

**Intergovernmental Relations Council Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2007
Municipal Plaza Building Room "C"
2:00 PM**

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*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant to the City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Jef Hale, *Animal Care Services Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Larry Zinn, *Mayor's Office*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Lauren Quinlan, *City Manager's Office*; Laurel Jensen, *Parks & Recreation*; Marc Castro, *Human Resources*; Kathy Donellan, *Library*; Lisa Biediger, *City Attorney's Office*; Victoria Tarin, *Animal Care Services*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Mario Hune, *District 10 Staff*; Michael Shackelford, *District 8 Staff*; Walter Ague, *District 7 Staff*; Tim Salas, *District 4 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*; James Jonas, *Holland+Knight*; Penny Farthing, *Patton Boggs*; Rich Gold, *Holland+Knight*; Susan Rocha, *Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal*; Jennifer Brown, *Brown Consulting*; Chris Shields, *CSSPC*; Baltazar Serna, Jr., *PB*;

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gutierrez called the Meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2007 Meeting

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) Federal Legislative Update

Andrew Smith reported that the City of San Antonio had identified four appropriations targets for FY 2008 that included:

- ✦ To secure \$17.55 million for the San Antonio River Improvements Project (\$2 million in the House Energy and Appropriations Bill and \$10 million from the Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Bill)
- ✦ To secure \$1 million for a Train Derailment Simulation Site Classroom (\$300,000 earmarked from the Transportation & HUD Appropriations Bill)
- ✦ To secure \$3 million for COPS Law Enforcement Technologies in the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill
- ✦ To secure \$400,000 for a job training initiative in the Labor 0-HHS-Ed Appropriations Bill

Mr. Smith also presented a report on the Proposed FY 2009 Federal Program Timeline. He stated that the City's requests were limited in the last session due to the focus on River Improvement Funding. He noted that the City's Lobbyist Team had suggested expanding the City's requests and provided a timeline to compile requests along with a list of available appropriations funding. Andrew Smith added that staff would seek input from City Departments and the Lobbyist Team to comprise a list of proposed appropriations requests, present recommendations to the IGR Subcommittee in December 2007, and have a full Federal Program strategy in place for the 110th Legislative Session in January 2008.

Mr. Smith also delivered an overview of the proposed itinerary for the IGR Subcommittee trip to Washington, D.C. on September 25-27, 2007. Councilmember McNeil requested the addition of BRAC 2005 build outs and lease agreements to the itinerary.

b) Briefing on Federal Representation Contracts

Andrew Smith reported that staff would present recommendations to the full Council to extend the Professional Services Agreement with the City's State Legislative Consultants to September 30, 2009. He noted that the extension would take the City through this legislative interim and through the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature. He stated that the Legislative Team worked well together and cited a 78 percent passage rate last session, the highest since passage rates had been tracked.

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

At this time, the Committee addressed item III d.

d) Grants Update

Andrew Smith informed the Committee that Sally Basurto was hired as the Grants Management Officer in December 2006 and during that time City Council had approved a one year contract with E-Civis, a database to actively pursue the research and identification of grant opportunities. Ms. Basurto reported that 200 City personnel received training and to date 20 viable grant opportunities have been identified, fourteen proposals have been submitted for approximately \$7,399,764 in possible revenue and three awards have been funded totaling \$434,927.

In response to Councilmember McNeil, Ms. Basurto informed the Committee that the revenue from the COPS Grant would be used for the CAD Program to replace the current 911 dispatch system. Erik Walsh explained that the 911 District agreed to provide the \$2 million cash match for the grant and assisted in the application process. He noted that this particular system would replace the current system with a City/County dispatch system. He added that new system has capabilities to allow surrounding cities to upgrade in order to participate in this dispatch system.

At this time, the Committee addressed item III c.

c) Briefing on Inter-local Agreements

Andrew Smith reported that four Interlocal agreements with Bexar County would expire on September 30, 2007. They include: Animal Services, Criminal Laboratory Services, Library Services and Park Reservations. He noted that the City had proposed several different funding formulas in the renegotiation of the agreements. Mr. Walsh explained that the proposed renegotiated formulas would transition over a five year period. Andrew Smith requested authorization from the Committee to continue negotiations with the County and noted that should an agreement be reached said item would be forwarded to the full Council for consideration on September 20, 2007. Mr. Walsh clarified that staff would brief the City Manager and the Committee individually before placement on the September 20, 2007 City Council agenda.

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

e) Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

a. Federal Legislative Updates

Federal Updates will continue at next meeting.

b. Inter-local Agreements

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

c. Grants Update

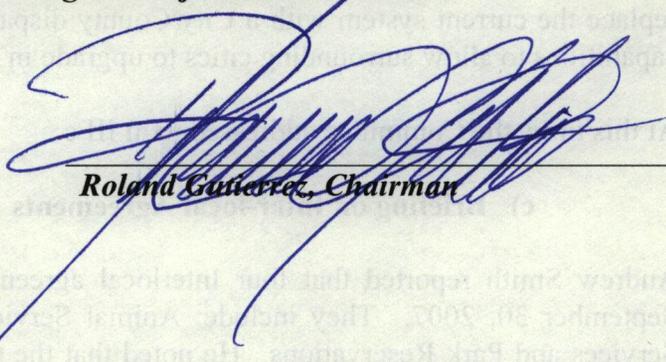
Comprehensive updates will continue to be presented at future meetings.

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

There were no Executive Session items.

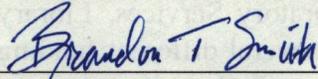
g) Adjournment

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