

**Intergovernmental Relations
Council Committee Meeting
Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Municipal Plaza Room C
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Councilmember Sheila McNeil, Chair, *District 2*
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Dr. Fernando Guerra, *Health Director*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Jeffrey Hale, *Animal Care Services Director*; Nikki Ramos, *Human Resources Assistant Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Rosanna Mendez, *SEIU*; Maria Palma, *SEIU*; John Dickson, *MTTF*; Frank Sherman, *OMA*; David Cannon, *MTTF*; Chuck Saxer, *NNOD*; William Peche; Enedina Vasquez; David Plylar; Gavino Ramos; Lou Miller

1. Call to order

Chairperson McNeil called the Meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes for Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Councilmember Cibrian moved to approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2008 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a) Federal Legislative Update

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith informed the Committee not to expect any appropriations to be passed during an election year. He explained that a Long-Term Resolution would possibly be passed before Congress adjourns in September to fund the government through February 2009. He noted that the new President would sign an Omnibus Appropriations Bill that would include the City's appropriations requests. He added that the House awarded \$1.4 million and the Senate \$10 million for the San Antonio River Improvements Project.

Councilmember Cibrian expressed concern regarding the Camp Bullis Articles forwarded to the Pentagon and recommended that the City's Congressional Delegation and Federal Lobbyists articulate the San Antonio Community's support of Camp Bullis. She requested that staff address the following issues:

- More activity from the City's Federal and State Lobbyists
- Resubmission of the Solar Showcase Grant Application
- Loss of federal funding for transportation
- Transportation Funding Update at every IGR Committee Meeting
- Time line regarding Federal Rescissions
- Comprehensive review of the City's loss of federal funding
- Develop aggressive strategy to seek federal funding

In response to Chairperson McNeil, Andrew Smith stated that the State Legislative Agenda would be presented to the City Council in October and the Federal Legislative Agenda in December/January 2009.

b) State Legislative Update

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Potential Legislative Issues

Andrew Smith reported that the major legislative priority was to accomplish legislative goals relating to Camp Bullis and the encroachment on the City's Military Bases. He noted that a comprehensive strategy would be presented in the next Legislative Agenda to address all of the needs regarding Camp Bullis.

Councilmember Cortez expressed concern regarding Meet and Confer for Civilian Employees Legislation and requested that staff work closely with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and assure that SEIU supports legislation presented to the City Council for endorsement. Andrew Smith stated that the City's Legislative Plan would be presented to Council in mid October and that there would be opportunities to amend the Plan after the November Presidential Election. Councilmember Cibrian requested that Andrew Smith coordinate efforts with the City Attorney's Office and Human Resources to provide a time line of the process to resolve said issue.

c) Grants Update

Presented by Sally Basurto, Intergovernmental Relations

Sally Basurto reported that nine proposals were submitted via five City Departments that could yield \$5.7 million in revenue to the City. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Department had worked on an Urban Parks Grant for the Voelker Park Project and submitted approval for full funding of \$1 million. She noted that the Parks Commission would vote on the request on August 21, 2008. She reported that staff collaborated with the Human Resources Department to implement the Employee Incentive Program for Grants Management in fall 2008.

d) Interlocal Agreements Update

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Library Interlocal Agreement

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Library Director

Andrew Smith reported that Ramiro Salazar has been working with the County's Information Services Department on a funding formula for the new Library Interlocal Agreement. He noted that the City currently receives approximately \$3.5 million for those services and based on the County's increase in circulation, there could be an increase to \$3.7 million to the City for those services. Ramiro Salazar stated that the target date for adoption by the County and Council consideration was September 2008. Andrew Smith stated that a full report would be provided at the next IGR Committee meeting.

ii. Animal Care Services

Presented by Jeffrey Hale, Animal Care Services Director

Andrew Smith reported that the City's Animal Care Services Director also serves as the Animal Control Officer for Bexar County. He noted that a draft agreement had been forward to the County for input and that they responded to have additional preventive measures from Animal Care Services. Jeffrey Hale reported that a mobile spay/neuter van has been proposed in the FY 2009 budget that would enable the sterilization of 150-200 animals per week.

4. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

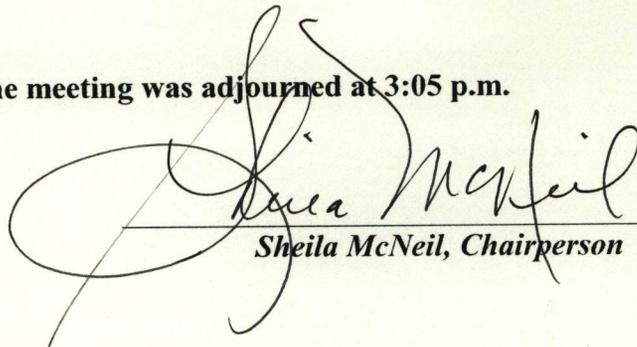
Andrew Smith stated that the next scheduled meeting was September 10, 2008.

5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There were no items addressed.

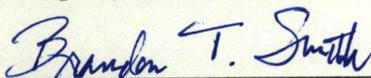
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Sheila McNeil, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk