

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 16, 2006
Municipal Plaza "C" Room
1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Chip Haass, Chair, District 10
Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Dawn Larios, *Mayor's Office*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Christine Gutierrez, *District 10 Staff*; John Pruder, *District 7 Staff*; Emily Arvizu, *District 5 Staff*; Christopher Young, *District 3 Staff*; Maria Alejandro, *District 7 Staff*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Phil Huff, *Mayor's Office*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Penelope Farthing, *Patton Boggs*; James Jonas, *Holland+Knight*; Rich Gold, *Holland+Knight*; Leilah Powell, *Bexar County*

I. Call to Order

Chairman Haass called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for the May 17, 2006 Meeting

Councilmember Radle moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2006 meeting.
Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) Federal Legislative Update

Andrew Smith briefed the Committee on the City's Federal Legislative Agenda. He noted that the City's Lobbyist Team was working to secure federal earmark appropriations for the following projects:

- ✦ San Antonio River Improvements
 - House - \$2.3 million
 - Senate - \$10 million
- ✦ Main Plaza
 - House - \$100,000
- ✦ Fredericksburg Road
 - Senate - \$1 million

Councilmember Radle expressed concern with the prioritization process for the City's Federal Legislative Agenda. She stated that the Agenda was not as full as it could have been and that it was composed without Committee input. She noted that she would like for the City Council to be on the composition of the Agenda listing. Erik Walsh acknowledged that the prioritization process was rushed last year and affirmed that staff will improve the process in the future.

Penelope Farthing cited the workshop last fall to generate projects from City Departments and noted that no projects were generated for the City's Legislative Agenda. She recommended to amend the timeline and generate projects from the Mayor and City Council apposed to generating projects from City departments. She also recommended seeking input from the City's Congressional Delegation regarding its Legislative Agenda.

b) Federal Representation Contract Renewals

Mr. Smith informed the Committee that Federal Representation Contracts with both Holland & Knight LLP and Patton Boggs LLP were due to expire at the end of the month. He noted that staff recommended exercising the option to renew both contracts for an additional year from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

c) 80th Texas Legislative Timeline

Mr. Smith detailed the State Legislative Plan Development Timeline. He reported that staff would solicit input from City departments and other stakeholders this week for potential initiatives and endorsements for the 80th State Legislative Session. He noted that the initiatives would be due on September 11, 2006 and that staff would brief the Committee on a Draft Plan at its meeting held on September 20, 2006.

Mr. Smith stated that the proposed State Program for the 80th State Legislative Session would be presented to the City Council for consideration on October 19, 2006. He announced that the 80th State Legislative Session would begin January 7, 2007.

Mr. Walsh informed the Committee that the Mayor and City Manager would be inviting Mayors and City Managers from the larger Texas Cities to a meeting in Austin to discuss joint issues sometime in mid to late September. He also informed the Committee that staff had been in communication with the Greater Chamber and the County regarding their legislative agendas.

Chairman Haass directed staff to forward a packet to his office for review when partnered organizations (i.e. SAWS, CPS, University Hospital Systems, etc.) establish their legislative programs.

IV. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

- a) Crime Lab Interlocal Agreement – August 31st**
- b) Emergency Services Interlocal Agreement – August 31st**
- c) Medical Services Interlocal Agreement – August 31st**
- d) CPS Energy Decorative Street Light Rates – August 31st**
- e) TML Resolutions – August 31st**
- f) 80th Texas Legislative Session Outlook – September 20th**

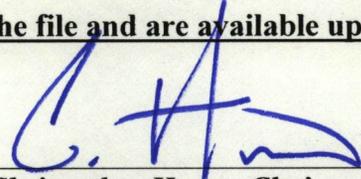
V. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed.

There were no Executive Session items.

VI. Adjournment

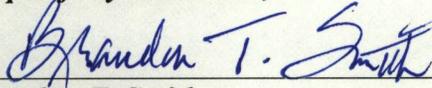
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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



Christopher Haass, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
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Office of the City Clerk