

Quality of Life Council Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2004

8:00 a.m.

Municipal Plaza C Room

Members Present: Council Member Carroll Schubert, District 9, Chair;
Council Member Chip Haass, District 10;
Council Member Art Hall, District 8;

Absent: Council Member Roger O. Flores, District 1
Council Member Joel Williams, District 2

Staff Present: Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; Christopher Brady, Assistant City Manager; Thomas G. Wendorf, Public Works Director; Chief Albert A. Ortiz, SAPD; Florencio Pena, Development Services Director

Others in attendance: Leticia Callanen, City Manager's Office; DC Rosemary Flamia, SAPD; Leslie Kassahn, City Attorney's Office; Lena Ellis, Assistant Finance Director; Charles Pruski, Acting Assistant Director, SAMHD; David Lopez, Environmental Services; Bill Burman, Planning; Linda Wasserman, Customer Service; Jim Mery, Alamodome; Kenny Appedole, Public Works; Susan Guinn, City Attorney's Office; Virginia Quinn, Municipal Integrity; Krystal Strong, City Manager's Office; Charles Mazuca, District 10 Staff; Edward Benavedes, City Manager's Office; Jonathan Gordon, District 2 Staff; Brandon Smith, City Clerk's Office; Becky Oliver, GSABA; Kim Kapavik, GSABA; Joey Porter, KB Home; Laura Jesse, SAEN; Lucy Gentry, Kaufman & Associates; Paul Miller;

I. Approval of the Minutes for the October 7, 2004 meeting & minutes for the Special Meeting held on October 22, 2004 – Action Team

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7 and the Special Meeting of October 22, 2004.

II. Presentation on the Retention of Emergency 911 Recordings by Chief Albert A. Ortiz, San Antonio Police Department

Chief Albert Ortiz briefed the committee on the extension of the retention period of 911 emergency call recordings. Chief Ortiz addressed the current policy of 30 days and cited the increased number of recording requests from Municipal Court and others.

Chief Ortiz proposed two options for consideration. Option #1: Increasing the retention period to 90 days, allowing time for family violence cases to be filed. Option #2: An increase to 180 days, which would call for equipment upgrading and additional staffing. He noted that staff recommends Option #1.

Discussion ensued regarding the cause of increased requests between 2002 and 2004; and the number of foreseen increases in the future. In response to Councilman Hall, Chief Ortiz responded that the increase is due to an increase in population and disturbance calls; additionally, once knowledge of extended retention was out, there would be a possible rise in future requests.

At the request of the committee, staff was directed to move forward with Option #1, increasing the retention period to 90 days which will allow enough time to request and retain a family violence tape when it is known a case will be filed.

III. Presentation of Tree Ordinance Annual Performance Measures by Florencio Pena, Development Services Director

Mr. Florencio Pena presented information on measurable outcomes of the 2003 Tree Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Pena gave background on the development of the performance measures and project tracking through the Hansen Business Tracking System.

Mr. Pena reported an average preservation of the Commercial plats tracked of 84% for Significant Trees and 82% for Heritage Trees, of which, twenty five percent requiring mitigation. At the building permit stage: 70 % for the Significant Trees and 91% for the Heritage Trees. Six percent requiring mitigation. The average preservation of Residential plats tracked was 88% of Significant Trees and 79% of Heritage Trees, twenty five percent requiring mitigation.

Discussion ensued with regard to the impact and effectiveness of the Tree Ordinance.

IV. Cash Handling Update – Milo Nitschke, Finance Director; Lena Ellis, Assistant Finance Director; Virginia Quinn, Municipal Integrity Manager

Ms. Virginia Quinn provided an update to the cash handling review her office has been conducting among several City departments and divisions. The update focused on Department Review status – one department remaining, new curriculum pilot program and training, Background Check Administrative Directive and the hiring of a Compliance Resolutions Manager. At the request of Councilmember Schubert, a more extensive presentation will be heard at the next meeting.

V. Presentation of State Highway 130 Trans Texas Corridor, a project of the Texas Department of Transportation – Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director

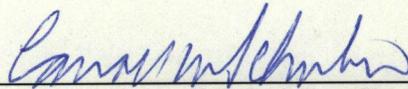
Mr. Tom Wendorf presented information on the proposed State Hwy. 130 in relation to the alignment to the paralleled segments of interstate highways throughout Texas. Mr. Wendorf focused on the interchange to Loop 1604 with connectivity to I-37 and I-35 through San Antonio.

Mr. Wendorf recommended support of this project through City and County resolutions. He would closely monitor progress and input on this project and report same to the committee.

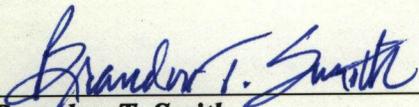
It was the consensus of the committee to direct Mr. Wendorf to make arrangements for a representative from the Texas Department of Transportation to make a presentation on State Hwy 130 Project.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.



Carroll Schubert, Chairman



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