

Intergovernmental Relations Council Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2007

Municipal Plaza Building Room "C"

8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, Chair, District 3
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, District 2
Councilmember Philip Cortez, District 4

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant to the City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Charles Pruski, *Health Assist Director*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Lauren Quinlan, *City Manager's Office*; Laurel Jensen, *Parks & Recreation*; Marc Castro, *Human Resources*; Melinda Cerda, *City Manager's Office*; Kathy Donellan, *Library*; Walter Ague, *District 7 Staff*; Thomas Marks, *District 9 Staff*; Shana Gooch, *District 3 Staff*; Tim Salas, *District 4 Staff*; Charles Mazuca, *District 3 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: James Jonah, *Holland+Knight*; Penny Farthing, *Holland+Knight (Conference call)*; Rich Gold, *Holland+Knight (Conference Call)*

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gutierrez called the Meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed item III.

III. Issues to be Considered

a. Federal Legislative Update

Andrew Smith reported that the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee members and Senior Staff would go to Washington, D.C. to meet with the San Antonio delegation to address appropriations requests, build relationships with congress-persons, and meet federal agency staff. He noted that the proposed dates were the last week of September 2007. Chairman Gutierrez stated that the Washington trip should be made twice yearly and stressed the importance to establish continuity.

Andrew Smith reminded the Committee that River Improvement Funding was a top appropriations priority for the City of San Antonio. He noted that \$10 million was secured from

the Senate and \$2 million from the House. He added that \$300,000 was included in the House Transportation & HUD Appropriations Bill for the Rail Safety and Training Facility.

Penny Farthing, Patton Boggs LLP, and Rich Gold, Holland & Knight LLP, were included in the meeting via conference call.

Erik Walsh recommended that the \$300,000 Rail Training Center Appropriations request be addressed during the IGR trip to Washington, D.C. He also recommended including the Fire Chief to discuss Rail Training Center plans and to include the Police Chief to visit the Department of Justice regarding a \$6 million grant submission.

Andrew Smith informed the Committee that Congress would vote on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) conference report in September. He indicated that the WRDA conference report included credit language for the River Improvements Project which would allow local partners to begin spending local funds in excess of matching funds with the US Corps of Engineers and allow the Corps to reimburse local entities when funds are made available.

Chairman Gutierrez directed staff to prepare a memorandum for the IGR Committee member and the entire Council regarding the fore mentioned items.

In response to Chairman Gutierrez regarding Earmarked Accounts, Mr. Gold informed the Committee that a city the size of San Antonio has a focus on earmarked funds and submits an agenda with 4-5 major projects emphasizing all major earmarkings. Chairman Gutierrez requested that Ms. Farthing and Mr. Gold provide a plan for earmarked funding regarding health, transportation, and law enforcement in addition to the River Improvements Plan. He added that he wanted the plan to address priorities yet allowing for future projects. Chairman Gutierrez also requested workshop for the IGR Committee member prior to the trip to Washington, D.C. in September. Councilmember McNeil concurred and requested that the plan regarding earmarked funding include education and workforce development.

b. Briefing on Federal Representation Contracts

Andrew Smith reported that agreements with Holland & Knight LLP and Patton Boggs LLP would expire September 30, 2007, ending a one year renewal option. He noted that staff recommended extending the contracts to the end of the calendar year while staff proceeds with the RFQ/RFP process and present long term contract recommendations for 2008.

Chairman Gutierrez entertained a motion to recommend to the full Council to extend contracts with Holland & Knight LLP and Patton Boggs LLP through 2008.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said recommendation to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Briefing on Inter-local Agreements

Mr. Walsh informed the Committee that County Commissioners Court expressed concern over the formula utilized in the Inter-local Agreements reflecting the true cost of service and that they do not want to continue month to month extensions after contracts expire September 30, 2007. He noted that meetings with the County begin next week and that staff expects that the current contracts will not continue after that date. Andrew Smith indicated that the Animal Care

Services ILA, Library ILA and Parks Reservations ILA generate revenue yearly. He noted that the City pays the County for Crime Laboratory Services and Medical Examiner Services. He added that the County provides a fee schedule with a minimum payment guarantee for those agreements.

IV. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

a) Federal Legislative Updates

Federal Updates will continue at next meeting.

b) Briefing on State Representation Contracts

State updates will be presented at the next IGR meeting.

c) Inter-local Agreements

Inter-local Agreements updates will be presented at the next IGR meeting.

d) Grants Update

A comprehensive update will be presented at the next IGR meeting.

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

There were no Executive Session items.

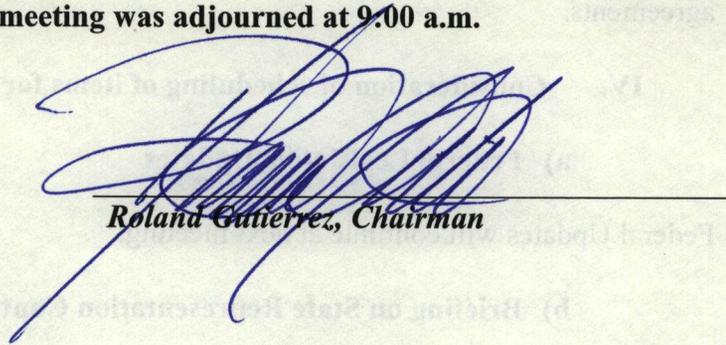
At this time, The Committee addressed item II.

II. Approval of Minutes for the April 18, 2007 Meeting

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting. Chairman Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

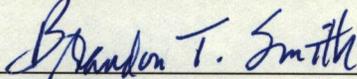
VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Roland Gutierrez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Administrative Assistant II

Office of the City Clerk