

**SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

4:00 PM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember Ray Lopez, *Chair, District 6*
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*
Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Kathy Davis, *Animal Care Services Director*; Martha Lambaria, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Tom Downs, *Patton Boggs (Remote)*; Sara Vilms, *Patton Boggs (Remote)*

Call to order

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

I. Action Items

- a. Discussion and consideration of the extension of Interlocal Agreements with Bexar County, Bexar County District Attorney's Office, Bexar County Sheriff's Office and University Health System.**
Carlos Contreras, IGR Director

Carlos Contreras requested the passage of an ordinance approving the extension of Interlocal Agreements (ILA's) with:

- 1) Bexar County - extension to December 31, 2012
- 2) Bexar County District Attorney - extension to December 31, 2012
- 3) Bexar County Sheriff's Office – extension to September 30, 2017
- 4) University Health System – extension to March 31, 2013

Councilmember Chan entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Contreras stated that staff requested IGR Council Committee approval to present contract extensions to the City Council for ILA's set to expire on September 30, 2012. He noted that the extension will allow continued negotiations to finalize a multi-year Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County and longer term extensions of agreements with other governmental entities.

Chairman Lopez asked of the impact to the District Attorney's (DA's) No Refusal Weekends relative to Toxicology and Testing. Mr. Contreras replied that the DA's Office conducts all the

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Testing and that the No Refusal Weekends efforts have resulted in a lot more work for the Medical Examiner. He stated that the No Refusal Weekends occurred mid-budget year which has created challenges with meeting deadlines. He noted that the Police Department (PD) is looking for third party vendors to provide that service. He added that some challenges would be resolved with additional staffing in the Medical Examiners Office.

Chairman Lopez affirmed that an intense dialogue would be occurring around annexation plans and that there would be areas annexing relatively soon. He suggested the need for an Interlocal Agreement and the continuance of discussion and dialogue with the working committee. Mr. Contreras stated that it is certainly worth beginning a discussion, but questions remain regarding payment.

In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Contreras clarified that the Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County would be effective a term of five years extending it to the end of the year. Councilmember Chan affirmed the extension to be to the end of the year.

In response to Councilmember C. Medina, Mr. Contreras provided clarification on the list of ILA's with Bexar County. Councilmember C. Medina confirmed that the ILA's expiring at the end of the month are the ones being addressed.

In response to Councilmember Bernal, Mr. Contreras replied that the lengths of time on current agreements vary. He added that some agreements are: perpetuity, annual and/or tied to a budget. Councilmember Bernal asked of the recourse to consolidating & making multi-year adjustments. Mr. Contreras stated that the Master Agreement provided for a mechanism to look back and forward; review the budget on an annual basis; and provide an invoice for the upcoming year.

Councilmember C. Medina moved to forward said item to the full City Council. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Discussion Items:

a. Federal Legislative Program Update Carlos Contreras, IGR Director

Tom Downs of Patton Boggs provided an update on the availability of unspent transportation funding. He reported that unspent earmarked funds in Texas total \$30,795,362.97. He recommended that the City communicate with the Governor's Office regarding Transportation Projects.

Carlos Contreras, IGR Director stated that the City needs to be ready for these opportunities and that earmarks are important. Councilmember Soules noted that if prepared with a ready-made project, there would be a better opportunity for competition for these dollars. Chairman Lopez stated that there are no projects ready. Walter Serna asked if any regional projects were ready. Further discussion ensued regarding Transportation Projects.

Councilmember Soules stated that it would be good to apply a Bond Project such as a road project that has already been engineered. Mr. Contreras & Chairman Lopez concurred with Councilmember Soules to put forth a bond project. Mr. Contreras stated that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would make a decision by October 1st regarding how to expend the funds. He asked if any bond-related projects were on State Systems.

Councilmember Bernal and Chairman Lopez noted that several road projects have been engineered. Mr. Contreras suggested collaborating with Capital Improvements Management Systems (CIMS) to identify projects and prepare said projects to present to TxDot.

Mr. Downs spoke of the Implementation Grant in which San Antonio is one of nine finalists. The nine finalists are:

- 1) San Antonio
- 2) Chicago Housing Authority
- 3) Boston Community Builders Non-Profit
- 4) D.C. Housing Authority
- 5) Jersey City
- 6) Milwaukee
- 7) Philadelphia
- 8) Seattle
- 9) Tampa

In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Contreras replied that there will be four awardees and that the total grant amount is \$130 million. Mr. Downs added that the decision will be announced before the end of the fiscal year, on September 30th.

Councilmember Soules asked if boarding houses made the list noting that the Public Safety Committee had suggested that boarding houses be placed on the list as one of the priorities. Councilmember Bernal agreed with Councilmember Soules with regard to adding boarding houses to the list.

Mr. Contreras stated that a presentation on said item would be made at the next meeting to move the item forward for full Council approval.

In response to Councilmember Chan's request for a timeline, Mr. Contreras replied that State Approval would occur in October or November and Federal approval would occur in January.

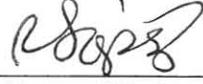
III. Consideration of items for future meetings

a. Next Meeting Scheduled: October 10, 2012.

Mr. Contreras announced that the next meeting will be held on October 10, 2012 in the Municipal Plaza C Room.

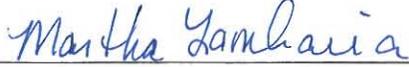
IV. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



Ray Lopez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha Lambaria

Office of the City Clerk