased with the scheduled open houses and that one would be held in Spanish. She asked that they be very specific about what the term “equity lens” means and requested information about how the additional storm water funds would be used.

Councilmember Perry stated that he was pleased there had not been a property tax rate increase in the last 25 years but asked that staff look at the potential for a property tax rollback. Councilmember Pelaez stated that he concurred with Councilmember Perry regarding the potential for a property tax rollback. He expressed concern with the State Senate Budget noting that it did not provide real tax reform.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked everyone for their work and stated that this would begin the long process of public engagement on the budget.

Councilmember Treviño moved to adopt the Ordinances for Items 4A and 4B. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Shaw, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Brockhouse, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage and Perry

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 10 was pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion.

There were no citizens registered to speak on the Consent Agenda Items.

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

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2017-08-10-0553

5. An Ordinance accepting the bids from Ancira Motor Company, Grande Truck Center, Gunn Chevrolet LTD, Silsbee Ford and Caldwell Country Chevrolet to provide City departments with SUVs and vans for a total cost of \$685,437.38, funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund, Storm Water Fund, and Fleet Services Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2017-08-10-0554

6. An Ordinance authorizing contracts with Alamo City Chevrolet, Ancira Motor Company and Grande Truck Center to provide the City with light duty trucks for an estimated cost of \$4,172,319.72 over a two year period, funded from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund, Right of Way Fund, Development Services Fund, General Fund, Storm Water Operating Fund, Aviation Operation & Maintenance Fund, and Solid Waste Operating Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2017-08-10-0555

7. An Ordinance accepting the bid from Asset Integrity Management Solutions, LLC to provide 1,100 Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer panels for the Parks & Recreation Department for the Salado Creek Boardwalk for a total cost of \$134,750.00, funded from the Renovation of Creekway Improvements Project. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2017-08-10-0556

8. An Ordinance authorizing the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$187,300.00: (A) Southwest Companies dba Southwest Wheel for trailer and tarp parts and service, and (B) Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. for fire hoses. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

2017-08-10-0557

9. An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement with Security Airpark, Inc. for 352,398 square feet of ground space and 40,403 square feet of building space at 477 Sandau Road at the San Antonio International Airport for an initial term of eight years with two extensions. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Russell Handy, Director, Aviation]

11. Consideration of the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2019, 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) Reappointing Mario Salas (District 2) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 11 - Inner City.

B) Reappointing Esmeralda Castillo (District 3) to the San Antonio Youth Commission.

C) Reappointing George L. Garcia (District 3) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

D) Reappointing John A. Rodriguez (District 3) to the City Commission on Veterans Affairs.

E) Reappointing Effrain Torres, Jr. (District 3) to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

F) Appointing Lance Elliott (District 4) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 19 - Hallie Heights.

G) Appointing Lance Elliott (District 4) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No.

21 - Heather's Cove.

H) Appointing Lance Elliott (District 3) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 32 - Mission Drive-In.

I) Reappointing Francine Prosser-Johnson to the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire December 19, 2019.

2017-08-10-0559

- 12.** An Ordinance approving a funding agreement with the Municipal Golf Association-San Antonio for a reforestation project at Riverside and San Pedro Golf Courses in the total amount of \$800,000.00 from the Tree Canopy Preservation and Mitigation Operating Budget. [María Villágoñez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

City Clerk Vacek read the caption for Item 10:

2017-08-10-0558

- 10.** An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application to KaBoom! and the acceptance upon award of a new playscape, at an estimated value of \$95,000.00, for Rosedale Park located in Council District 5; authorizing the redirection of \$56,469.72 from the Park Improvements in District 5 Project to the Rosedale KaBoom! Playground Project for a total project budget of \$151,469.72; and amending the FY 2017-2022 Adopted Capital Improvement Program budget. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Gonzales requested a brief presentation. Xavier Urrutia stated that staff was requesting authorization to submit and accept upon award a grant application to KaBoom! for a playground at Rosedale Park. He noted that volunteers will design and install the playground and the City of San Antonio will partner with the YMCA on volunteer recruitment. He provided an overview of KaBoom! Playgrounds throughout the city and stated that staff recommended approval. Councilmember Gonzales expressed her support and stated that she was pleased to highlight the project in District 5.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to adopt the Ordinance for Item 10. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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