

**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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Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting the following Councilmembers present:

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

1. Staff presentation on the FY 2018 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City Departments: [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Justina Tate, Director, Management and Budget]

A. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, Transportation and Capital Improvements

Mike Frisbie presented an overview of the Department of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) core business and programs with a total proposed budget of \$103.8 million. He stated that the budget incorporated \$44.1 million for the street maintenance program, \$27.1 million for traffic management, \$14.8 million for street response maintenance, \$5.8 million for support services, \$5.7 million for pavement markings, \$4.3 million for VIA Metropolitan Transit, and \$2 million for the Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP).

Mr. Frisbie outlined the grading process for street quality and noted that the budget for street improvements was \$99 million. He stated that the goal was to get all districts above a 70% Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score; and therefore, \$64 million would be distributed through rough proportionality and \$35 million through needs based assessments. He noted that the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) included a 0.25% sales tax for restricted use transportation projects and would generate \$16.8 million in revenue out of the proposed \$19 million ATD Budget. He provided an overview of the other components of the budget proposal including bicycle facilities, sidewalk repair, Intelligent Transportation System, Vision Zero, and alley repair. He stated that \$3.8 million of the \$4 million Right of Way Budget would be supplied through revenues from permit and inspection fees. He noted that the entirety of the Storm Water Operating Budget would be paid through revenues from the Storm Water Utility Fee. He stated that \$623 million was allocated for 413 Capital Improvement Projects including \$197.1 million for streets, \$86.4 million for air transit, \$144.6 million for neighborhood and facilities, \$89 million for parks, \$67.2 million for drainage, and \$54.8 million for information technology. He discussed the use of 2017-2022 Bond Program funds for design and construction of 180 projects.

Jeffrey Arndt, President and CEO of VIA Metropolitan Transit, provided an overview of VIA's current services and the proposed route frequency improvements and stated that VIA would expand Primo Bus Lines. He noted that VIA would cover \$63.8 million in capital costs and \$5.2 million annually in operating costs while the City would be responsible for \$10 million annually in operating costs. He stated that the funding plan would be implemented in three phases between January 2018 and January 2019.

Mayor Nirenberg asked of the budget for the Infrastructure Management Program from five years prior. Mr. Frisbie replied that funding for streets and sidewalks had increased significantly. He added that TCI would hire more staff as well as new and additional contractors during implementation to complete projects as well as provide support and quality control.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke in support of Vision Zero and alleyway improvements. She asked that staff consider using an equity lens for sidewalk improvements in the future. Councilmember Pelaez asked if the data gathered through the SA Trip Program was being used to improve traffic management. Mr. Frisbie replied that the data had not been utilized yet but implementation was in the design phase. Councilmember Courage expressed concern regarding quality control of infrastructure improvements and the safety of bicycle lanes.

Councilmember Shaw asked how funds for traffic calming were to be used. Mr. Frisbie replied that neighborhoods would be given multiple options to control the way they were handled on a case by case basis. Councilmember Brockhouse asked staff to be more active within the community to communicate future infrastructure plans. He stated he was not in agreement with the use of an equity lens to determine funding distribution and asked staff to consider other metrics.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on how the rough proportionality amounts were decided. Mr. Frisbie replied that it sought to equalize between infrastructure investments. Councilmember Sandoval asked what the needs based funding for street maintenance would address. Mr. Frisbie replied that those additional funds would be used to bring PCI scores above a 70 average. Councilmember Sandoval asked that staff consider best practices for non-vehicular modes of transportation.

Councilmember Viagran asked who was responsible for funding and placement of flashing beacons in school pedestrian zones. Art Reinhardt replied that there was fund matching in place for existing schools but newly constructed schools were responsible for funding and placing their own beacons. Councilmember Viagran asked of community outreach for bicycle lane construction. Mr. Frisbie replied that striping changes would be brought to the City Council and constituents before changes were made.

Councilmember Saldaña expressed support for incorporating an equity lens with rough proportionality to distribute infrastructure funds. He asked of changes to the Unified Development Code to modify the sidewalk waiver process. Mr. Frisbie replied that TCI would work toward changing the Code to improve cost sharing. Councilmember Treviño asked that more staff be dedicated to promoting innovation and developing pilot programs to address infrastructure issues.

Councilmember Courage asked the City Council to consider the budget in terms of improving the City as a whole rather than by individual district. Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

#### B. Debt Management Plan

Due to time constraints, the Debt Management presentation was not addressed. Mayor Nirenberg announced that it would be addressed after the morning portion of the City Council Meeting on August 17, 2017.

**RECESSED**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 5:07 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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