

## Economic Development & International Affairs Council Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

1:30 PM

Media Briefing Room

**Members Present:** Councilmember Roger Flores, *Chair, District*  
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*  
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

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**Staff Present:** Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*;  
Beth Costello, *International Affairs Director*; Robert Peche,  
*Interim Economic Development Director*; Ed Davis, *Interim*  
*Economic Development Assistant Director*; Renaldo Cano,  
*Assistant International Affairs Director*; Henry Ross, *Assistant*  
*Community Initiatives Director*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*;  
Leslie Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City*  
*Manager's Office*; Margaret Armendriz, *Community Initiatives*;  
Carmelina Davis, *Economic Development Development*; Yolanda  
Byington, *Office of the City Clerk*; Lisa Lopez, *Office of the City*  
*Clerk*; Ruben Davila, *Economic Development*; Al Garza,  
*Economic Development*; Mario Resendiz, *Economic*  
*Development*; Thomas Marks, *District 9 Staff*; Paul Jimenez,  
*District 2 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Adelita Canta, *UTHSCSA*; Sophia Ortiz, *UTSA*; Tom Spurgeon,  
*McCall, Parchurst & Harte*; Douglas Endsley, *University of*  
*Incarinate Word*

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### Call to Order

Chairman Flores called the meeting to order.

#### 1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of the February 26, 2007 and March 6, 2007 Meetings

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 and March 6, 2007 Economic Development and International Affairs Committee. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. International Affairs Updates

Presented by Elizabeth Costello, Director, International Affairs

Beth Costello reported on the India Sister City Mission lead by Councilmember Richard Perez on April 14-15, 2007. The delegation visited the cities of Hyderabad and Chennai for consideration as Sister City to the City of San Antonio.

Ms. Costello also reported on the Mission to Japan headed by Councilmember Roger Flores on March 19-27, 2007. Councilmember Flores informed the Committee that he visited with Toyota representatives and the Sister City of Kumamoto for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kumamoto Castle. He noted that the mission was a valuable trip and cited the opportunity for economic advancement. Ms. Costello also detailed inbound delegations from the British American Parliamentary Group, President Vicente Fox of Mexico and the Consul General of Italy.

#### **4. Conduit Bond Financing for the University of the Incarnate Word Facility Improvements**

Presented by Robert Peche, Interim Economic Development Department

Mr. Peche presented information on the proposed resolution to authorize the City of San Antonio Educational Facilities Corporation (EFC) to issue approximately \$26 million in Adjustable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds for the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW). He informed the Committee that the bond proceeds would be used to finance educational and housing facilities at the UIW. He noted that neither the City nor the EFC would be liable for repayment of the bonds and that the EFC would receive approximately \$22,500 in processing and closing fees.

Councilmember McNeil moved for forward said item to the entire City Council for consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. City Funding of \$50,000 for the Texas Biological and Agro-Defense Consortium**

Presented by Robert Peche, Interim Economic Development Department

Mr. Peche presented information on the proposed ordinance that would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Biological and Agro-Defense Consortium (TBAC) to fund efforts to compete for a National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NABF) site in San Antonio. He noted that the Department of Homeland Security will visit proposed sites in San Antonio on May 7-9, 2007 and announce a short list of 3 remaining sites in June 2007. He added that a new NABF site in San Antonio would provide additional capacity and capabilities for research, 200 initial jobs, 500-600 indirect jobs and an annual payroll of \$15-20 million.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the entire City Council for consideration. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to the Recommendation of Two At-Large Board Appointments to the Head Start Policy Commission**

Presented by Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek informed that Committee that three applications were received to fill two At-Large Board Appointments to the Head Start Policy Commission. She announced applicants Sophia Maria Ortiz, Adelita Gonzales Cantu, and Christy Ann Woodward-Kaupert. She noted that Christy Ann Woodward-Kaupert withdrew her application.

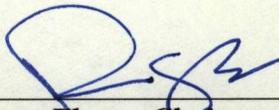
Chairman Flores offered the applicants an opportunity to address the Committee. Sophia Maria Ortiz stated that she was employed by UTSA for Dr. Harriet Romo; she also serves as Director of the Head Start Institute at San Antonio College and current pursuing a doctorate degree. She noted that her assistance to Head Start Teachers and Students and her experience as a grant writer qualified her as a suitable applicant for appointment. Adelita Gonzales Cantu stated that was a teacher at the Health Science Center School of Nursing. She noted that interest in Pediatric Medicine motivated her to apply for appointment to the Head Start Policy Commission.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said item to the entire City Council for consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.**

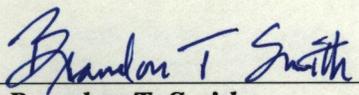
*Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.*



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**Roger Flores, Chairman**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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**Brandon T. Smith**  
**Administrative Assistant II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**