

**Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Municipal Plaza Room B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember *Philip A. Cortez, District 4, Chair*  
Councilmember *David Medina, Jr., District 5*  
Councilmember *W. Reed Williams, District 8*  
Councilmember *Elisa Chan, District 9*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** *T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager; Rod Sanchez, Planning and Development Services Director; Geraldine J. Garcia, Assistant Police Chief; Jesus Garza, Planning and Development Services Assistant Director; Misty Nichols, City of Schertz; Michelle Sanchez, City of Schertz; George Antuna, City of Schertz; Trish Wallace, Planning and Development Services; Walter Serna, Patton Boggs, LLP; Lisa A. Lopez, Office of the City Clerk*

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**1. Call to Order**

Councilmember Cortez called the meeting to order.

**2. Citizens to be Heard**

Diane Lang stated that the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee would be offering recommendations to the current Tree Ordinance. She noted that the Committee was ready to work on environmental issues and promote Mission Verde. She spoke of the decline of tree canopies over the years and encouraged the Council to find ways to address the issue.

Councilmember Williams announced that a meeting would be held on February 16, 2010 at the John Igo Library regarding the Tree Ordinance and encouraged citizens to attend.

Loretta Van Coppenolle stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Sierra Club. She attended a Technical Advisory Committee meeting and cited concerns with developers who are opposed to tree preservation. She encouraged the City Council to consider the importance of tree preservation in the community.

**3. Approval of Minutes for the December 15, 2009 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2009 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Briefing and possible action – City of Schertz Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Release.** Presented by Rod Sanchez, Director, Planning and Development Services

Jesus Garza, Planning and Development Services, presented an overview of the request from the City of Schertz for the release of approximately 3,486 acres from the City of San Antonio Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). He confirmed that a municipality may release part of its ETJ in accordance with State Law.

Mr. Garza outlined the current services offered in the ETJ area in Schertz, as well as the terms of the ETJ release to the City of Schertz. He noted that the extended land use plan was similar to San Antonio's IH-10 East Perimeter Plan that includes commercial nodes, single family, multi-family, agricultural and open spaces. The Major Thoroughfare Plan was also extended to accommodate future growth. He further noted that the City of Schertz would extend their subdivision regulations, as well as their tree ordinances, to protect heritage and other significant trees. Additionally, the City of Schertz would contribute 50% of sales tax revenue collected in the subject area for a period of ten (10) years.

Mr. Garza confirmed that Schertz would enter into a reversionary clause with San Antonio if annexation proceedings do not commence in 2010.

George Antuna, Economic Development Director for the City of Schertz, introduced staff members in attendance and noted that the ETJ release would assist with their growth process.

Councilmember Chan thanked all staff members from San Antonio and Schertz for their efforts. She stated that the ETJ release would help the City of Schertz grow, while also benefit the City of San Antonio's economic development.

Councilmember Medina thanked Mr. Antuna for meeting with him and providing a detailed overview on the issue.

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

**5. Briefing and possible action – City of Cibolo Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Release.** Presented by Rod Sanchez, Director, Planning and Development Services

Mr. Garza provided an overview regarding the City of Cibolo's request to release approximately 4,550 acres from the City of San Antonio's ETJ. He outlined the current services provided to the ETJ area, and the terms of the ETJ release to Cibolo. He commented that the terms were similar to that of the City of Schertz ETJ release.

Mr. Garza reported that the City of Cibolo would extend the land use plan similar to San Antonio's IH-10 East Perimeter Plan, while also extending their Major Thoroughfare Plan. New billboards would also be prohibited along the IH-10 corridor. The City of Cibolo would extend their open space/floodplain preservation policy which would allow for cluster development and passive recreational use of floodplains. Additionally, the City of Cibolo would extend their subdivision relations and tree ordinances.

Mr. Garza confirmed that the City of Cibolo would contribute 50% of sales tax revenue collected in the subject area for a period of fifteen (15) years.

In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Garza confirmed that no representatives from Cibolo were present at this meeting. Councilmember Chan requested information on the rationale behind the City of Cibolo's request to release the ETJ. Mr. Garza replied that the intent was to plan for development South of IH-10.

Councilmember Chan expressed concern that the City of Cibolo had not responded to any of her requests to discuss their interest in acquiring the ETJ release. She noted the importance of understanding their interest in obtaining the release of over 4,000 acres before taking any action. As a result, she recommended postponing the item until further information is obtained.

Chairman Cortez inquired why there were no representatives from Cibolo present. Mr. Garza explained that there had been staff turnover within the City of Cibolo.

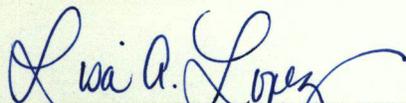
Councilmember Chan moved to continue said item to the next Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting in March to provide an opportunity for City of Cibolo Representatives to discuss their request and explain their reasons for acquiring the ETJ release. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

  
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*Philip A. Cortez, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Lisa A. Lopez*

*Office of the City Clerk*