

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

10:00 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Lawrence Doxsey, *Environmental Policy Director*; Majed Al-Ghafry, *Public Works Director*; David Ellison, *Planning & Community Development Interim Director*; Marc Castro, *Code Enforcement Services Director*; Marc Bird, *City Arborist*; Barbara Nelson, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Barry Archer, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Christopher Looney, *Development Services Interim Assistant Director*; Trish Wallace, *Planning & Community Development*; Norbert Hart, *Assistant Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Savita Rai, *Assistant City Attorney*; Eric Burns, *Assistant City Attorney*; Susan Guinn, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Jim Carrillo, *Half Assoc. Inc.*; Gilbert Garcia, *Plaza de Armas*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 18, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action regarding the 2007-2012 Bond Program Quarterly Update

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services Department

Mike Frisbie provided an overview of the 2007-2012 Bond Program. He reported an allocation of \$596 million into four infrastructure categories: 1) Streets, Bridges, & Sidewalks - \$340 million; 2) Drainage - \$130 million; 3) Parks - \$65 million; and 4) Facilities & Community - \$61 million. He noted that the City Council would be presented with the Bond Committee recommendations in January, 2012, consideration for approval in February, 2012, and the 2007-2012 Bond Election in May, 2012.

In response to Councilmember Saldaña, Mr. Frisbie responded that the Bond Committee Hearings would begin the first or second week in October, 2011. Councilmember Saldaña asked if the Bond Committee appointments had been contacted regarding confirmation of appointment and meeting dates. Mr. Frisbie responded that he would confer with Peter Zanoni. Councilmember Soules expressed concern that the Bond Committee appointees had not yet been contacted. T.C. Broadnax stated that he spoke with Mr. Zanoni and noted that contact information was being gathered and that Bond Committee Meetings would be scheduled to begin 2 weeks from contact with the appointees. Chairman Williams stated that various concerns had been expressed about the process and public notification of the Bond Committee Meetings. He requested that information regarding the proposed list of projects and meeting dates be provided to the City Council in order to address complaints. Chairman Williams asked of the public notification process. Mr. Frisbie responded that the same process would be used that was utilized in the Budget process.

4. Briefing and possible action on the City's Downtown Transportation Study

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services Department

Mr. Frisbie reported that a transportation study of downtown was being conducted to identify potential improvements to transform downtown in support of expanding residential and commercial development. He stated that the study would provide a design standard for each corridor in the core area of downtown and allow staff to prioritize a strategic direction.

In response to Councilmember Saldaña, Mr. Frisbie responded that recommendations from past strategic plans would be provided to the study consultant for consideration in the current transportation study.

Councilmember Soules asked of cost of study. Mr. Frisbie responded that the City Council had approved an amount up to \$1.25 million for the study and that a final report was expected in the May, 2012 timeframe.

Chairman Williams expressed concern that Council Committees don't receive enough details for public explanation. He requested a monthly Transportation Study update and to include the connection between Commerce and Market streets in the study as an early deliverable.

5. Briefing and possible action on the tree maintenance license requirements

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Roderick Sanchez reported that the purpose of the proposed amendment was to allow provisions that would enhance education, training, and increase license requirements to company employees that provide tree-trimming and pruning services.

Councilmember Soules thanked Mr. Sanchez for meeting with him regarding this issue and spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Briefing and possible action on the proposed amendments to Chapters 6 & 14 of the City Code

Presented by Marc A. Castro, Interim Director, Code Enforcement Services

Marc Castro reported that the proposed amendments to the City Code were necessary to reflect the consolidation of Code Enforcement Services and Development Services Departments. He stated that staff recommended amending Chapter 6 of the City Code to remove Development Services from membership on the Dangerous Structures Demolition Board (DSDB), to designate the Director of Development Services with the authority to summarily clean and secure unoccupied buildings or clean vacant lots, to clarify authority to execute emergency demolitions, to update the names of City Departments, and to include changing the name of the Department of Community Initiatives to Human Services. Mr. Castro stated that staff would be requesting a super majority vote for implementation on October 1, 2011.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Briefing and possible action on the City's Comprehensive Master Plan Framework

Presented by David Ellison, Interim Director, Planning & Community Development Department

Chris Looney provided an overview of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. He reported that the proposed plan had a more streamlined presentation of 96 goals and policies in comparison the 1997 plan with 485.

Councilmember Soules stated the importance of a useful document and requested that said item be postponed for at least 30 days. He noted that additional time was needed to work on a plan that was useful and would promote the City of San Antonio. Mr. Broadnax clarified that said item was the framework utilized to develop a master plan. Williams expressed concern with some of the goals stated in the document and spoke in support of further discussion regarding the proposed document.

Councilmember Soules moved to postpone said item for at least 30 days for further discussion. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Briefing and possible action on the San Antonio Bike Plan 2011 + Implementation Strategy

Presented by Laurence Doxsey, Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Laurence Doxsey presented staff's recommendation for adoption of the San Antonio Bike Plan 2011 + Implementation Strategy, a master plan updating and enhancing the Bicycle Master Plan adopted by City Council effective May 1, 2005.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the increase/incentivize employers that actively encourage bicycle commuting (NU-Ride) component. Mr. Doxsey explained that the NU-Ride System was a program that rewards participants utilizing alternate modes of transportation with coupons or discounts from businesses throughout the city.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Saldana seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Briefing and possible action on a Complete Streets Policy Initiative

Presented by David Ellison, Interim Director, Planning & Community Development Department

Mr. Looney provided an overview of the Complete Streets Policy Initiative. He reported that Complete Streets were roadways that take into account all users, including people of all ages and abilities that drive cars, use transit, ride bicycles, walk and use wheelchairs. He highlighted the proposed policy principles and noted that staff recommended approval for Council consideration on City Capital Projects and City Public-Private Partnerships only at this time. He stated that said item was scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission on September 28, 2011 and the City Council on September 29, 2011.

Chairman Williams asked of the cost of the Complete Streets Policy component. Mr. Looney responded that Complete Streets Policy was a \$316,000 component of the \$16 million Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. Chairman Williams asked what was included in the \$316,000 allocation. Trish Wallace responded that the allocation paid for the following: 1) Hiring of two full-time employees; and 2) Funds for contractual arrangements (Engineering Firm). She noted that the Complete Streets team has more work to do and that staff was requesting approval of the Capital Projects and City Public-Private Partnerships only at this time.

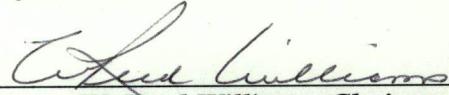
Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the Planning Commission and the Full Council for consideration as recommended by staff. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration for future meetings

The next meeting was not determined.

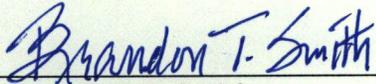
11. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*