

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

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 a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

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

1. Briefing and update on the Final Draft SA Parks System Plan and Smoke/Tobacco-Free Parks. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Interim Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Xavier Urrutia presented information regarding the San Antonio Parks System Plan noting that the last plan was adopted in 2006. He stated that the System Plan Primary Consultant was Bender Wells Clark Design with Sub-Consultants MIG and Ximenes and Associates. He noted that the plan guides future planning decisions such as expansion, capital improvements, and programming. He highlighted the community outreach and played a video highlighting same. He reported that a community survey was conducted from October 2017 through April 2018 with over 2,810 responses. He outlined the plan goals: 1) Responsive; 2) Restorative; 3) Resilient; and 4) Resourceful. He spoke of the Urban Forestry Assessment conducted and noted recommendations and strategy categories. He

stated that public comments were received for the Draft Plan between December 2018 through February 2019. He highlighted the Draft Plan changes and noted the initiative to make parks smoke and tobacco free.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation and asked if it would be a 10-year plan. Mr. Urrutia replied that it was a 10-year plan. Mayor Nirenberg asked of the goal of having every resident within a 10-minute distance of a park. Mr. Urrutia replied that they were not very strong in this attribute but would continue to work on it. Mayor Nirenberg stated that he would like to continue to have strong support for wilderness preservation areas.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the public comments regarding pocket parks. Mr. Urrutia replied that there was a strong desire for parks within neighborhoods to include pocket parks. Councilmember Viagran spoke of the potential to utilize vacant lots and asked of the process for disposal of property. City Manager Walsh stated that there was an internal canvassing process to include discussion with city departments before disposing of property. Councilmember Viagran also expressed support for Dog Parks in the South Side of the city.

Councilmember Courage spoke in support of stronger partnerships with the school districts regarding school parks and green space.

Councilmember Pelaez spoke of the great parks throughout the city and noted the potential for partnering with Pollinator Advocacy Groups and Beekeepers. He stated that he would like to see fields added for sports such as Cricket and the implementation of a Skills Track for bicyclists.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that she was excited about the elements of the plan and asked of the feasibility to purchase small parcels of land. Mr. Urrutia replied that it was currently not an option but would explore mechanisms to accomplish multiple goals with small parcels of land. Councilmember Sandoval expressed support for Tobacco-Free Parks.

Councilmember Perry asked of the costs to implement the plan. Mr. Urrutia replied that they did not have an exact cost and that the plan spoke of goals to reach; not specific numbers. Councilmember Perry asked of the initiative for Tobacco-Free Parks. Mr. Urrutia stated that it was initiated by Woodlawn Lake Area Citizens as part of the Parks System Plan. Councilmember Perry asked that they revisit this in the future as many smokers were taxpayers.

Councilmember Treviño expressed support for Tobacco-Free Parks and the need for amenities for Senior Citizens. He noted a drainage project in District 1 in which they were able to identify green space and asked that they continue to identify these types of initiatives.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was pleased with how beautiful the parks looked throughout the city.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:30 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- C. Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Legal issues relating to the investigation(s) referenced in the March 28, 2019 correspondence received from the Texas Attorney General's Office pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Settlement offer in a lawsuit styled Roseanne Rocha v. City of San Antonio pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 6:05 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. He addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Fiesta Commission in recognition of 2019 Fiesta San Antonio that will be held April 18-28, 2019. He noted that the annual event takes place every April to honor the memory of the Heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto. He also mentioned that the success of Fiesta is dependent on the hard work and dedication of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission which organizes the Texas-sized festival of over 100 non-profit organizations, with more than 75,000

volunteers, to accommodate nearly 3.5 million party goers.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the Texas Cavaliers who presented King Antonio XCVII (97), Roger C. Hill III. It was noted that this member of royalty will reign over the Texas Cavaliers 75th Annual River Parade to be held on Monday, April 22, 2019. He added that during his year-long reign, King Antonio will visit schools, hospitals, nursing homes, local businesses and community groups. Additionally, through the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation, funds are disbursed to support children's charities in the community.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a Proclamation to the LULAC Council #2 who presented El Rey Feo LXXI (71), Salvatore Barbaro, III. He noted that El Rey Feo will represent the LULAC Rey Feo Scholarship Foundation during Fiesta 2019. He also mentioned that the mission of the Foundation is to financially support the aspirations of deserving High School Seniors to obtain a college education regardless of race, color, or religion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Nirenberg called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Cynthia Brehm expressed concern with the banning of Chick-Fil-A at the San Antonio Airport and with sanctuary cities that are harboring immigrants.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of fire and stated that Christians should celebrate Passover. He noted that the end of time was near.

Raymond Dean expressed concern that Chick-Fil-A was not allowed at the Airport and stated that the Christian Community did not harbor ill will toward the LGBTQ Community.

Artman Bland expressed concern that his brother was being harassed by Code Compliance. He stated that the Cenotaph should remain at its current location.

Henry Rodriguez expressed concern that Rose Lopez was not being allowed to sell her goods on the Riverwalk and asked that she be grandfathered.

Rosie Lira also spoke in support of Rose Lopez being able to sell her goods on the Riverwalk and expressed concern with Ms. Lopez's lack of income to help her disabled husband.

Antonio Diaz spoke in support of the removal of the Christopher Columbus Statue from its park.

Rudolph Wratten noted concerns with the police radio system and stated that he would like

to meet with radio technicians at the Police Department.

RECESSED - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg announced that the Executive Session would continue the following day after the Business Portion of the meeting. There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg recessed the Executive Session Portion of the meeting at 6:43 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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