

**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 9, 2018

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

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The City Council convened in a Regular 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 Minister Erica Saliceti, CRU Ministries, guest of Rebecca J. Viagran, District 3.
2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Regular Meetings of June 20 -21, 2018.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Regular Meetings of June 20-21, 2018. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Shaw recognized the District 2 Ambassadors and Fellows and thanked them for their service. Councilmember Gonzales also recognized her Interns and thanked them for their work.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Shaw moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion.

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

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

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**2018-08-09-0610**

5. Ordinance approving a contract with Move Solutions, LTD to provide all labor, material, equipment and cargo vehicles to perform moving services for the City of San Antonio for an estimated cost of \$180,000.00 annually, funded through the departments' FY2018 Operating Budgets. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0611**

6. Ordinance approving a contract with Airbus Helicopters, Inc. to provide the San Antonio Police Department with one helicopter and related training for a total cost of \$5,574,731.50, of which \$4,963,223.00 will be financed through a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement and the balance is contingent upon subsequent FY 2019 and FY 2020 General Fund budget approval. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0612**

7. Ordinance approving the purchase of a replacement Airport Fire Rescue truck from Grande Truck Center for a total cost of \$171,044.00, funded from the Airport Operating & Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0613**

8. Ordinance approving the purchase of landscaping equipment for the San Antonio International Airport from Holt Texas, LTD. and DeWinne Equipment Company for a total cost of \$148,952.45, funded from the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0614**

9. Ordinance approving the purchase of fire station furniture for various San Antonio Fire Department facilities from Dreamseats, LLC for a total cost of \$71,684.16, funded from the FY 2018 General Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0615**

10. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$232,000.00:  
(A) Jaco Industrial Supply, Inc. for orange citrus solvent degreaser; and  
(B) SAT Radio Communications, LTD. for emergency lights and accessories for the San Antonio Fire Department.  
[Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

**2018-08-09-0616**

11. Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Con-Cor, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$147,646.79 for the Tobin Library HVAC Upgrades, a 2018 Capital Improvements Project, located in Council District 10. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2018-08-09-0617**

12. Ordinance approving a construction contract in the amount of \$368,000.00 to Gallien Electric and Construction, LLC for the Copernicus Park Lighting Improvements project, a 2017-2022 Bond-funded project located in Council District 2. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director/City Engineer, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

**2018-08-09-0618**

13. Ordinance ratifying the submission and authorizing the acceptance of funds for a continuation grant application in an amount up to \$792,617.00 from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority for the Regional Auto Crimes Team Project; approving a cash match of \$471,831.00 and an in kind contribution of \$2,662,034.00; and authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Bexar County

Sheriff's Office. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief of Police]

14. Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of unexpired terms to expire May 31, 2019. Appointments are effective immediately if eight affirmative votes received, or ten days after appointment if passed with less than eight affirmative votes. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

A) Appointing Bob J. Wise, Jr. (District 1) to the Ethics Review Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire April 25, 2019

### **CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED**

### **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 2019 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and consideration of the following related Ordinances: [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager]

#### **2018-08-09-0608**

- 4A. Ordinance setting the City's proposed maintenance and operations tax rate at 34.677 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation and the City's proposed debt service tax rate at 21.150 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation as recommended in the FY 2019 Proposed Budget. There is no increase in the city's property tax rate.

#### **2018-08-09-0609**

- 4B. Ordinance setting the date, time, and place for two Budget Public Hearings and two Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearings.

City Manager Sheryl Sculley addressed the City Council and presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget. She reported that the budget was balanced and that there was no City Property Tax Rate Increase recommended. She stated that the budget addresses the following City Council and Community Priorities: 1) Streets, Sidewalks, and Transportation; 2) Affordable Housing; 3) Filling Police Vacancies; 4) Animal Care Services; and 5) Parks & Libraries. She highlighted the City Equity Strategy and spoke of the OpenGov Cloud-Based financial tool that provides budget transparency.

Mrs. Sculley reported that the FY 2019 Total City Budget was \$2.8 billion within the General Fund, Restricted Funds, and Capital Budget. She provided an overview of the General Fund Revenues and noted that the City of San Antonio had provided \$52 million in Tax Relief through Senior and Disabled Homestead Exemptions and frozen tax payments. She recommended the allocation of \$110 million for Street Maintenance and \$10 million for VIA Metropolitan Transit. She outlined the work of the Mayor's Housing Policy Taskforce and noted that new funding for Affordable Housing totaled \$17.1 million. She stated that new positions were recommended for Park Police, Fire Department, and Animal Care Services, while \$345,000 was funded for the Youth Re-engagement Center. She mentioned that \$318,000 would be allocated for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention. She spoke to the \$394,000 funded for the 2020 Census; \$250,000 for Sustainability; and the two new positions for the Office of Innovation.

Mrs. Sculley recommended a Solid Waste Monthly Fee Increase for Large Carts and Stormwater Operations. She reported on the Civilian Employee Compensation: 1) \$15 per hour Living Wage; 2) 1% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA); 3) Step Employees from 2 to 4%; 4) Lump sum of \$800 for employees at the maximum step; and 5) Professional and Managerial Performance Pay from 0 to 4%. She added that there were no changes in Healthcare Plans and no increases in employee contributions. She outlined the FY 2019 Capital Budget totaling \$690 million and provided a status on the 2017 Bond Program. Lastly, she noted next steps that include budget work sessions, open houses, public hearings, and budget adoption on September 13, 2018.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked everyone for their work on the budget and stated that he was pleased with the focus on Equity. He highlighted the funding for Transportation, Street Maintenance, and Affordable Housing. He called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Buddy Villejo representing SEIU addressed the Council stating that the Employee Management Committee had worked with City Staff on the recommendations for Civilian Compensation and they were in support.

Jack M. Finger addressed the Council and asked why budget hearings were not being held in all Council Districts. He asked that property tax rates be decreased.

A written statement was received from Jessica Guerrero who represented the Resilient & Equitable Neighborhoods Working Group of the Mayor's Housing Task Force. She requested the approval of the allocation of \$20 million dollars in City of San Antonio General Funds toward the development of housing policy per the recommendation of the Mayor's Housing Task Force.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the Sales Tax Increase. Maria Villagomez replied that it had increased and they would be updating the City Council on a quarterly basis based on Sales Tax Receipts received from the State. Councilmember Gonzales expressed support for the funding allocated for sidewalks, Child Abuse Prevention, and the Youth Re-engagement Center. She added that the Housing Initiative would be transformative for the city and asked staff to consider activities for children during the budget work sessions.

Councilmember Viagran commended Councilmember Gonzales for her vision of bringing about equity related to streets. She thanked District 3 Residents for participating in the budget process and highlighted the funding allocated for Public Safety, Streets, Infrastructure, and Drainage. She expressed support for the \$15 Living Wage and confirmed that there was no property tax increase included in the budget.

Councilmember Pelaez stated that the budget is a moral document and a statement of priorities by the City Council through their constituents. He noted that his residents would like to see an alleviation of traffic congestion, investments in public safety, and additional sidewalks. He expressed support for funding allocated for domestic violence and confirmed the city's property tax rate of 55.827 was one of the lowest among the larger Texas Cities.

Councilmember Treviño stated that he appreciated the equity based budget and thanked Councilmember Gonzales for her efforts on same. He thanked everyone that worked on the budget to include COPS/Metro and all of the citizens engaged in the process. He also thanked the Mayor's Housing Task Force Members noting that he appreciated their recommendations that were coming to fruition through the budget.

Councilmember Perry stated that the budget was a primary responsibility of the City Council and he was pleased to be a part of it. However, he expressed concern with the growth in the budget and the fact that a homestead exemption was not being offered. He noted that he looked forward to community input on the budget and getting back to the basics.

Councilmember Brockhouse thanked everyone for their work on the budget. He stated that values were different among each district and he looked forward to hearing priorities from his residents. He expressed concern with the funding allocated for Housing Initiatives and that a Homestead Exemption was not included in the budget.

Councilmember Courage reminded everyone that this was a proposed budget and stated that he looked forward to the budget public hearings and work sessions.

Councilmember Saldaña asked if the funding for the 2020 Census was required. Mrs. Sculley replied that it was not a federal mandate but was in the city's financial advantage in terms of federal funding allocations based on a complete count. Councilmember Saldaña

thanked the Mayor's Housing Task Force for their work and expressed support for the funding allocated for Affordable Housing.

Councilmember Sandoval thanked everyone for their work and noted that she was pleased with the funding allocated for Streets and Sidewalks which were the top two priorities of the over 7,000 SA Speak-Up Surveys received. She stated that the city should go beyond the basics to address challenges such as Domestic Violence, Smart City Innovations, and Affordable Housing.

Councilmember Shaw thanked everyone involved in the process and stated that staff did a great job in listening to the priorities identified by District 2 Residents.

Mrs. Sculley stated that family friendly budget meetings were scheduled and that two community days would be focused on college students. She added that two budget meetings would be held in Spanish and she looked forward to gathering input from a broad range of residents throughout the city.

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

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## **15. City Manager's Report**

There was no City Manager's Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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