

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Municipal Plaza Room B
10:00 AM

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Carl Wedige, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Steve Barrera, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lauren O'Connor, *Assistant City Attorney*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Walter Serna, *Patton & Boggs*; Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*; Laura Cole; *Bexar County*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of the August 12, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. Update on Status of Federal Program

Carlos Contreras reported that there were House and Senate versions of the Reauthorization of the National Airport Perimeter Rule Bill and that neither of the bills extended authorization to the City of San Antonio. He noted that Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison had committed to offering an amendment to the Senate version to include the City of San Antonio. Walter Serna stated that Tom Downs of Patton Boggs recommended that Mayor Castro submit a letter to Senator Hutchinson citing the importance of extending authorization to San Antonio. He noted that Patton Boggs would prepare the draft for Mayor Castro's signature.

Mr. Contreras stated that the House had marked up of its version of all twelve appropriations bills and that the Senate had marked up four. He indicated that there had been a \$1.1 million mark up for law enforcement technology equipment for the San Antonio Police Department and that there were \$1.5 million in the House and \$5 million in Senate mark-ups for the San Antonio River Improvement Project. He noted that those amounts would need to be reconciled. He added that the Federal Government's fiscal year ends September 30, 2009 and those issues would most likely be considered and resolved before the end of September.

Councilmember Ramos asked of the Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization. Mr. Contreras stated that it was an important component of the San Antonio River Improvement Project and noted that it authorized additional funding for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Chairman Rodriguez asked of TIGER Grants (Transportation Integrating Generating Economic Recovery). Mr. Contreras stated that the program would be discussed later in the meeting. He noted that it was a part of the Federal Stimulus Program and that the Department of Transportation would make decisions regarding those grants. He added that the City of San Antonio would be filing an application for a TIGER Grant. Mr. Serna indicated that Patton Boggs was working to secure meetings during the Committee's Washington DC Trip in an effort to secure those funds.

ii. RFP – Federal Consultants Status Report

Mr. Contreras provided an overview of the Federal Representation Services Request for Proposals (RFP) that included the scope of service, evaluation criteria, and timeline. He noted an additional emphasis on the provision of the strategic plan for pursuing the City's 2010 agenda. He indicated that staff was working to have the RFP issued by mid-September 2009 and have a contract in place by January 1, 2010.

Chairman Rodriguez asked of a minimum threshold regarding applicant experience. Mr. Contreras stated that there was no minimum experience threshold and indicated that experience was one of the evaluation categories. A.J. Rodriguez stated that experience and qualifications would be aligned with the targeted goals of the City's legislative priorities and that the firms would be evaluated according to their knowledge and experience regarding those issues.

iii. Washington D.C. Trip Agenda

Mr. Contreras stated that two days during the week of October 19-26, 2009 were under consideration for the Washington D.C. trip. He noted that staff was exploring the availability of Mayor Castro and others in Washington D.C. before securing dates. Chairman Rodriguez indicated that the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference would take place that week in Fort Worth, Texas and that Mayor Castro may have a role in the conference.

b. Interlocal Agreements Discussion and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County – Contraband Forfeiture Chief William McManus, San Antonio Police Department

Chief Geraldine Garcia provided information on a request by SAPD to extend two Interlocal agreements with the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office to share proceeds from

asset forfeiture cases. She noted the agreements as: The Contraband Forfeiture Agreement and The Contraband Forfeiture for Gambling Property and Proceeds. She stated that the amendment would extend the ending date to September 30, 2012 and that the agreements would automatically be renewed on a yearly basis after the initial three-year term.

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

ii. Interlocal Agreement with Suburban Cities – Emergency Medical Services

Chief Charles Hood, San Antonio Fire Department

Chief Carl Wedge reported that suburban cities have received emergency medical services from the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) for over 28 years. He stated that the SAFD currently provided services to Castle Hills, Helotes, Hill Country Village and Windcrest. He noted that the SAFD was recently informed that Windcrest and Hill Country Village had entered into an agreement with another EMS provider and would not participate in the new Interlocal agreement with the SAFD. He indicated that Castle Hills staff had recommended to their City Council to enter into an EMS agreement with a private service provider.

Chief Wedge presented an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with the City of Helotes. He stated that the discontinued service to the other cities was equivalent to gaining 16% availability of a full-time EMS Unit.

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

➤ 2010 Federal Legislative Plan Development Process

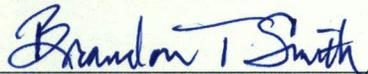
5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There was no executive session.

6. Adjournment

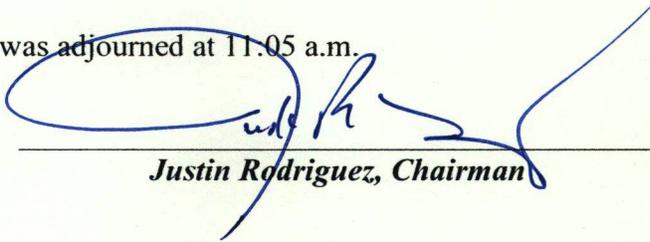
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk


Justin Rodriguez, Chairman