

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

10:00 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember Philip A. Cortez, *District 4, Chair*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Majed Al-Ghafry, *Public Works Director*; Marc Bird, *City Arborist*; Barbara Nelson, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Barry Archer, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Christopher Looney, *Development Services Interim Assistant Director*; Trish Wallace, *Planning & Community Development*; Audrey Zamora-Johnson, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Jesus Garza, *City of Von Ormy*; Dwayne Rathburn, *SAWS*; Bruce Pratt, *SAWS*; Allison Greer, *SAWS*; Louis Lendman, *SAWS*; Bruce Rathburn, *SAWS*

Call to Order

Chairman Cortez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Jesus Garza, Von Ormy City Administrator, spoke in support of the request to the City of San Antonio to release the one-half mile buffer of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) surrounding the City of Von Ormy. He stated that ETJ request would capture unincorporated areas that have historical significance to the City of Von Ormy.

2. Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action on the proposed amendments to Chapter 24, Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code, and Chapter 34, City Code of Ordinances relative to Backflow Prevention

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Roderick Sanchez reported that the proposed amendments were necessary to provide the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) with the authority to administer a monitoring program for the annual inspection and testing of backflow prevention devices located inside private property. He stated that they would also allow SAWS to assess a filing fee to recover assets associated to administering the program.

Dwayne Rathburn informed the Committee that the monitoring of the annual testing requirement for backflow preventers would be transferred from the City of San Antonio to SAWS. He stated that the City would continue to permit and oversee the testing for all new and relocated backflow prevention assemblies and devices. He noted that pending City Council approval, SAWS would begin administrative aspects of internal backflow preventers in June, 2011 and that outreach efforts to testers and customers would be ongoing.

Councilmember Williams spoke of the issue of un reputable individuals providing backflow prevention device inspections and asked how SAWS proposed to ensure that qualified inspectors provided the service. Bruce Pratt responded that the inspectors are licensed by the State of Texas and verified by SAWS. Councilmember Williams also spoke of inspection fee regulation and requested that a reasonable and customary charge be determined and that the public be informed of that charge.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action on consideration to establish additional requirements in order to obtain and maintain a Tree Maintenance License (TML)

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Mr. Sanchez reported that the proposed amendment to Chapter 21 of the City Code would require a 2-4 hour training course to obtain a temporary Tree Maintenance License (TML) and increase the required continuing education credits from 4 hours to a minimum of 15 hours for a 3-year license.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation of the request by the City of Von Ormy to City of San Antonio to release an approximate ½ mile buffer of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) surrounding the City of Von Ormy

Presented by T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager, Interim Director, Planning & Community Development

Trish Wallace informed the Committee that annexation was not a viable option for the City of San Antonio in the near future based on the land use and location of the subject property, and the difficulty of providing municipal services. She reported that staff recommended the following: A) Approval of the release of 2,715.12 acres enabling the City of Von Ormy to acquire ½ mile ETJ; B) Denial of the request to disannex San Antonio incorporated area along I-35; and C) Denial of the release of ETJ located within the boundaries of the City South Management Authority (CSMA).

Councilmember Williams spoke in support of continuing an annexation program and thanked the City of Von Ormy for their efforts and flexibility. He stated that it was a contradiction of the City of San Antonio's position regarding annexation not to allow another city to control a small amount of growth around their existing area. Councilmember Chan spoke in support of the City of Von Ormy's request for annexation and noted that she felt that the request was reasonable.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Briefing and possible action on Council Consideration Request dated May 9, 2011 proposing a Hausman Road amendment to the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan
Presented by T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager, Interim Director, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Wallace reported that the proposed amendment would allow the existing segments of Hausman Road and UTSA Boulevard to expand as development occurs, to the right-of-way for the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) designation of a Secondary Arterial Type A (86'ROW). She stated that staff recommended that said item be presented to the Technical Advisory Board (TAC) and the City's Planning Commission. Upon review by the TAC and Planning Commission, staff would move the item forward to the City Council for consideration and approval.

Councilmember Williams spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the City's Thoroughfare Plan and noted that it provided for an excellent circulation system.

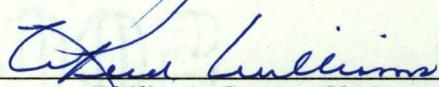
Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration for future meetings

The next meeting was not determined.

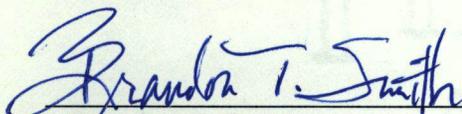
8. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Philip A. Cortez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk