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Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, May 4, 2016	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 with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Treviño, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

Mayor Taylor addressed Item 2.

2. A Briefing on recommendations for Linear Creekway Park projects to be funded by the Proposition 2 Sales Tax Initiative, passed by voters on May 9, 2015. [María D. Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Janet A. Martin, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation]

Xavier Urrutia presented recommendations on the 2015 Sales Tax Project - Howard W. Peak Greenway Trail System. He stated that the overall Program Goals were to provide: 1) Access to Outdoor Recreation; 2) Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility; 3) Park System Connectivity; and 4) Open Space and Habitat Conservation. He highlighted program accomplishments to include completion of 52 miles of trails and over 1,400 acres of creekway lands acquired to date. He provided background information on Sales Tax Funding noting that Proposition 3 was approved by the voters in 2000 ($20 Million);

Proposition 2 approved in 2005 ($45 Million); Proposition 2 approved again in 2010 ($45 Million) and in 2015 ($80 Million). He noted that 1/8 cent was shared proportionally between the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and Creekways Program. He reported that the 2015 Proposed Program would include $8 Million to the General Fund for Project Management, Security, and Maintenance. He indicated that $70.2 Million would be utilized for new projects.

Mr. Urrutia stated that the Program Recommendations were endorsed by the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board. He noted that the recommended Project Plan would include 27 miles of trails, enhancements, and Low Impact Development (LID) Features. He mentioned that if approved, they would amend the Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio River Authority to continue to serve as the Project Manager for the Westside Creeks Trail Projects.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she would provide comments after the City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Nirenberg expressed his support and asked if a portion of the 2015 Allocation would be utilized for the North Salado Connection. Mr. Urrutia confirmed that it was included in the funding. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of safety infrastructure for additional trail heads. Mr. Urrutia replied that any new designed trail heads will come equipped with cameras for surveillance purposes and that all current trail heads had cameras installed. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of continuing to advance the Linear Creek as Private Sector Development. Mr. Urrutia stated that they would look at the utilization of the trail system for transportation purposes and come back with recommendations. Councilmember Nirenberg stated that he was pleased that they were transforming the community with regard to transportation and making bike lanes a priority within the SA Tomorrow Plan.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the progression of the connection to Fort Sam Houston. Mr. Urrutia replied that they were working through the design components and that there was more involved since it was Federal Land. Councilmember Warrick asked if other suburban cities were contributing. Mr. Urrutia replied that they were not. Councilmember Warrick asked if there was a connection from Menger Creek to Salado Creek. Mr. Urrutia stated that it was not included in this phase. Councilmember Warrick asked if there was a trail head he could visit to get an idea of what Commerce Improvements would look like. Mr. Brandon Ross stated that he could visit the trail head on IraLee at Oakwell and another at Grissom Road west of Bandera Road.

Councilmember Medina stated that he was pleased with having the trail heads close to the

neighborhoods and asked of outreach. Mr. Urrutia stated that they met with the neighborhood during the design phase for feedback.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the connection between greenways and street bike lanes. Mr. Urrutia stated that they work with the TCI Department, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Office of Sustainability to get a larger citywide perspective. He noted that they would look to connect the trail map to the street bike map.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked everyone for their work and asked if there was research showing that property values may increase due to being near the Linear Creekway. Mr. Urrutia replied that there had been research conducted in other territories within the United States. He stated that more than anything; it stabilizes a neighborhood by providing quality of life benefits. Councilmember Gonzales asked of safety initiatives along the trails. Mr. Urrutia highlighted the Park Police, Park Stewards, and Trail Watch Volunteer Program that monitor the trails.

Councilmember Lopez stated that he was pleased with the Greenway Trails and that it was important for people to start recognizing it as a supplemental transportation network. He asked of other assets with regard to the trail system. Mr. Urrutia stated that they incorporate similar projects such as Flood Control Projects and noted that a good example was Culebra Creek where they were looking at studies to improve the channel. Councilmember Lopez spoke of the option to develop a cell phone app that will allow individuals to request assistance.

