

Intergovernmental Relations Council Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
Municipal Plaza Building Room "C"
12:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, *Chair, District 3*
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*

Members Absent: Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Larry Zinn, *Mayor's Office*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *City Attorney's Office*; Audrey Zamora Johnson, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: James Jonas, *Holland+Knight*; Walter Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Sharon Smith, *National Trauma Institute*; Teresa Nino, *National Trauma Institute*;

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gutierrez called the Meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for the Wednesday, September 12, 2007 Meeting

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 meeting. Chairman Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) Federal Legislative Update

Andrew Smith informed the Committee that Congress was under a continued Resolution of Spending since October 2007 and that it would expire on Friday, December 14, 2007. He noted that an Omnibus Spending Bill was under consideration that included funding for the San Antonio River Improvement Project, Fire Training Facility and BRAC directives and actions. He also noted that President Bush had threatened to veto the Bill if it exceeded the designated threshold which was about \$11 billion less than the proposed Bill. Mr. Smith added that Congress may continue the current Spending Resolution until the Omnibus Spending Bill is approved in January 2008.

Mr. Smith detailed the proposed legislative plan for the next congressional session to continue seeking funding for the River Improvement Project, Rail Safety, BRAC directives and actions, and pursue reauthorization of Federal Empowerment Zone legislation.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Chairman Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Briefing on Inter-local Agreements

Said item was not addressed.

c) Grants Update

Sally Basurto presented information on the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (PSIC) that was a collaborated effort with Bexar County, ten other counties and 31 other cities. She noted that the \$8 million grant was to implement advanced technology in communications in emergencies and natural disaster situations. She also informed the Committee that the San Antonio Port of San Antonio was awarded \$1.3 billion and that Brooks was awarded \$125,000 from the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG).

IV. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

a. Federal Legislative Updates

Staff will confer with the IGR Chairperson.

b. State Legislative Update

Staff will confer with the IGR Chairperson.

c. Grants Update

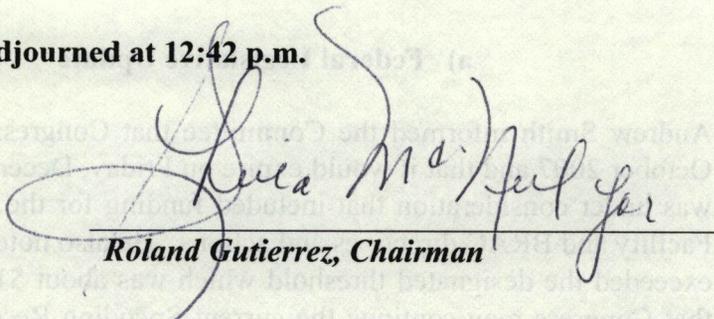
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V. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There were no Executive Session items.

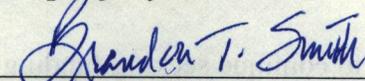
VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



Roland Gutierrez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



**Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk**