

**Intergovernmental Relations
Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2009
Municipal Plaza Room B
10:00 AM**

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Reed Williams, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Rod Sanchez, *Planning & Development Services Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Walter Serna, *Patton & Boggs*; Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*; Laura Cole; *Bexar County*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. RFP Timeline – Federal Consultants Contract(s)

Carlos Contreras reported that the current Federal Consultant Contracts expire December 31, 2009 and that staff was developing criteria for a Request for Proposals (RFP). He stated that the RFP for Federal Consultants would be made public on September 1, 2009 and that a review of proposals would take place on October 1, 2009. He noted that recommendations would be made to the IGR Council Committee in mid-November, 2009 to forward for Council consideration in December, 2009.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if partnership with a local firm was included in the RFP criteria. Mr. Contreras stated that past criteria required partnership with a local firm and noted that staff recommendation for the proposed RFP was to allow the option to provide quarterly

representation at IGR Council Committee Meetings or partnership with a local firm. Chairman Rodriguez requested that a local firm partnership requirement be included in the RFP criteria.

ii. Discussion of key milestones/calendar of events for City Federal Program

Mr. Contreras reported that staff conferred with Patton Boggs regarding an IGR Council Committee trip to Washington D.C. He stated that Patton Boggs had provided an update on the remainder of the fiscal and calendar year and recommended consideration of a planning session to develop the City's 2010 Federal Legislative Program in place of a trip to Washington D.C.

Chairman Rodriguez cited the success of IGR Council Committee trips to Washington D.C. prior to appropriations deliberations. He stated that Mayor Castro had expressed an interest in a trip to Washington D.C. within the next 45-60 days to ensure that the City's appropriations were solidified. Chairman Rodriguez requested that the IGR Council Committee coordinate with the Mayor's Office to secure arrangements.

A.J. Rodriguez requested an opportunity for staff to confer with the City's Federal Lobbyist Team regarding a strategically planned trip to Washington DC and the possibility of the Lobbyist Team meeting with IGR Staff to prepare an agenda of critical items of focus.

Chairman Rodriguez reiterated the success of fall and spring visits to Washington D.C. and stated that he would like to continue said schedule. He requested that staff coordinate arrangements with the IGR Council Committee members and the Mayor's Office.

b. Interlocal Agreements Discussion and Possible Action
Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Interlocal Agreement with Public School Districts – Provide Planning & Development Services
Rod Sanchez, Director, Planning & Development Services

Rod Sanchez provided information on the proposed 10-year Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and twelve Educational Districts within its jurisdiction. He stated that the educational districts would pay fees in exchange for a dedicated team of inspectors and plan reviewers that would yield faster response times. He noted that there was no fiscal impact to the Planning and Development Services Department or to the City's General Fund.

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

4. Consideration of items for future meetings

Legislative Priorities
Recommendations for Washington D.C. trip
State Legislative Report Card

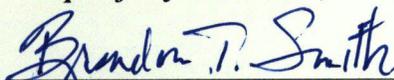
5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

Chairman Rodriguez recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. He reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m. and noted that the Committee had been briefed but no action had been taken.

6. Adjournment

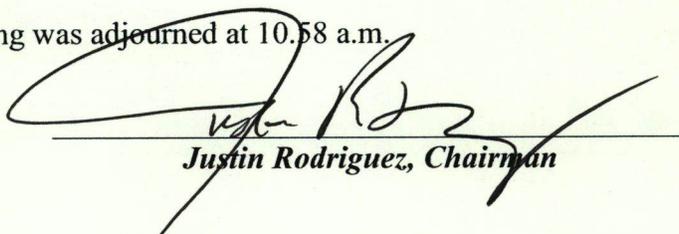
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk


Justin Rodriguez, Chairman