

**SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras,
Intergovernmental Relations Director; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS*
Director; Stephanie Johns, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally
Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright,
Intergovernmental Relations; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City*
Attorney; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Frank Burney

1. Call to order

Chairperson Ramos called the meeting to order.

2. Welcome

Chairperson Ramos welcomed the IGR Committee and acknowledged the leadership of former IGR Chair, Councilmember Justin Rodriguez.

3. Overview of IGR Council Committee Functions

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Carlos Contreras provided an overview of the areas of oversight of the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Council Committee. They include policies related to Federal, State and local agencies, proposed legislation, representation contracts, and grant opportunities.

Councilmember Lopez asked of Emergency Service Districts (ESD) and expressed concern with city services provided to Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) areas. He spoke of the importance of Interlocal Agreements (ILA) with ETJ areas and the City's plan for targeted annexations. In response to Chairperson Ramos, Mr. Contreras responded that staff was surveying City Departments to compile a complete inventory of ILAs.

Mr. Contreras informed the Committee that there will be no more earmarks and that all funding for city initiatives would be through grant opportunities.

4. Issues to be considered

a. Grants Update and Possible Action

Sally Basurto, Manager, Intergovernmental Relations

i. Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

Mike Frisbie, Director, CIMS

Mr. Contreras reported that the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) announced a one-time opportunity to obtain funding for Transportation Infrastructure Improvements focused on improving military medical facilities affected by the 2005 BRAC process.

Mike Frisbie provided an overview of the Fort Sam Houston Area Grant presentation that will be included in the grant application. He highlighted various projects that had recently been completed and current projects under construction. He stated that City of San Antonio (COSA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff were working closely with consultant support in developing the proposal package for three major projects in the amount \$150 million:

- ✦ Harry Wurzbach – Taps Memorial Boulevard - \$68 million
- ✦ IH 35 – Loop 410 Connector - \$30 million
- ✦ Binz Engleman – IH 35 - \$44 million

Mr. Frisbie stated that the Binz Engleman – IH 35 Project may not be included in the application proposal that was due on October 7, 2011.

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

ii. Other Pending Grants

Mr. Contreras reported that \$526,944 million in funding was available through the US Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. He stated that staff has been working with Bexar County and VIA Metropolitan Transit to explore projects that potentially qualify for proposal. He noted that the Westside Multimodal Transit Center was under consideration and that VIA was working on a grant proposal. He added that it had not yet been determined if the City would be a co-applicant and that additional information was forthcoming.

Sally Basurto reported that three federal agencies form the Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Department of Transportation (DOT); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She stated that the Partnership was responsible for providing funds for three major grant programs.

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

- ✦ Funds available: \$68 million
- ✦ COSA in collaboration with Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)
- ✦ COSA submitted in 2010 and received priority status with 2011 submission
- ✦ Pre-application submitted August 25, 2011 through AACOG
- ✦ Presentation to City Council forthcoming

Community Challenge Planning Grant Program

- ✦ Funds Available: Approximately \$28.6 million
- ✦ Planning Department in collaboration with the San Antonio Housing Authority
- ✦ Historic Gardens Area – Potential project for consideration
- ✦ Deadline to submit: September 9, 2011

Brownfields Program

- ✦ Funding available in 2010: \$92 million
- ✦ Center City and Planning Department staff collaborating research and analysis
- ✦ Region Six EPA provided preliminary technical assistance

Ms. Basurto also included the following update:

Sun Shot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge

- ✦ Funding Request: \$335,000
- ✦ City of San Antonio in collaboration with City of Austin and City of Houston
- ✦ Deadline to submit: August 31, 2011

Chairperson Ramos stated that the IGR Committee would be advocating for the proposed grant requests during the IGR Council Committee Washington D.C. Trip.

b. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action
Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. IGR Council Committee Washington, D.C. Trip

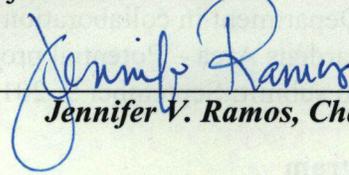
Mr. Contreras provided an overview of the IGR Council Committee Washington, D.C. itinerary and travel process. He stated that prior trips were scheduled according to the Earmark Appropriations Cycle. Now that earmarks will no longer exist, IGR trips will be scheduled around grant opportunities and other pending issues. He noted that travel arrangements for the IGR Chair and one Committee Member would be funded by the IGR Department. He added that funding for the Committee Member travel was on a rotational basis and that the remaining Committee Members were welcome to attend with funding through their own travel budgets. He provided details for travel and administration meetings for September 18-21, 2011.

5. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

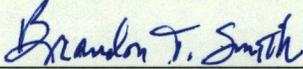
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Jennifer V. Ramos, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



**Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk**