

**Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2006**  
**Media Briefing Room**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Chip Haass, Chair, District 10  
Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3  
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5  
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Robert Ojeda, *Fire Chief*; Dr. Fernando Guerra, *Health Director*; Carl Weidiege, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Mike L. Burns, *Deputy Police Chief*; Charles Pruski, *Assistant Health Director*; Nancy Bernard, *Assistant Public Works Director*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Sonya Powers, *Police Captain*; Larry Zinn, *Mayor's Office*; Dawn Larios, *Mayor's Office*; Bryan Aslip, *Health Department*; Andrew Spurgin, *Development Service*; Robert Reyna, *Assistant City Attorney*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Steve Southers, *Assistant City Attorney*; Emily Arvizu, *District 5 Staff*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Phil Huff, *Mayor's Office*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Leilah Powell, *Bexar County*; Roberta Rodriguez, *Bexar County*; G.X. Garcia, *SA ExpressNews*; David Harris, *Hill County Village*;

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Haass called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2006 Meeting**

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2006 meeting. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Issues to be Considered**

**a) Forensic Science and Medical Examiner's Services Interlocal Agreement**

Andrew Smith presented information on the Interlocal Agreement between the San Antonio Police Department and the Bexar County Forensic Science and Medical Examiners Unit. He noted that the Agreement would take effect October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 with four possible renewal options. He added that the City of San Antonio would pay Bexar County \$1,087,571 the first year of the contract which has been budgeted by the San Antonio Police Department for FY 2007.

It was the consensus of the Committee to move said item to the City Council for consideration.

**b) Medical Services and Medical Interlocal Agreement**

Andrew Smith presented the New Collaboration Activities and Contract Obligations of the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) and the University Health System (UHS). He noted that staff recommended approval of 1) Proposed Agreement for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2009 and 2) An Agreement with the CDC for the assignment of a Public Health Prevention Specialist to the SAMHD to assist in coordination and planning with UHS.

It was the consensus of the Committee to move said item to the full City Council for consideration.

**c) Emergency Medical Services Interlocal Agreement**

Andrew Smith presented information on the Interlocal Agreements for Emergency Medical Services with the Suburban Cities of: Castle Hills, Helotes, Hill Country Village, and Windcrest. He noted that the Agreements would go into effect from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 with two one-year renewal options. He added that the San Antonio Fire Department currently provides EMS services to the City of Balcones Heights along with the above stated Cities. He also added that Balcones Heights has opted not to renew its contract with the City of San Antonio due to the revised cost recovery methodology used to determine the flat fee for services.

Chief Robert Ojeda detailed the revised cost recovery methodology. He reported that the City of Balcones Heights would move to privatization at the end of the current contract and/or eventually move to in-house services. Erik Walsh stated that the City would offer a transitional period agreement until new EMS services could be secured.

It was the consensus of the Committee to move said item forward to the full City Council for consideration.

**d) 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Draft Plan**

Andrew Smith reported on the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Draft Plan. He noted that management team, staff and state lobby team would meet to identify and prioritize initiatives and/or endorsements at the end of September/early October. He added that staff would seek City Council approval on October 19, 2006. He also reported that the General Election will be on November 7, 2006 and the start of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session on January 7, 2007.

Chairman Haass directed staff to submit information to the full City Council on the proposed items to be presented at the October 4, 2006 B Session. Councilmember Guajardo suggested that Mr. Smith assure that the information packet be prepared in simple terms for better clarification to the Council Members. Chairman Haass also stated that no additional IGR Meetings would be necessary before the October 4, 2006 B Session.

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

- a) 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Plan Approval – October 18th**
- b) Texas Municipal League Membership Dues – October 18th**
- c) 2007 Federal Legislative Plan – November 15th**

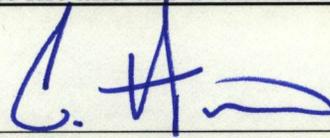
**V. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed.**

There were no Executive Session items.

**VI. Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

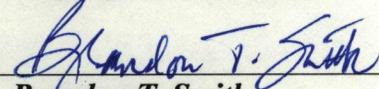
**Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.**



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*Christopher Haass, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Brandon T. Smith*

*Administrative Assistant II  
Office of the City Clerk*