

**Economic & Community Development Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:00 AM

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Robert Peche, *Economic Development Director*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Peter Zaroni, *Budget Director*; Ben Gorzell, *Finance Director*; Beth Costello, *International Affairs Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Deputy Director*; Lesly Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*; Gayle Spencer, *Underground Utilities Committee*; Michael Guarino, *King William Association*; Tom Long, *CPS*; Thomas Aguilion, *TWC*; Bobby Perez, *TWC*

Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens were heard on their corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes of the August 23, 2008 Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2008 Economic & Community Development Committee Meeting. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of a merger of the Air Transportation Advisory Commission and Noise Abatement Advisory Committee

Presented by Michael Sawaya, Interim Director, Aviation

Steve Southers requested approval to sunset the Air Transportation Advisory Commission and the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee and consolidate said Committees into the Airport Advisory Committee. He noted that both Committees were in agreement with the merger.

Councilmember McNeil moved to consolidate said committees. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Guidelines for the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development Fund for Council consideration

Presented by Robert Peche, Director, Economic Development Department

Michael Guarino, King William Association, spoke in support of an Overhead Conversion Project in the King William District and noted that the Association was seeking guidance and assistance in execution of the first phase of a conversion project.

Bobby Perez, Legal Counsel for Time Warner Cable, spoke in opposition to the proposed Guidelines. He noted that there was insufficient time for proper input and requested that the City consider the significant amount that utilities pay under state legislation and explore alternatives to fund conversion projects with City funds.

Scott Enderlin, AT&T Manager, requested that the Committee table said item for re-evaluation. He noted that AT&T received notification last week and requested additional time to review the proposed guidelines.

Councilmember McNeil stated that the said item was quite complex and that the Committee should discuss said item further and return with concise direction. She suggested the following:

- Set aside 1% CPS Allocation (\$9 million) over several years
- Require underground utilities for all new development
- Develop new selection criteria for Overhead Conversion Projects

Pat DiGiovanni requested clarification that Committee direction was to create a CIED Fund with the 1% CPS Allocation for implementation in the 2010 Budget (provided that no CPS funds were lost). The Committee confirmed direction to staff.

Councilmember Galvan moved to table said item for further discussion. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Guidelines for the Economic Development Incentive Fund for Council Consideration

Presented by Robert Peche, Director, Economic Development Department

Robert Peche presented the new proposed Guidelines for the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) that would outline eligibility requirements, funding limitations and administration of the fund.

Councilmember Rowe moved to forward said item, with the exception of retention & expansion purposes, to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Councilmember McNeil abstained. Motion carried.

6. Briefing on the Center City Development Office roles and coordination

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager

Pat DiGiovanni presented information on the Center City Development Office (CCDO). He noted that the CCDO would target the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio Community Revitalization Action Group (CRAG). He added that the CCDO would provide staff support for various TIRZ, boards, and commissions and would serve as the liaison to SAGE, WDC, and the Downtown Alliance.

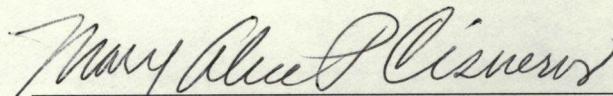
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7. Consideration of items for future meetings

Councilmember McNeil requested that BRAC updates be included at all future meetings.

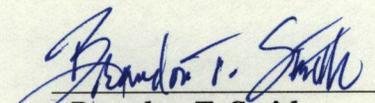
8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk