

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Municipal Plaza Room B
10:00 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*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Acting Director*; Di Galvan, *Communications & Public Affairs Director*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Gabriel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Javier Tamez, *SACVB*; Laura Cole, *Bexar County*; Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*; Tom Downs, *Patton Boggs*; Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton Valadez*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. 2010 Federal Legislative Program – Policy Issues

Carlos Contreras presented an overview of City of San Antonio Initiatives, Joint Funding Initiatives, and Policy Initiatives.

Tom Downs reported that a new Economic Development Stimulus Package was being developed in Congress. He stated that Mayor Castro was one of five Mayors that participated in a Jobs Summit hosted by President Obama at the White House. He noted that ideas were discussed to spur economic development and to create jobs. He added that Mayor Castro also held a Jobs Summit in San Antonio with the City Councilmembers. Mr. Downs provided information on the

2010 Census Count, Sustainable Community Initiative, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Proposed Ozone Regulations.

Mr. Contreras stated that staff recommended to proceed with the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) endorsement after Streetcar and Light Rail issues had been approved by VIA's Board. He also recommended including support of the Omnibus Policy in the City's Federal Legislative Program.

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

ii. February 22 – 26, 2010 Washington D.C. Trip

Mr. Contreras reported that the proposed dates for the 2010 Washington D.C. Trip were February 22-26, 2010. He stated that the proposed dates were contingent on the availability of agencies and delegations in Washington D.C.

Chairman Rodriguez expressed concern with the possibility of a timing conflict with preparation for the March 2nd Primaries. It was stated that the proposed dates would not conflict with the March Primaries.

Councilmember Ramos acknowledged Mr. Downs for a job well done during the 2009 D.C. Trip and requested that more time be allowed between meetings.

b. State Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Proposed Timeline for State Program Development

Mr. Contreras proposed to utilize the same process used to develop the Federal Program. He recommended seeking input from City Council Committees in addition to the other entities solicited. He stated that the goal was to have the State Program developed by early summer 2010.

Councilmember Lopez suggested providing the Council Committees with a list of recommendations that had previously not been accepted.

ii. State Representative Services RFP Status Update

Mr. Contreras reported that the City's State Representative Services expired in September 2009 and that currently, the City does not have representation. He stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be issued next week and that the goal was to have a team in place by April/May 2010.

In response to Councilmember Ramos, Mr. Contreras indicated that the City Council had approved funding a team of three consultants. He stated that the City previously had a team of five consultants and noted that a team of three was sufficient.

4. Consideration of items for future meetings

- City Redistricting
- Washington D.C. Trip Agenda Update
- Interim Charges Update
- VIA Federal Program Update

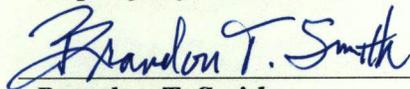
5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There was no executive session.

6. Adjournment

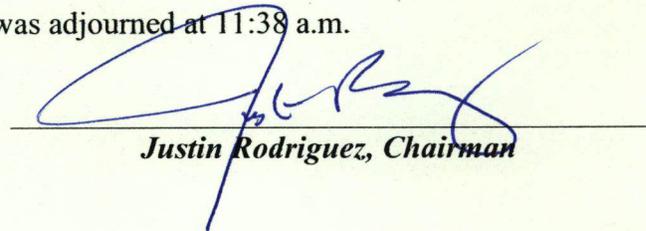
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman