

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



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Plaza Building.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry.

1. Briefing on the procurement of three firms to provide dockless vehicle services on City rights-of-way. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

John Jacks reported that dockless vehicles were launched in San Antonio in June, 2018. The City Council approved a six-month Pilot Program in October 2018 with minimal regulations and in February 2019, interim program changes were introduced. He stated that in May 2019, the City Council endorsed a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select three operators of dockless vehicles in San Antonio. Currently six Dockless Vehicle Companies were operating in the City with a total of 6,850 vehicles permitted. He reviewed the number of rides per month beginning in November 2018 and stated that the number of rides peaked in December 2018 with approximately 300,000 rides per month. He stated that the numbers have slowly declined and was at 2,800 rides per month in October 2019. He noted that the number of accidents has declined and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) and Park Police have issued 2,084 Warnings and 87 Citations since the Pilot Program was initiated. He

stated that approximately 3,600 violations were reported through the 3-1-1 application. He added that pre-solicitation briefings were presented to the Transportation Committee, the Audit and Accountability Committee, and to City Council at “A” and “B” Sessions. He reported that the goals for the RFP included:

- Three best operators
- New maximum number of vehicles
- Rider Education Campaigns
- Geofencing
- Data sharing
- Parking Framework (developed with vendors)

Mr. Jacks stated that the RFP was released on June 7, 2019 with a deadline of July 22, 2019. The proposals received were provided to the Evaluation Committee in late August 2019 and on September 13, 2019, the initial scoring was conducted. Five of the companies were placed on a short list and interviewed and the final scoring was conducted on October 4, 2019. He added that the five companies were narrowed down to three companies; Lime, Lyft, and Razor. He provided a brief overview of the proposals submitted by the three companies. He stated that staff recommends an initial fleet size of 1,000 vehicles per company with the ability to grow as appropriate. All three companies have agreed to this recommendation and staff recommends suspending the nighttime riding curfew (11:00 pm – 6:00 am). He stated that accidents would be monitored for six months and staff would bring forward a recommendation to the Transportation Committee to continue without the curfew or to reinstate it. He presented the projected program revenue:

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2023
Infrastructure Fee	\$ 75,000	-	-
Annual Permit Fees	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Revenue share	\$367,204	\$504,293	\$518,982
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$562,204</b>	<b>\$624,293</b>	<b>\$638,982</b>

Mr. Jacks reported that the program costs for FY 2020 would be \$428,973 and would be \$413,759 for FY 2021. He stated that contract negotiations would continue to address the following issues:

- Establish a consistent tiered penalty structure for riding and parking violations
- Creation of a San Antonio specific dashboard with consistent data
- Define Geofencing requirements
- Develop an effective fine structure for failure to correct reported violations
- Establish metrics for education initiatives and community events
- Convene a Working Group to create a new Parking Framework Plan

Mr. Jacks noted that the final contract would be provided to the City Council a week prior to City Council action. He stated that on December 12, 2019, the contracts and budget would be presented to City Council for consideration and on January 12, 2020, the contracts would go into effect and the unsuccessful respondents would remove their vehicles. He added that between February and April 2020, the parking infrastructure identified through the Parking Framework would be installed.

Mayor Nirenberg asked what was learned by the City regarding enforcement. Mr. Jacks replied that staff has learned that educating riders, establishing parking infrastructure, and data sharing were

important. Mayor Nirenberg asked if data sharing was included in the contracts. Mr. Jacks replied that data sharing was a requirement of the contracts. Mayor Nirenberg asked of the enforcement included in the contracts. Andy Segovia stated that the contracts included a graduated response to non-performance including fines up to termination of the contract.

Councilmember Treviño asked if the 3-1-1 application would continue to be utilized to report issues with dockless vehicles. Mr. Jacks replied that it would and refinements would be made to the application. Councilmember Treviño requested a report on the refinements to be made.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if the Revenue Sharing Agreement included a one cent per ride fee. Mr. Jacks replied that it was still under negotiation and could be a combination of a fee per ride and a per vehicle permit fee. Mayor Nirenberg stated that he would like to see the difference between the costs and revenue applied to Multimodal Transportation.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if designated lanes would be discussed. Mr. Jacks replied that the contracts would provide data for targeted infrastructure which could include designated lanes.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed support for removing the nighttime riding curfew. She asked if members of the Evaluation Committee might also be members of the Working Group. Mr. Jacks replied that they could. Councilmember Sandoval requested the Neighborhood Representatives be included in the Working Group.

Councilmember Courage asked what the speed limit was for dockless vehicles. Mr. Jacks replied that the speed limit for dockless vehicles was 15 mph and would be enforced through the vehicle itself.

Councilmember Perry asked of the education to be provided. Mr. Jacks stated that riders would be educated on good behavior, rules, and good practices. Councilmember Perry asked who would administer equity programs. Mr. Jacks replied that the companies would administer same.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if there was a reason that a representative from the Office of Innovation was not included on the Evaluation Committee. Mr. Jacks replied that having a representative from the Information Technology Services Department and a representative from the Technology Industry filled the need for a representative from the Office of Innovation.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if there were any Evaluation Committee Members representing neighborhoods outside of downtown. Mr. Jacks replied that Neighborhood Associations outside of downtown were not targeted.

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 4:17 pm to discuss the following items:

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 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 related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Deliberate the City Manager evaluation process and any related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that all were brothers and came from Adam and Eve. He spoke of a dispute between Hindus and Muslims concerning land.

Rhett Smith stated that he was trying to sponsor a Pluralism Project patterned after the one at Harvard University.

Malinda Pennell stated that she considers herself an advocate and an activist for the prevention of Human Trafficking. She spoke of the homeless becoming victims of human trafficking. She noted that more awareness of human trafficking was needed. She distributed cards to the City Council.

Rodney Kidd stated that he has faced mental health and homelessness issues. He noted that he parked on a street downtown and did not see the any parking sign. He stated that his car was towed and he experienced difficulty getting it back.

Ken Coleman presented a solutions-based product for responding to parking violations to the City Council. He stated that there was a need for a softer approach to parking violations. He noted that customers love the product which was made by Tire Tag.

Jeril Bills stated that there was no evidence that incarceration reduces crime rates or keeps communities safer. He noted that education and social services make communities safer. He added he believes that the new substation included in FY 2020 Budget will lead to more arrests. He requested that City Council challenge assumptions that increased policing makes communities safer.

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**  
**MAYOR**

Attest:

**LETICIA M. VACEK TRMC/CMC/MMC**  
City Clerk