

**Intergovernmental Relations
Council Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Media Briefing Room – City Hall
12:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *Chair, District 2*
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Nikki Ramos, *Human Resources Director*; Robert Peche, *Economic Development Director*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; Rod Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Deputy Director*; Charles Pruski, *Health Assistant Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Paul Wendland, *Assistant City Attorney*; Steve Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Helen Valkavich, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: James Jonas, *Holland & Knight*; Susan Rocha, *Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal*; Tris Castaneda, *Baker Botts, LLP*; Jennifer Brown, *Brown Consulting*; Duane Galligher, *Christopher & Shields, P.C.*

1. Call to order

Chairperson McNeil called the Meeting to order.

2. Issues to be considered

a) Interlocal Agreements Update

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

A.J. Rodriguez reported that the City and County were negotiating extensions to the Animal Care Services, Library, Crime Lab, and Elections Agreements/Contracts. He noted that the proposed contracts were scheduled for presentation to the full Council on October 9, 2008. Councilmember Cibrian expressed concern with forwarding the finalized agreements to full Council for consideration without prior review by the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the City and County had agreed to all of the proposed agreements as one package. He also cited the urgency to adopt the proposed package in a timely manner due to time constraints of the Election Agreement. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the timeline presented by staff.

Councilmember Cibrian requested additional analysis on the cost of the November 2008 Election that would be paid by the City.

b) Briefing and discussion on the City of San Antonio's Draft 2009 State Legislative Program

Presented by Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith reported on the Initiatives, Protection of Municipal Interests, and Endorsements that comprise the City's Draft State Legislative Program for the 81st Legislative Session. He also included a timeline that provided for presentation the full Council on October 16, 2008.

Councilmember Cibrian stated that she supported the Public Information Act Amendments and requested that staff address the Councilmembers who had concerns with the Sobriety Checkpoint Proposal. She spoke in opposition to raising the maximum threshold related to change orders for municipalities.

Councilmember Cortez stated that he supported the Public Information Act Amendments and requested that additional discussion take place regarding the Sobriety Checkpoint Initiative.

Chairperson McNeil spoke in support of the Public Information Act Amendments, Sobriety Checkpoint Initiative, and Increase of Maximum Threshold for Municipalities. Andrew Smith confirmed that the Public Information Act Amendments would be included in the B Session Agenda for Council briefing.

Councilmember Cibrian requested analysis of the Priority Initiatives addressed during the last Legislative Session, and that staff work closely with the Office of Military Affairs regarding the Military Installation Protection Act.

3. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

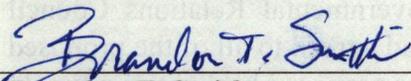
4. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There were no items addressed.

5. Adjournment

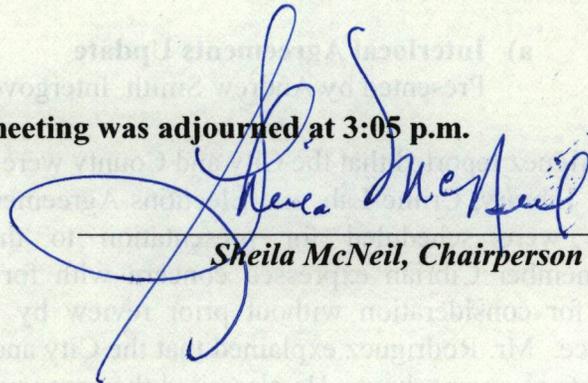
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk



Sheila McNeil, Chairperson