

**Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010  
Municipal Plaza Room B  
9:30 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*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Bob Murdock, *Military Affairs Director*; Martha Sepeda, *First Assistant City Attorney*; Ed Davis, *International & Economic Assistant Director*; Anthony Chukwudolue, *Public Works Assistant Director*; Bryan Alsip, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Noel Horan, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Nikki Ramos, *Human Resources Assistant Director*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Stephanie Johns, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Thomas Guevara, *Bexar County*; Laura Cole, *Bexar County*; Edmond Neely, *JCCCEA*; Estella Tyson, *JCCCEA*; Vicente Escobedo, *SA Fatherhood Campaign*; Janet Realini, *Healthy Futures of Texas*; Rob Killen, *Kaufman & Killen*; Robyn Locke, *SABOR*

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**1. Call to order**

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Taylor 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 82<sup>nd</sup> State Legislative Program

Carlos Contreras provided an overview of the 82<sup>nd</sup> State Legislative Program. He presented the proposed timeline, COSA Initiatives, Protection of Community Initiatives, Joint Community Initiatives, and Endorsements.

Dr. Bryan Alsip stated that Teenage Pregnancy Prevention had been included in the Metro Health Department's proposed School Health Program. He stated that the funding streams cited in the Healthy Futures Alliance State Legislative Program were utilized by the Metro Health Department prior to the clinical transition to the University Health System. He noted that staff supported the initiatives outlined in the Healthy Futures Alliance State Legislative Agenda and recommended the City's endorsement. Dr. Janet Realini stated that the Healthy Futures Alliance was a Community Coalition working to assist with teen and unplanned pregnancy. She noted that their agenda focused on two main areas: 1) Access to preventive care services for adults; and 2) Sex Education.

At this time, Chairman Rodriguez provided an opportunity for citizen input.

**Robin Locke**, San Antonio Board of Realtors, spoke in opposition to the Mandatory Sales Price Disclosure initiative and noted that implementation could result in additional taxation.

**Estella Tyson**, Joint City County Commission on Elderly Affairs, spoke in support of the Mandatory Sales Price Disclosure Initiative. She stated that the Mandatory Sales Price Disclosure targeted homes over \$1 million and would ensure proper taxation. She noted that initiative would provide additional revenue to the City of San Antonio and Bexar County.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the Historic Document Preservation Fee Initiative's impact on the Freedom of Information Act documents. Mr. Contreras replied that there was no impact. Leticia Vacek clarified that the proposed initiative would provide an additional funding source for historic preservation and archiving. She stated that all historic preservation projects had been grant-funded.

Councilmember Taylor spoke in support of endorsing the Healthy Alliance Legislative Agenda and stated that it was an economic development and education issue. She asked of the mechanics of endorsing their agenda. Chairman Rodriguez requested that Mr. Contreras provide an endorsement to the Committee prior to presentation at B Session.

Councilmember Ramos stated that there were 21 COSA Initiatives last session and that there were eight this session and noted the absence of initiatives that address quality of life issues. She requested a list of COSA Initiatives from last session and asked of the status of the proposed initiatives. Mr. Contreras replied that staff was awaiting responses from the City's Delegation and that sponsors of the initiatives had not yet been identified.

Chairman Rodriguez asked of the legislative agenda timeline and noted the need to refine it prior to the presentation to the full Council. Councilmember Ramos recommended that a Special IGR Meeting occur between the B Session and presentation to the full Council.

Councilmember Ramos moved to forward said item to B Session for discussion. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Federal Legislative Program**

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

**i. Discuss Fall IGR Washington, D.C. Trip**

Mr. Contreras provided an outline of the proposed itinerary. He reported that full funding requests for the San Antonio River were submitted by each of the Delegation Members and were not carried forward in the appropriations process. In response to Councilmember Ramos, Mr. Contreras indicated that there was \$2.5 million in pending appropriations requests and noted that appropriations information would be provided to the Committee.

**ii. Discuss timeline for development of Federal Legislative Program - 112<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Mr. Contreras reported that Department Appropriations and Regulatory requests were due on September 30, 2010. He stated that the Executive Leadership Team would review and authorize requests for possible inclusion in staff recommendations to the Council. He noted that a Legislative Planning Session with Federal Consultants was scheduled October 20-21, 2010 to establish recommendations. He added that staff anticipated presentation of the Federal Legislative Program to the City Council in December 2010.

**4. Consideration of items for future meetings**

There were no additional items for consideration.

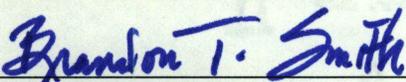
**5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed**

There was no Executive Session.

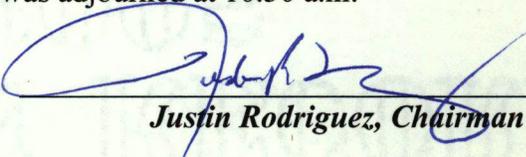
**6. Adjournment**

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*