

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
12:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Councilmember Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military and Veteran Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	Vic Boyer, <i>SAMCo</i>

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meetings on December 13, 2017 and January 10, 2018.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the Minutes for the December 13, 2017 and January 10, 2018 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meetings. Mayor Nirenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. State Legislative Program for the 86th State Legislative Session [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle provided a briefing on the City's proposed interim charges for the 86th State Legislative Session. He stated that in May 2018, staff began the process of identifying issues for the upcoming session. He noted that they had drafted a program that they would present to the full City Council at B-Session in September 2018 and would seek action in October 2018. He added that the following priorities had significant city-wide impact on the community:

- Property tax relief
- Municipally-owned utilities
- Local authority
- Military protection
- Economic growth

Mr. Coyle reported that the City would actively support proposed legislation to allow code enforcement officers to carry an instrument used for deterring the bite of an animal. He stated that the City's endorsements included: Public Health and Safety, Affordable Housing, Education, and Transportation. He noted that staff suggested support of legislation that benefited the City and opposed legislation that was damaging to the City's interest. He added that the City coordinated with local partners in support of their legislation that enhanced the health, safety, and vitality of the community.

Councilmember Viagran asked of legislative issues the City should be aware of. Vic Boyer replied that the protection of new funds for Propositions 1 and 7 were a risk to the City.

Mayor Nirenberg suggested that staff include the local school district's interim charges to increase school funding allotment. He stated that the City was in support of the any funding advantages for public transit.

Councilmember Peláez requested that staff provide a report on the Bexar County Interim Charges for the 86th State Legislative Session.

Councilmember Perry suggested that staff list all ordinances regulating development for military protection and asked that tax relief measures for veterans be passed in the next Legislative Session. He stated that Alamo Area Council of Governments should be included on the list of community partners.

Chairperson Saldaña recommended that staff coordinate a meeting with the City's Local Elected Officials.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the City's 86th Legislative Program to the City Council "B" Session on September 19, 2018. Mayor Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution in support of legislation authorizing the award of a Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese-American Veterans of WWII. [Juan Ayala, Director, Office of Military and Veteran Affairs]

Juan Ayala reported that Chinese Americans had served the United States in every war since the Civil War. He stated that they distinguished themselves in World War II where they served in every branch of the armed forces. He noted that they earned citations for heroism and honorable service and the Medal of Honor. He added that 20,000 Chinese Americans served in the armed forces in World War II and approximately 40% were not United States citizens due to laws that denied citizenship to persons of Chinese descent. He stated that staff was seeking a Resolution in support of awarding the Congressional Gold Medal Honoring all Chinese-American WWII Veterans.

Councilmember Viagran moved to support a Resolution Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal Honoring all Chinese-American WWII Veterans. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk


Key Saldaña, Chairperson