

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2006
Media Briefing Room
1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Chip Haass, Chair, District 10
Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Andrew Cameron *Housing and Community Development Director*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks and Recreation Director*; Rose Ryan, *Interim Environmental Services Director*; David Garza, *Neighborhood Services Director*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Manuel Longoria, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Philip Campos, *Administrative Services Assistant Director*; Ramon Mendez, *Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Charles Pruski, *Assistant Health Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; David Newman, *Environmental Services Assistant Director*; William Wood, *Assistant City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Lauren O'Connor, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jesus Garza, *Planning*; Andrew Spurgin, *Development Services*; Celena Sanchez, *Asset Management*; Rosie Vasquez, *Police*; Jessica Ramos, *Library*; Emily Arvizu, *District 5 Staff*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; John Puder, *District 7 Staff*; Thomas Marks, *District 6 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Nerina Pedraza, *Port San Antonio*; Susan Rocha, *Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal*

I. Call to Order

Chairman Haass called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2006 Meeting

Councilmember Guajardo moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting. Councilmember Radle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) 80th Texas Legislative Session Plan

Andrew Smith presented changes to the organization of the Legislative Plan regarding: Initiatives, Preservation of Municipal Authority, and Endorsements/Matters of Interest.

Councilmember Radle asked why Low Income Housing was not a priority in the Legislative Plan. Erik Walsh responded that the City Council would need to define the priority of Low Income Housing (whether to support SAHA in achieving goals in Austin) and propose the action to the City Council for approval.

Rose Ryan was acknowledged and she stated that there were grants that would be available and that staff was investigating those options at present. It was mentioned that TRP Funding was available to Non-Attainment Cities and San Antonio has been designated near Non-Attainment. It was also stated that San Antonio would need to obtain that funding to avoid final determination in 2008. Additionally, it was stated that the goal is to increase funding and extend it through 2013.

Councilmember Guajardo encouraged City Council members on the VIA Committee to make the effort to attend the meetings. Chairman Haass expressed reservations about serving on the VIA Committee that reviews proposed rate increases and stated that he would be interested in relinquishing his seat on the Committee to another Council member.

Councilmember Gutierrez expressed concern with relinquishing Magistration Services to the County. He noted that the City has been providing the service for free and that he does not feel that the City of San Antonio should have to pay the County for providing that service.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to forward the Legislative Plan to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Radle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Texas Municipal League Membership Dues

Andrew Smith presented information on Item 29 on October 19, 2006 City Council agenda regarding an ordinance authorizing payment of the City of San Antonio's annual membership dues to the Texas Municipal League (TML) in the amount of \$47,357.00 for the period of August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. He noted that dues are based on San Antonio's population and in accordance with the 2000 Census data. He added that funds have been budgeted in the City's FY07 Budget.

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

IV. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

- a) Overview of the 2007 Federal Legislative Plan – Nov. 15th**
- b) Potential Amendments to the State Legislative Plan – Dec. 20th**
- c) Draft 2007 Federal Legislative Plan – Dec. 20th**

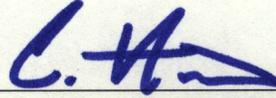
V. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed.

There were no Executive Session items.

VI. Adjournment

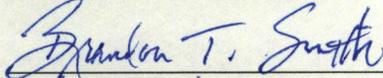
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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



Christopher Haass, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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