

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012
11:30 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: David Ellison, *Acting Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; John Dugan, *Planning & Community Development Director*; Tom Schlenker, *Metro Health Director*; John Jacks, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Razi Hosseini, *CIMS Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Stephen Barscewski, *Metro Health*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Keith Parker, *VIA Transportation*; Jason Rodriguez, *VIA Transportation*; Brian Buchanan, *VIA Transportation*; Steve Bonnette, *Pape-Dawson*; Carrie Collins, *Pape-Dawson*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and recommendation of Applicant for the Building Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board, Commercial Building Owner/Manager/Rep, Alternate

Leticia Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/MMC

Carri Wiggins reported that there was one applicant, Mr. Brent Anderson, and one Alternate At-Large Position available on the Building Related and Fire Codes Appeals Board. She stated that Mr. Anderson was nominated by his Trade Association.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action on consideration of proposed changes to Chapter 35 Unified Development Code and Chapter 13 Food and Food Handlers of the City's Municipal Code

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

John Jacks reported that due to requests from local investors to establish Mobile Food Vending Courts, the Development Services Department and San Antonio Health District (Metro Health) proposed changes to City Code Chapter 35 Unified Development Code (UDC) to correspond with requirements under Chapter 13 Food and Food Handlers. He stated that there were no requirements in the UDC for Mobile Food Courts and provided an overview of proposed amendments. He noted that the proposed revisions would: 1) Eliminate need for interpretation; 2) Provide certainty of requirements; and 3) Harmonize the UDC with proposed changes to Chapter 13 (Health Code). He added that said item was scheduled for City Council consideration on May 3, 2012.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of proposed designated areas for consideration. Mr. Jacks responded that locations would be established by individual owners by right in C-2/C-3 Zones. He stated that downtown locations would require City Council approval. He noted that a downtown pilot program would include locations across the street from City Hall and Maverick Park.

In response to Councilmember Lopez, Mr. Jacks confirmed that mobile food courts would be permitted in C-2/C-3 zoning districts and require a 200-foot distance from single family uses and zoning. Councilmember Lopez asked how the proposed revisions would affect the corn-on-a-stick vendors along Highway 90/Culebra Road. Mr. Jacks stated that those vendors were covered under the current Chapter 13 Mobile Food Vending Requirements and are not allowed to stay there for an extended length of time.

Councilmember Soules asked of the number of mobile food vendors in the city. Stephen Barscewski stated that there were approximately 850 permitted mobile vendors. He noted that 290 were kitchen-on-wheels vendors that would be found in a mobile food court. Councilmember Soules asked if the 290 vendors had been notified a proposed revisions regulating their businesses. Mr. Barscewski responded that the vendors had not been notified of the new regulations. Councilmember Soules expressed concern with various aspects regarding said item and noted that he would like to further explore those issues. He stated that he would support forwarding said item to the City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 6.

6. Briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan

Presented by Keith Parker, CEO, VIA Transportation

Keith Parker introduced Jason Rodriguez who provided the presentation. Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on the status of VIA's Downtown Transportation Plan and provided an overview of the Primo Program. He reported that the VIA Primo Bus Rapid Transit Service would begin operation on Fredericksburg Road serving the Fredericksburg Corridor between the Medical Center and Downtown. He stated that the 60-foot Primo Vehicles were high capacity and utilized the Transit Signal Priority. He noted that VIA was coordinating with the Capital Improvement Management Services (CIMS) Department to achieve those features. He spoke of increased frequency and improving patron amenities. He stated that the results of the traffic study would be utilized to determine where to target amenities.

Chairman Williams asked of the type of model provided by VIA's consultant. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the consultant provided a Simulation Model. Chairman Williams thanked VIA for the information spoke of the importance of updates to the Committee. He expressed concern that there was no linear projection model for the study and stated that transportation models were linear. He spoke of the impact of the addition of street cars in the future and noted further discussion regarding the matter.

5. Briefing and possible action on the City's Downtown Transportation Plan

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services Department

Mike Frisbie reported that the City's Downtown Transportation Model incorporates VIA's District Hub Concept and that close coordination has occurred with VIA. He stated that improving mobility was a key focus in said effort and noted that the proposed plan would not provide for street parking on Commerce and Market Streets. He added that Carrie Collins, Pape Dawson, would provide information on Level of Service Criteria at this time.

Ms. Collins provided an overview of the timeline and results of the traffic analysis. She reported that one more public meeting would be held on April 30, 2012 and that the final product would be due at the end of May, 2012. She stated that the proposed traffic plan was purposed to accommodate pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists, and drivers. She noted that traffic conditions from the previous year, 2011, and the future year of 2020 were reviewed with a focus on a.m. and p.m. peak hours. She added that many hours were spent collecting traffic and field data for the best representation of the proposed improvements. She informed the Committee that Level of Service criteria was a method to describe how intersections operate based on the delay due to volume and traffic control and other types of friction that the driver experiences. She stated that the consultants were charged to identify projects that would comprise a list of Downtown Street Projects in the 2012 Bond Program and provided an overview of the following: 1) Market Street Realignment; 2) Commerce Street Project; 3) Frio Street; and 4) Main and Soledad Streets.

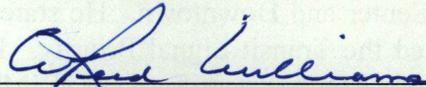
Mr. Frisbie informed the Committee that a copy of said presentation would be forwarded to them electronically.

7. Consideration for future meetings

There were no items discussed.

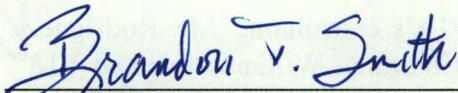
8. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk