

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012  
10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ray Lopez, *Chair, District 6*  
Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*  
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*  
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Adrian Perez, *Economic Development Manager*; Stephanie Johns, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Martha Lambaria, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs*; Tom Downs, *Patton Boggs (Conference Call)*; Bart Sanchez, *Brooks Development Authority*

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**Call to order**

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

**I. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember C. Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Soules entered the meeting at this time.

**II. Discussion Items**

**Federal:**

**a. EB-5 Program**

Ed Davis, EDD Asst. Director, Donald Jakeway and Bart Sanchez, Brooks Development Authority

Mr. Adrian Perez, Economic and Development Department Manager, provided an overview of the EB-5 Investor Program Presentation. He elaborated on the EB5 Regional Center Program administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

In response to Councilmember Soules, Mr. Perez stated that the EB5 individual investor is administered directly through the USCIS.

Mr. Bart Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer provided an update on the Brooks City Base Regional Center. Mr. Sanchez presented a detailed timeline and status for the said initiative. He introduced the model implemented and clarified the prospective Target Employment Area (TEA).

Chairman Lopez defined TEA as "Targeted Employment Area" as stated on the PowerPoint. He asked if the Brooks Base Regional Center was a TEA. Mr. Sanchez reported that Brooks does not qualify as a TEA, but could by designation. Mr. Perez stated that it was possible to ask Congress to amend Legislation to expand the definition of the target component to include facilities that have been bracked.

Councilmember Chan asked if Bexar County was a TEA. Mr. Sanchez replied that Regional Center boundaries include Bexar County, but Bexar County is not a TEA. Councilmember Chan asked which part is considered a TEA. Mr. Sanchez clarified that TEA is considered the most depressed area, to include, inner city and/or south side. He expanded that USCIS was still trying to define what was designated as TEA. Mr. Perez reported that the city had the ability to declare TEAs. Councilmember Chan asked for the status and/or clarification on \$500,000 Projects. She added that \$500,000 project investments would present many more opportunities and interest opposed to \$1 million project investments.

Councilmember Soules asked of the Brooks Charge and what it meant for other EB5 Regional Centers within the City of San Antonio. Mr. Sanchez replied that there were no restrictions. He reported that there could be overlapping regional centers marketing the area. He added that Brooks had the potential to partner with the City and County. He stated that what differentiates the market was that Brooks represents a Governmental Entity, and that very few Regional Centers are run by Governmental Entities. Mr. Sanchez reaffirmed that Brooks was a true Governmental Regional Center.

Councilmember Soules stated that Brooks Regional Center as an entity was free to pursue roads and infrastructure within Bexar County. Furthermore, he asked of the cost and benefits for this program. Mr. Sanchez replied that the cost and benefits for the said program were very high for Brooks.

Councilmember Chan affirmed that the goal for Brooks City Base EB5 program was to expand beyond Brooks City Base projects. She asked if building parking garages would be allowed with the designation. Mr. Sanchez replied that the construction of parking garages was allowed. He added that anything related to construction and government was allowed. He noted that Board Approval in writing had been requested by staff. In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Perez replied that the designation would last indefinitely.

**b. Federal Legislative Program Update**  
Tom Downs, Patton Boggs

Mr. Contreras introduced Mr. Tom Downs, Patton Boggs and stated that he would be providing the Federal Legislative Update including the FY2013 Budget Action and the FY2013 House Budget Resolution.

Chairman Lopez asked for the Courthouse construction funding/appropriations. Mr. Downs reported that the budget for Courthouse construction funding/appropriations would be taken from the Financial Services General Government Appropriation Subcommittee.

Chairman Lopez asked for clarification on receiving funding and of the process for elevating the City to a better placement on the Administrative Office of Courts Priority List for Construction. Mr. Contreras suggested that the City be positioned and prepared for better placement on the said list. Chairman Lopez asked of the potential to be first on the list. Mr. Contreras noted that there might be an opportunity to question the General Service Administration (GSA) determined list alignment and priority.

In response to Chairman Lopez, Mr. Contreras responded that other places are not as busy and are smaller than San Antonio. In addition, they have very powerful members in the community who influence their placement on the Administrative Office of Courts Priority List for Construction.

Councilmember Soules asked of the Committees on the House and Senate that have the most influence getting the money allocated. Mr. Contreras reported that appropriations are made by Appropriation Subcommittees. Mr. Downs added that there are Authorizing Committees as well as Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. He indicated that both Republican and Democratic Members have been very critical of GSA's spending position on courthouse reconstruction.

In response to Chairman Lopez, Mr. Downs provided an update on Transportation Reauthorization. He reported that the House and Senate have had a fundamental disagreement over Reauthorizing the long-term Transportation Program. He informed the City Council that the Senate has a two-year Transportation Reauthorization at over \$100 billion. He added that the House has been asking for a five-year Transportation Reauthorization at a much lower level. Mr. Downs stated that a short term 90-day extension has been passed. He further noted that the Jobs Act to jump start businesses was recently passed by Legislation.

**State:**

**a. Briefing on Upcoming House and Senate Interim Charge Hearings**

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Contreras provided highlights on the following activities:

- Developing Topics
- Bexar County Election Information
- New Senate Interim Charges
- Interim Legislative Hearings

In response to Councilmember Soules, Mr. Contreras confirmed that Lyle Larson was the only Delegate in the House who was involved with the Natural Resource Committee.

Councilmember Chan asked if the numbers of design-build projects by municipality were still limited. Mr. Contreras stated that he would inquire and provide a status.

Chairman Lopez asked for an update to forward/send out letters to all Committee Chairs to begin discussing issues to move forward with. Mr. Contreras reported that staff's strategy is to send out an email with updates on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Interlocal Agreements**

#### **a. Discussion on Master ILA with Bexar County**

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Contreras provided a synopsis on strategies for a master agreement with Bexar County. He reported that staff is trying to develop one single agreement that would incorporate all of the individual items. He added that the strategy was to work toward a fair compensation from Bexar County for services provided, and vice versa; on the basis of service, usage, or population.

Councilmember Chan suggested establishing a formula based on usage or population, and asked for further clarification on the layout and the renewal process. Mr. Contreras reported that each category would have its own formula and that renewal time had not been determined.

Councilmember Chan asked if calendar year or fiscal year would be followed. Mr. Contreras replied that it would be best to follow the fiscal year calendar. He added that both Bexar County and the City have the same fiscal year.

In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Contreras replied that negotiations were being conducted with the County Manager.

Chairman Lopez asked if an interlocal discussion had taken place with regard to an annexation strategy. Additionally, he suggested including an agreement that states services and compensation to accelerate investments. Mr. Contreras reported that Bexar County is conducting a study of services; included are recommendations on where the County should be, with regard to recommending annexation by City or others. Furthermore, he noted that the B Session presentation by the City Planning Department will update the City Council on plans for annexation.

### **III. Action Items:**

#### **Interlocal Agreements**

#### **a. Proposed amendment to University Health System**

Charles Pruski, Asstistant Director, Metro Health

Mr. Pruski presented on the extension of the University Health System (UHS) Division of the County and the services provided. He provided background on UHS with regard to the City and County Health Department merge in 1965, noting that two contracts are currently in existence. He stated that the first contract is with Bexar County and provides environmental health services; the second contract is with UHS, and provides an array of other health services.

Mr. Pruski apprised the City Council on the base contract with UHS which provides services such as immunizations, sexually transmitted disease control and prevention, tuberculosis control, dental screenings and treatment, emergency preparedness and response, and health education programs.

Mr. Pruski requested approval on the extension of the UHS Contract to September 30, 2012. This would allow time for new negotiation terms with various UHS Departments, Contracts, and Services.

Councilmember Chan moved to forward said item to the full City Council. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

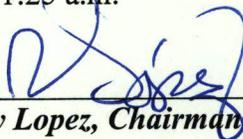
**IV. Consideration of items for future meetings**

**a. Next Meeting Scheduled: To be determined.**

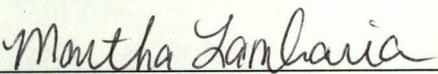
Mr. Contreras announced that the next meeting will be held in late May in the Municipal Plaza C Room.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
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*Ray Lopez, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Martha Lambaria*  
*Office of the City Clerk*