Mayor Taylor stated that this was a great asset for the community and that she appreciated the vision of Mayor Howard Peak. She noted that the impacts were environmental and economic and would realize more once stronger connections were made to activity centers outlined in SA Tomorrow. She asked of environmental impacts. Mr. Urrutia stated that it protected the waterways by limiting the impervious cover and amount of development that could impede the flow of water. He noted that there were LID Features and that they were looking at improving water quality. Mayor Taylor asked of the LID Projects. Mr. Urrutia replied that they would look at each individual project and incorporate water enhancement features when practical. He added that they had earmarked $5 Million for LID Projects.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the use of funds for the Lackland Corridor and possible connection to Lackland. Mr. Urrutia replied that they were in preliminary discussions with TCI regarding connecting Military and the Lackland Corridor. He noted that the vision was Total Streets which looks at bike lanes, pedestrians, and vehicular traffic. He added that if there was funding identified; the Greenway System would be engaged and ultimately contribute. He stated that it was not practical to make the connection if they were going to

come back and re-do the corridor. He noted that if the decision was made not to re-do the corridor, the recommendation would be to use Military as the connecting point to Pearsall Park.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

1. A Briefing and update on Core Public Health Functions, Key Health Indicators and 1115 Waiver Initiatives [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Vincent R. Nathan, Interim Director of Health]

Dr. Vincent Nathan provided a Public Health Briefing and Update. He outlined the Programs offered by San Antonio Metro Health within the following categories: 1) Communicable Disease; 2) Environmental Health; 3) Community Health.

Dr. Anil Mangla compared the Top 5 Causes of Preventable Death within Bexar County, Texas, and the United States: 1) Heart Disease; 2) Cancer; 3) Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; 4) Stroke; and 5) Diabetes. He presented various charts to include the Life Expectancy at Birth by San Antonio City Council District, Heart Disease Death Rate, and Rates of Disease-Related Mortality by Year. He spoke to the issue of Diagnosed and Undiagnosed Diabetes among people 18 years or older in Bexar County noting that 14.2% of adults have Diabetes. He reported on the Cost Saving Projection from Reducing A1c by 1% among Adults with Pre-Diabetes or Diabetes in San Antonio in 20 Years totaling $409 Million. Lastly, he presented a graph of HbA1c Control in Patients within Bexar County by Age Group.

Jennifer Herriott presented on the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Projects noting that they had received 5-Year Funding in the amount of $42.5 Million for six programs on October 1, 2011. She stated that the funding was from the Federal Government and passed through the State of Texas. She noted that they added a Tuberculosis (TB) Program in partnership with Region 8 on July 1, 2014. She indicated that a 15-Month Extension was approved on May 2, 2016 and they were requesting feedback from the City Council. She spoke of the Baby Café in which 1,386 women received Breastfeeding Education and Individual Consultation. She stated that they had seen a 5.5% increase in Breastfeeding Initiation since 2014.

Ms. Herriott spoke of the Community Diabetes Project, noting that 2,232 individuals participated in the Stanford Diabetes Self-Management Sessions. She outlined the Preventive Oral Health Program in which oral evaluations, fluoride application, and sealants were provided to 30,645 Elementary School-Aged Children living in poverty in

Bexar County. She reported that 5,156 Teens had completed an evidence-based curriculum, 110 Teen Mothers were enrolled in Case Management, and 583 Female Teens were provided with Pregnancy Prevention Education and a Contraceptive Method. She stated that the Birth Rate Among 15-19 Year Olds had decreased 45% over 10 years. She outlined the TB Program, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), and HIV Prevention Efforts. Lastly, she spoke to the 1115 Waiver Renewal Update noting that the State was expected to finalize negotiation of a four or five-year renewal between October 2016 and April 2017.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation and stated that there was a compelling interest to try to reverse some of the troubling trends. She asked of the five areas of preventable death. Dr. Mangla replied that they included: 1) Lack of exercise; 2) Fat content in foods; 3) Processed foods; 4) Salt intake; and 5) Sugar intake. Mayor Taylor spoke of the need to focus on healthy eating and exercise with young children and stated that she would like to continue Case Management Services for Teen Mothers. She requested a written update on the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative.

Councilmember Viagran expressed support for the extension of the 1115 Waiver Program due to the progress that has been made. She highlighted the Preventive Oral Health and Eye Care Programs and stated that the information presented was very helpful in preventing diseases. She asked of resources to address the increased amount of mosquitoes. Dr. Nathan replied that they were performing mosquito surveillance and looking at Vector Distribution. He stated that they were also looking at mosquito breeding spots and showing individuals what to do around their homes.

Councilmember Gallagher spoke of the importance of communication and education and stated that they should continue to promote fitness programs and healthy lifestyles.

Councilmember Treviño stated that the issue was socioeconomic, noting that bad foods are less expensive and easier to access. He asked how they could make a bigger impact. Ms. Herriott stated that policy change was difficult. However, it had been shown that communities that have banned trans fat or reduced the amount of sugar in beverages had seen significant improvement. She added that healthy options should be made available in schools, work sites, and the community. Mayor Taylor stated that the Food Policy Council could work with the Neighborhoods and Livability Council Committee to identify two or three things that could make a larger impact.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of coordination between the Health Department and the SA Tomorrow Plan. Dr. Nathan replied that they were collaborating on same and implementing Health in all policies. Councilmember Gonzales asked of fluoride in the

water supply and its impact to infants. Ms. Herriott stated that the amount of fluoride in drinking water was at safe levels and that the recommendation for infants was not to expose them to too much fluoride. Dr. Nathan confirmed same. Councilmember Gonzales expressed support for the Baby Café and the increase in breast feeding.

Councilmember Warrick expressed his support and highlighted the partnerships in District 2 to include the Ella Austin Community Center which has a community garden and the Daily Bread Ministries that provide healthy meals throughout the city.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:50 pm to discuss the following:

A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

B. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

D. Discuss legal issues related to annexation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:49 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. She addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation in recognition of the Annual SAPD Police Officer Memorial Day and Police Week being celebrated on Friday May 6, 2016 to honor the 57 members who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It was noted that since 1961, the President of the United States has proclaimed May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day and that week as National Police Week.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committees of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in recognition of National Bike Month. It was noted that the kick-off event will be the 20th Anniversary of Walk & Roll to Work May 6, 2016 at Main Plaza. It was noted that the goal is to promote efficient and desirable forms of transportation, exercise, and recreation.

Mayor Taylor presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and its Community Partners in celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week May 1-7, 2016. It was noted that the San Antonio Travel and Tourism Industry will utilize the week-long observance to share the importance of tourism and hospitality and champion the power of travel.

Mayor Taylor excused herself from the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Medina presided.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

City Clerk Vacek announced that Councilmembers Krier and Gallagher were attending Neighborhood Meetings in their respective Council Districts. Mayor Pro Tem Medina called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern with businesses storing underground chemicals and operating without the proper permits to include the AGE Refinery Building. He further expressed concern with staff from various City Departments that had not responded to his requests.

Ronnie Tyree addressed the City Council and expressed concern with the treatment by San Antonio Police Officers. He stated that he had been beaten and Police Officers arrested him and not the perpetrator. He noted that he had lost everything and was a good man.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez addressed the City Council and referenced an article entitled, "Marijuana growing at 3 of 4 sites of Ohio Mass Killings."

Juan C. Macias spoke of concerns with drug dealers that live next door to his home. He

mentioned various issues with the Code Compliance Department and asked why he was not receiving assistance.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony regarding the Body Cameras being tested by the San Antonio Police Department. He wrote that the Bexar No Refusal Policy was making roads safer. He also wrote that the Texas College Fund must be addressed. He submitted a newspaper article entitled, "Ex-gov faces count of abuse of power."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Medina adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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