

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2011
Municipal Plaza Room B
10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, *District 3*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Martha Sepeda, *First Assistant City Attorney*; Robert Murdock, *Military Affairs Director*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Assistant Director*; Rodney Hitzfelder, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Stephanie Johns, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs, LLP*; Lee Shephard, *UTSA*; Valerie Carrillo, *Escamilla & Poneck*; Priscilla Ingle, *VIA*; Luke Habenicht, *SARA*; Al Remley, *NPS*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodríguez called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a. **State Legislative Update and Possible Action**
Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. Discussion and consideration of the 82nd State Legislative Program

Carlos Contreras reported that the State Legislature opened for session yesterday and that Representative Joe Strauss had been re-elected as Speaker of the House. He provided the proposed timeline for amendments to the City of San Antonio's 82nd Legislative Program and stated that January 20, 2011 was the deadline for amendments to the program. He informed the Committee of the Land Bank Program as an additional amendment and noted that staff had recommended some legislative changes that would allow for a sustainable Land Banking

Program. He presented a chart identifying sponsors and co-sponsors of the proposed bills and stated that sponsors had been identified for all San Antonio's Initiatives. He noted that all bills had been drafted or in Legislative Council to be drafted.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if staff had reviewed best practices of other cities utilizing land banking. Mr. Contreras responded that the proposed changes in the amendment had been modeled from land banking programs of other states. It was reported that staff had conducted extensive research and selected various aspects from other land banking programs to compose the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Lopez asked of possible land banking tools that would quantify economic development if the proposed legislation was passed. He requested that staff explore land banking tools impacting economic development for presentation to the Intergovernmental Relations and Economic and Community Development Council Committees. In response to Councilmember Lopez regarding school district funding legislation, Mr. Contreras responded that he had been in contact with Senator Van de Putte's office and noted that School District Funding would receive a great deal of attention during this session. He added that staff would monitor closely and report back to the Committee. A.J. Rodriguez stated that staff would explore economic development options to become more proactive regarding School District Funding.

Mr. Contreras stated that there were several items under review that may require a Special IGR Committee Meeting or individual briefing to include: BexarMet Legislation; Representative Larson's bill on Efficiencies in Government; and Data Center Taxation.

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve said item as presented by staff. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Discussion and Consideration of Federal Legislative Program – 112th US Congress

Mr. Contreras reported that there was uncertainty regarding funding in Congress on both the State and Federal Levels. He stated that staff was working closely with Patton & Boggs to develop a strategy for each of the City's Initiatives. He noted that staff was recommending the adoption of a two-year program consistent with Congress. He provided an overview of City Initiatives, Joint Initiatives, and Policies. He stated that there were six departmental recommendations totaling in excess of \$10 million in funding. Mr. Contreras informed the Committee that the Affordable Care Act Policy Initiative (Metropolitan Health District) would be withdrawn for further review by staff and presented for recommendation at a later date. A.J. Rodriguez reiterated that staff was working with Patton Boggs to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the City's Federal Agenda and would report back to the IGR Committee with recommendations and alternatives.

Chairman Rodriguez asked of a timeline for the strategic plan. Mr. Contreras responded that staff was working to have the plan before January 20, 2011 or for presentation at the next IGR Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Ramos requested information regarding VIA's request for a Transit Center on Brooks City Base. She also asked of the Taxi Lane at Stinson Municipal Airport. Baltazar Serna stated that the issue was unresolved and pending the outcome of the Federal Budget.

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

ii. Proposed Dates for IGR Council Committee Washington D.C. Trip

Mr. Contreras reported that the IGR Council Committee Trip to Washington D.C. was originally scheduled for the fourth week in February, 2011. He stated that the new Congressional Schedule indicates that they will not be in session the fourth week of February or March and provided the Committee with several alternate dates. Chairman Rodriguez stated that he would coordinate with the Committee on the rescheduled date.

c. Interlocal Agreements Discussion and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County – Provide Food Permitting and Environmental Health Service

Charles Pruski, Interim Deputy Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

Mr. Contreras reported that Metro Health was requesting City Council authorization to amend the interlocal agreement (ILA) with Bexar County for Food Permitting and Environmental Service and extend the term through September 30, 2012 to be consistent with other City/County ILA's.

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

4. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

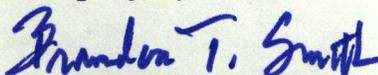
5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There was no Executive Session.

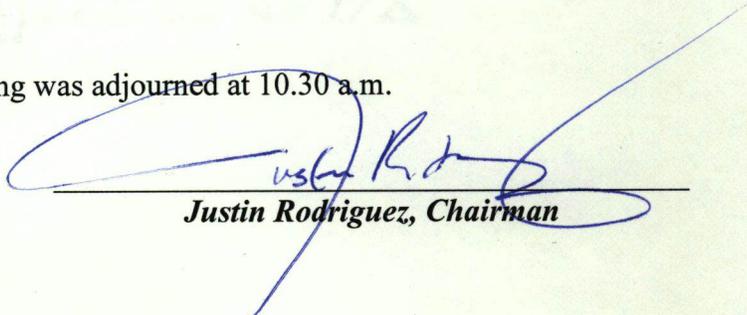
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10.30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk


Justin Rodriguez, Chairman