

**Intergovernmental Relations  
Council Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2008  
Municipal Plaza Room B  
1:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *Chair, District 2*  
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*  
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Martha Sepeda, *1<sup>st</sup> Assistant City Attorney*; Flor Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Deputy Director*; Mike Burns, *Deputy Police Chief*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Hollis Young, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biedeger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Gabriel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Paul Wendland, *Assistant City Attorney*; Sam Adams, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Richard Perez, *San Antonio Chamber of Commerce*; Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*

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**1. Call to order**

Chairperson McNeil called the Meeting to order.

**2. Issues to be considered**

**a) Consideration of the City of San Antonio's 2009 State Legislative Program**  
Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith reported that there were two major changes to the proposed draft of the 2009 State Legislative Program. He cited: 1) An option providing flexibility to opt out of the TMRS Program, and 2) Increased penalties regarding Graffiti Abatement. Mr. Smith requested approval to forward the proposed draft Legislative Program to the full Council for consideration on October 16, 2008.

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

**b) Grants Update**

Sally Basurto, Intergovernmental Relations

Andrew Smith reported that the City had been awarded three Grants totaling approximately \$1 million. He noted that a detailed update would be provided at the next Committee Meeting.

**c) Federal Legislative Update**

Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith reported that Congress was preparing to adjourn for the Election Season and noted the possibility of a "Lame Duck" Session after the November 4<sup>th</sup> Presidential Election. He added that a Continuing Resolution was passed to fund all Federal Agencies through March 6, 2009 and explained that further Legislative action was pending the results of the Presidential Election. He presented the following timeline:

- o November 2008 – Coordinate meeting with the City's Federal Lobbyist Team and City Departments
- o December 2008 – Brief IGR Committee on proposed Federal Legislative Plan
- o January 2009 – Present proposed Federal Legislative Plan to full Council for consideration
- o February 2009 – San Antonio trip to D.C.

**d) Interlocal Agreements Update**

A.J. Rodriguez, Deputy City Manager and Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

A.J. Rodriguez reported that the County Commissioners Court and City Council approved the Interlocal Agreement Deal Points and that the Animal Care Services and Library Agreements were being negotiated within the 60-day period. He noted that long term strategies were being developed to negotiate a comprehensive agreement package in lieu of individual items.

**3. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings**

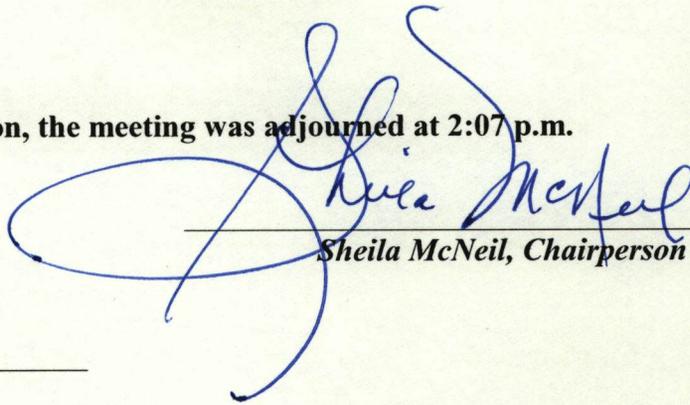
Andrew Smith noted that the meeting would be scheduled on November 12, 2008 with possible updates to the State Legislative Plan.

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

There were no items addressed.

**5. Adjournment**

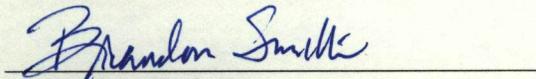
**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.**



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**Sheila McNeil, Chairperson**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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

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