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FINAL

Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

City Hall Complex
105 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, August 17, 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 and noted the following Councilmembers present:

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

1. A Briefing on the City's State Legislative Program for the 85th State Legislative Session. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle presented an overview of the 85th State Legislative Program. He stated that the Council-Approved State Legislative Program guides staff and consultants to advocate on behalf of the City of San Antonio (COSA). He noted that Regular Legislative Sessions begin in January every odd-numbered year and convene for not more than 140 days. He reported that in the 84th Legislative Session, COSA tracked 2,223 bills and 220 City-Related Bills were passed. He stated that 83% of COSA Initiatives were approved with 90% of bills actively opposed by COSA defeated.

Mr. Coyle reported that there would be at least 22 new House of Representative Members and at least 3 new Senators as well as numerous new Committee Chairs in the House and

Senate. He outlined the Program Timeline noting that the Final Legislative Program would be approved by the City Council on September 1, 2016. He spoke of the structure of the 85th State Legislative Program which would include: I. Priorities; II. Endorsements; III. Protection of Community Interests; and IV. Partnerships. He highlighted priorities to include Revenue Caps, Annexation Authority, and Local Control and endorsements within Economic Development and Transportation & Infrastructure. He stated that they would support legislation that would benefit the City and oppose legislation that would be detrimental to the City's Interests. He outlined Partnerships with CPS Energy, Brooks City-Base, and San Antonio Water System. Lastly, he presented a timeline in which June 18, 2017 was the last day that the Governor could sign or veto bills.

Mayor Taylor thanked Councilmember Krier for his leadership on the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee (IGR) and stated that the key issue would be Local Control. She noted concern with legislation that could jeopardize economic competitiveness.

Councilmember Krier thanked everyone involved in putting together the State's Legislative Program which was a good framework to guide staff and the Lobby Team. He highlighted legislation related to Local Control, Tree Preservation, Military, and Mass Transportation.

Councilmember Viagran commended Councilmember Krier for his leadership and stated that she was pleased that they had a framework in place. She asked that communication with the delegation be transparent and noted that she was pleased with the Endorsement for Public Health and Safety.

Councilmember Saldaña also recognized Councilmember Krier for his leadership on the IGR Committee and stated that he was pleased that they were exploring investments for VIA Metropolitan Transit.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of continuing to work on issues related to Local Control and Transportation Speed Limits.

Councilmember Warrick asked of the Texas Municipal League (TML) Legislative Program. Mr. Coyle replied that they had created three Policy Committees that had met already to discuss Policy Statements and Positions. He stated that TML was supportive of advocating for cities to maintain Local Control. Councilmember Warrick asked if there was a need to advocate for funds for a P3 for the Sutton Building. Mr. Coyle stated that he did not believe that they would need to address the issue legislatively.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the process to amend the Legislative Program. Mr. Coyle replied that they communicate with the City Council on a regular basis and could

bring an item for action to the full City Council if necessary.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that he was pleased with the Legislative Program and spoke of the importance of Local Control; specifically with regard to Annexation. He requested that Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) be added as a partner. Mr. Coyle stated that they do not advocate but provide information; however, he would ask if they would like to be included as a partner in the City's Program.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the level of monitoring and support they could provide related to general issues and entities such as the San Antonio Mobility Coalition (SAMCO) that are not necessarily COSA Issues. Mr. Coyle stated that they work closely with SAMCO to ensure that COSA, Bexar County and VIA Metropolitan Transit are all on the same page with regard to Local Transportation Funding.

Councilmember Medina stated that this was a great agenda and spoke of the potential to work with the Texas Music Office. He added that they should continue to work on the protection of Military Installations and Bases. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation.

2. A Briefing on the San Antonio Film Commission strategic planning process. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim Director, Culture and Creative Development]

Debbie Racca-Sittre presented an overview of the San Antonio Film Commission. She stated that it was created in 1985 and that in 2007; the Texas Film Incentive Fund was developed. However, the Texas Legislature cut the Film Incentive Fund by 2/3 in 2015. She presented Peer Comparisons and outlined the Incentives, Festivals and Resources for Texas Film Commissions. She reported the Peer State Funding Budget History from 2008 through 2015 and noted that other States' Incentives include an Income Tax Credit.

Mrs. Racca-Sittre stated that they conducted a survey of the Film Industry in which 6 Local Film Producers were identified and 116 projects worked on over the past 3 ½ years. She highlighted the Economic Impact and noted that 6 Higher Education Institutions and 10 School Districts offered Film Degrees and Courses. She spoke of the Strategic Planning Process conducted in June with over 80 attendees in which Key Strategies and Success Indicators were developed. Included are: Competitive Local Film Incentives, Workforce & Infrastructure Needs, and Market Industry and Film Culture. For the FY 2017 Proposed Budget, Mrs. Racca-Sittre reported that they would redefine the San Antonio Film Commission and Revise the Supplemental San Antonio Incentives. Additionally, they will

update the website, develop a resource inventory, and conduct a workforce needs assessment. She invited everyone to attend the Strategic Plan Release on August 25th at 6:00 pm at the Guadalupe Theater.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that it was an interesting opportunity from an economic development perspective to grow the Film Industry. She spoke of the need to expand the local workforce of Artists and Artisans. Mrs. Racca-Sittre stated that there was a strong workforce in Film but they needed to improve the Resource Database.

Councilmember Warrick stated that he was pleased with the progress thus far and asked of the participation of Bexar County. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that their Economic Development Department was working with them on the Strategic Plan but they had not put together an Incentive Package. Lori Houston added that they were interested in helping support infrastructure and assist with Real Estate. Councilmember Warrick highlighted the Alamo City Comic Con Convention and noted that many stars attend. He asked that staff show them that the City of San Antonio support and advocate for them when in San Antonio.

Councilmember Krier spoke of the great return on investment when a city is selected as the site for a Television Series and hoped San Antonio could host one. He noted that a more formal organization may need to be created and added that the Music Industry was a naturally ally.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was pleased that the community was engaged in the Strategic Plan and looked forward to implementation.

Councilmember Nirenberg stated that he was supportive of the Strategic Plan but did not want to compromise the remaining Arts Funding. Councilmember Medina also expressed support and asked of the Arts Funding. Mrs. Racca-Sittre replied that they would not be taking away any Arts Funding proposed in the Budget.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of the Film Incentives they learned about when traveling to Spain and asked staff to identify potential locations to film in San Antonio.

Councilmember Treviño stated that it was important to invest in the Film Industry which was an economic development initiative. He recognized Dagoberto Patlan who serves on the San Antonio Film Commission. Mr. Patlan addressed the City Council and spoke of the great potential for San Antonio with regard to films. He added that marketing would be very important to showcase the city.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she looked forward to the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

RECESSED

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:56 pm for discussion on 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 litigation styled Kopplow Development, Inc v. City of San Antonio, originally filed in Bexar County, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

E. Discuss legal issues related to the City's process for the procurement of services pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:05 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. City Clerk Vacek announced that Councilmember Saldaña was not in attendance as he was traveling to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Non-Profit, Communities in Schools.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Jaime Martinez, Christopher Martinez, and Maria Lopez representing the Cesar E. Chavez

Legacy & Educational Foundation Group addressed the City Council. Mr. Jaime Martinez asked the City Council to support hard working Immigrants that contribute greatly to the American Community. He stated that Immigrants play an important role in job creation in small and large businesses as well as pay billions in taxes.

Terry Burns, Chair of the Sierra Group, addressed the City Council and thanked the four Councilmembers that voted in favor of the SA Tomorrow Amendments that were not approved. He expressed concern with the verbiage that was removed.

Mark Perez addressed the City Council and noted concerns with businesses operating without the proper permits to include the AGE Refinery Building. He stated that he was not pleased with various City Employees in the Development Services and Fire Department that were not addressing his concerns.

Jonathan-David Jones addressed the City Council in opposition to the San Antonio Police Officers Association (SAPOA) Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated that it lacked Police Accountability and asked the City Council not to approve it.

Steve Huerta, Tom Acosta, and Diana Rangel Guerrero representing All of Us or None addressed the City Council. Mr. Huerta expressed concern with Police/Community Relations and the lack of Police Accountability. He asked the City Council to approve a Resolution to promote economic advantages and opportunities for individuals re-entering the community from prison.

Jessica Butterworth addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contract noting concerns with Police Accountability.

Matthew Baiza stated that he was a student at Stanford University and was part of a Student Group dedicated to Sexual Assault Prevention. He expressed concern with the SAPOA Contract noting that there were provisions that protect bad behavior by Police Officers.

Arturo Trejo asked the City Council to vote no to the SAPOA Contract noting that there was a lack of Police Accountability.

La Juana Chambers also spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract due to the lack of Police Accountability and requested that a fund be established to help victims.

Angie Garcia stated that there were many issues occurring throughout the community and spoke of her work to register voters throughout the community. She noted concerns with the proposed outsourcing of El Mercado and the changes proposed for Brackenridge Park.

Maria Rosie Lopez stated that she was in support of the comments made by Mr. Jaime Martinez regarding civil rights for everyone. She noted concerns with her small business and asked that she be grandfathered for working 20 years as a Riverwalk Vendor.

Cheryl Jones spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract noting the need for Police Accountability. She stated that her son Marquise Jones was killed by a Police Officer and he was not suffering any consequences for his actions.

Veronica Leno spoke of the Police Brutality occurring and asked that there be more Police Accountability.

Walter Perry addressed the City Council in opposition to the SAPOA Contact and spoke of the need for more Police Accountability. He asked how citizen complaints against Police Officers would be addressed.

Nehemiah O'Neal commended Mayor Taylor for her professionalism and Councilmember Saldaña for opposing the SAPOA Contract. He spoke of the great amount of crime and violence that occurs on the East Side but noted the need for Police Accountability.

Luckens Cadet addressed the City Council and asked that they vote no to the SAPOA Contract. He noted the inefficient process and lack of Police Accountability.

Robert Gonzales stated that he had been an advocate of the Taxicab Industry for over 30 years. He noted concerns with public safety issues related to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) that did not have to meet the stringent requirements that Taxicab Drivers did.

Irasema Cavazos spoke of civil rights issues for Immigrants and played a video of a mother who was deported and separated from her children. She stated that this was a very important issue and that San Antonio should be a Sanctuary City.

Brenda Gonzales expressed concern with the City's Contract with TNCs noting that TNC Drivers should be subject to background checks.

Miguel Guevara stated that he was a Taxicab Owner and Driver and was concerned with TNCs operating in San Antonio. He noted that they should not be allowed to operate without proper background checks.

Michael Murphy stated that he respected Police Officers but was concerned with the

SAPOA Contract. He referenced Article 28 regarding Disciplinary Action and asked that their voices be heard.

Pedro Ruiz spoke of his upbringing on the Southeast Side of the City and noted that he had served in the Military. He expressed concern with the behavior of Police Officers that he has witnessed and asked for more accountability.

Frank Bennett stated that no population should be elevated above the law and that there must be some accountability in the SAPOA Contract.

Mike Lowe stated that he was concerned with the Police Officers that have taken lives and are still allowed to patrol. He expressed concern that Police Officers are not accountable and noted that they were not above the law.

Araceli Herrera stated that San Antonio should be a Sanctuary City and expressed concern with the bad treatment she received from Police Officers.

Steven Price stated that he was a Veteran and concerned with civil rights and Immigration Issues. He noted the importance of due process and justice.

Steve Pickens stated that he lived on the East Side and was opposed to the SAPOA Contract.

Ian Zulaica stated that he was opposed to the SAPOA Contract and noted concerns with bad Police Officers that continued to serve on the force.

Shakara Franco spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract and stated that she was concerned with Police Corruption. She noted the need for an improved checks and balances system in the Police Department.

Rachel Tucker spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract and noted that the funding allocated toward same could be better used.

Arabella Daniels stated that she was a High School Teacher in San Antonio and opposed to the SAPOA Contract.

William B. Johnson spoke in opposition to the SAPOA Contract and asked why Police Officers were treated different than other City Employees.

Larry Ramirez stated that he was a Taxi Driver and concerned with TNCs that do not

adhere to the same standards. He asked why the City of San Antonio lowered their standards and allowed them to operate.

Munirah Small stated that she was the Chair of the Economic Development Committee of Mothers of Black Boys (MOBB) United and opposed to the SAPOA Contract. She noted concern with the lack of Police Accountability.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony regarding the potential annexation of Camelot II. He wrote of the eulogy for Reverend Buckner Fanning at Trinity Baptist Church. He submitted a newspaper article entitled, "AACOG won't seek money lost in deals by executives." He highlighted the new HEB Store on South Flores Street.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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