

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
1:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>Chair, District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Ed Guzman, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Jeff Coyle (teleconference), <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations</i> ; Michael Shannon, <i>Director, Development Services Department</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	Lynda Rodriguez, <i>Program Manager, CPS Energy</i>

Briefing Items:

1. Update on proposed legislation for the 86th State Legislative Session
[Jeff Coyle, *Director, Government & Public Affairs*]

Jeff Coyle provided an overview of the proposed legislation for the 86th State Legislative Session. He stated that there were 19 days officially remaining in the State Legislative Session and that the deadline for proposed Bills to have passed the Full House was May 9, 2019 at midnight. In defining “Full Amendment Watch,” he referred to what was called the “Amendment Season.” He described the phase of the legislative process as the most stressful and the very first wave of Bills dying on the House Floor. He explained to the Committee that during the Amendment Season relevant Bills could be amended to include the language of Bills that died on the House Floor.

Mr. Coyle provided information on the Revenue Caps Bill, stating that the proposed legislation had passed both Chambers at 3.5% and cited differences between House and Senate versions of the Bill. With regard to the differences between versions, he noted that the Senate had refused to concur with the House; he stated that the Bill would be forwarded to Conference Committee in an effort to resolve party differences. He defined the Conference Committee process as the formation of a Committee comprised of five members from the House and five from the Senate for the sole purpose of resolving chamber differences regarding the referred legislation.

Mr. Coyle referenced Senate Bill 1663 regarding monuments which was introduced with language stating that any monument more than 40 years old cannot be moved, altered, changed or relocated; it underwent another revision which stated that if a monument was more than 25 years old, it could be moved by a public vote; it was amended finally on the floor yesterday to state that a super majority of the City Council would have to approve any move, alteration or change to any monument greater than 25 years old; however, a specific exception was finally written into SB 1663 exclusively addressing the Alamo Centograph which stated it may not be moved, relocated, altered or changed in any way. He noted that there was a companion House Bill that was essentially dead as it did make the last calendar for tomorrow

and that it was likely that the Senate version would be referred to the same House Committee and would suffer the same fate.

Mr. Coyle provided an overview of the School Finance Bill; he stated that the House of Representatives secured full funding of their proposed legislation, whereas the Senate had not, signifying the Bill would be referred to a Conference Committee. In response to Councilmember Viagran, Mr. Coyle cited the several Conference Committee Members and their corresponding cities.

Mr. Coyle referenced the Cable Franchise Fee Bill, stating that the proposed legislation would allow Cable Companies and Telecom Companies to pay only one of two fees levied to companies providing cable and telephone service. He noted that Spectrum Cable reported an \$11 Billion profit in the first quarter and added that the proposed legislation does not require companies to return any profit back to the customer. He also cited a national report that cable bills are rising. In response to Chairman Saldana, Mr. Coyle spoke stated that he would meet with the Council Committee after the meeting to provide update on possible delegation votes regarding this legislation. Chairman Saldaña spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Coyle provided details pertaining to the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Regulations Bill, stating that the City of San Antonio (COSA) submitted 3 versions of amendment language to protect military buffer zones. He stated that a group from Joint Base San Antonio, the Chamber of Commerce, and himself provided testimony at the State Capital regarding the importance of preserving those sensitive areas surrounding military bases. He noted that the Bill Sponsor accepted the amendment language from both COSA and SAWS and provided a substitute Bill addressing virtually all of their concerns. He added that if the proposed language amendments remain in place, the Bill will no longer be a concern.

Mr. Coyle reported that the Super Pre-emptive Bill, of which was being monitored with some concern, never made it out of the Calendars Committee and is effectively considered dead at this point. He provided a final overview on the following: Religious Beliefs Bill directly affecting the Chick-Fil-A decision is scheduled for calendar on May 9th but mostly likely will not happen. The Bite Sticks Bill regarding Code Enforcement Officers looks good and is scheduled for what is the equivalent of "consent agenda"; the Transportation Funding Bill 3258 is all but dead and has very little chance in the Senate; and that the Vehicle Registration Fee Bill 130 did not make the calendar and was officially dead.

Mr. Coyle provided status on four Paid Sick Leave Bills, of which the only one voted out was the most minor bill, as it related to scheduling. He added that the other three Bills would remain pending in the House State Affairs for another 9-11 days until the deadline for Senate Bills to get through the House.

Mr. Coyle provided an update on the Workers Compensation Bill for firefighters related to cancer. He stated that the two House versions died in the House Committee and that the Statewide Fire Association did not accept any of the four different proposed language positions. He explained that current state law referenced an international study that presumes certain cancers to be related to the job, and that there was quite an amount of debate on those studies. If passed, the Bill would add into statute eleven specific types of cancer presumed to be related to the job, subject to rebuttal from the insurance carrier.

Mr. Coyle provided information on an inter-local agreement passed by City Council last week to allow Bexar County to conduct some of their own food inspections and some of their own building inspections, so long as they met City standards. He noted that Bexar County had filed Bills in the House which were broader in terms than what was initially agreed upon. He stated that the Food Inspection Bill died and that the Building Inspection Bill passed in the House and was pending in the Senate.

Mr. Coyle provided an update on a Bill filed by the Pension Fund to make corrections and changes to the statute. He stated that it passed through the House and noted that the Pension Fund Board approved it unanimously with the support of the City, the Police Union, and the Pension Fund; however the Firefighter Union did not agree. Mr. Coyle stated that he attended a follow-up stakeholder meeting and lengthy discussion to address the Fire Union's concerns with proposed language. He stated that the Firefighters Union was committed to coming up with alternatives and suggestions by this Friday and that if all parties were in agreement, then it would be likely that one of the Senators would move it forward.

No action was required for Item 1.

Consideration of items for future meetings:

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 15, 2019.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

/Tina J. Flores, Acting City Clerk
Filed and Recorded/
Rey Saldaña, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,


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Office of the City Clerk