

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Municipal Plaza Building Room "C"

1:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmember Chip Haass, Chair, District 10
Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7

Members Absent: Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Ben Gorzell, *Finance Director*; Sally Pasurto, *Grants Management Officer*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jessica Ramos, *Library*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Sonny Torres, *District 6 Staff*; Maria Alejandro, *District 7 Staff*; Marisol Robles, *District 4 Staff*; Christine Gutierrez, *District 5 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Butler Serna, Jr., *Patton-Boggs*; Donald Wagner, *SA Fire & Police Pension Fund*; Frank Burney, *SA Fire & Police Pension Fund*; Henry Trevino, *SA Fire & Police Pension Fund*; Warren Schott, *SA Fire & Police Pension Fund*; James Bounds, *PFH*; Andrew Estrada, *SAFFA Local 624*; Jerry Clancy *SAFPHCT*; Teddy Stewart, *SAPOA*; Paul Villarreal, *Fire & Police Retiree Health*; Nathan Alonzo, *SAPFFA Local 624*; Roberta Rodriguez, *Bexar County*

I. Call to Order

Councilmember Gutierrez called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed item VI.

Chairman Haass enters.

VI. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

a) State Legislative Update

Andrew Smith presented information on critical issues and a general update on the State Legislative Program. He noted State critical issues to include: Appraisal and Revenue Caps Bills, the filing of SB 12 regarding Air Quality and discussions with Rep. McClendon and Sen. Wentworth regarding Police and Fire Pension legislation.

b) Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Smith reported that there would be a trip to Washington DC on March 4-6, 2007. He noted that the priorities of focus for the trip are: River Improvement Funding, Rail Safety, and BRAC Funding. Mr. Smith also reported that a "Rule-making Process" has begun to declare the San

Antonio International Airport a designated airport for inbound/outbound flights to/from foreign countries.

Erik Walsh reiterated the importance of focusing on the three City priorities during the Washington DC trip. Councilmember Gutierrez expressed his desire to seek CDBG funding for brown fields. Mr. Walsh stated that staff would confer with David Garza to confirm if the Neighborhood Services Department has pursued any competitive grants regarding brown fields prior to the Washington DC trip.

II. Approval of Minutes for the October 18, 2006 Meeting

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) Proposed Fire and Police Pension Legislation

Ben Gorzell reported that there are ten proposed amendments to the Fire and Police Pension Statute that resulted in a \$54.3 million increase to the unfunded liability that would bring the total projected unfunded liability to \$289 million and an amortization period of 17.76 years. He noted that the proposed legislative package would not change the members' nor the City's contribution to the Fire and Police Pension Plan and has no impact on the City's operating budget.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to forward said item to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

b) Proposed Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Legislation

Mr. Walsh presented information on an ordinance to approve amendments to the City's Legislative Plan to include initiatives to support legislation regarding proposed San Antonio Fire and Police Retiree Healthcare Fund legislation. He noted that the proposed legislative package provided significant improvement to the actuarial and financial position of the Fund. He added that proposed package would also allow the Fund's Board of Trustees to manage the health benefits plan.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to forward said item to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

c) State and Federal Legislation Update

Said item was not addressed.

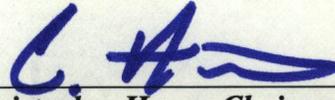
IV. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed.

There were no Executive Session items.

V. Adjournment

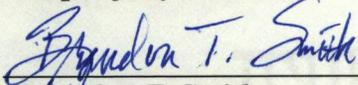
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.



Christopher Haass, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

*Administrative Assistant II
Office of the City Clerk*