

**Economic Development & International Affairs  
Council Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2007**

**1:30 PM**

**Media Briefing Room**

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

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*  
Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

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**Staff Present:** Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Ed Davis, *Interim Economic Development Assistant Director*; Elena Villarreal, *International Affairs*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lesly Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Charlotte Barrett, *Human Resources*; Omar Garcia, *Economic Development*; Steve Nivin, *Economic Development*; Carmelina Davis, *Economic Development Development*; Tim Salas, *District 1 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** York Dundan, *Texas Research Technology Fund*; Sarah Sanchez, *Free Trade*; Gene Tucker, *ACCD*; J.B. Tucker, *ACCD*; Colleen Smith Arrey, *Northwest Vista College*; Richard Butler, *Trinity University*; Ruben Torres, *ACCD*; Manuel Navarro, *ACCD*; Norma Little, *Leal & Carter PC*

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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 October 17, 2007 Meeting**

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2007 Economic Development and International Affairs Committee. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Foreign Trade Zone Operating Agreement with Operational Technologies Corporation**  
Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Economic Development Department

Robert Peeche informed the Committee of the proposed ordinance that would authorize the execution of a Foreign Trade Zone Operating Agreement with the Operational Technologies Corporation (OpTech). He noted

that OpTech would seek authorization from U.S. Customs to activate warehouse space at the Port of San Antonio to store and distribute electronics equipment imported from countries outside the United States. He added that OpTech must enter into an agreement with the City to activate the Foreign Trade Zone operations and apply for approval from U.S. Customs. Mr. Peeche stated that there is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this Agreement.

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

#### **4. Texas Research and Technology Fund (TRTF)**

Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Economic Development Department

Mr. Peeche presented information on the proposed ordinance that would authorize the City of San Antonio to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Texas Research and Technology Foundation (TRTF) for \$100,000 to help the establish the "McDermott Pre-Seed Fund". He noted that the TRTF would establish the Fund as a non-profit entity and required a financial contribution from the City to obtain IRS approval. He added that the \$100,000 City investment will leverage over \$6 million from the TRTF for the McDermott Fund and would be used for the investment in new companies and not for facilities or staff.

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

#### **5. ACCD Interlocal Agreement**

Presented by Robert Peeche, Interim Economic Development Department

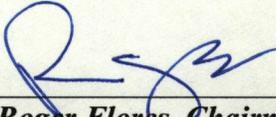
Mr. Peeche presented information on the proposed ordinance that would authorize the annual renewal of an Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) to administer proceeds encumbered under the City of San Antonio vs. Alamo Community College District Settlement Agreement. He noted that the Interlocal Agreement must be renewed by mutual consent of both the ACCD and the City Council on an annual basis through March 31, 2016.

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

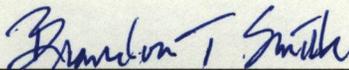
**Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 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**

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