

**SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013**

**3:00 P.M.**

**PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, Chair, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Carlton Soules, <i>District 10</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Intergovernmental Relations Director</i> ; Lisa Biediger, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Ryan J. Cook, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Tom Downs, <i>Patton Boggs</i> ; Sarah Vilms, <i>Patton Boggs</i>

The Committee addressed Item II at this time.

**II. Briefing Items**

- i. Update on December Federal Advocacy Trip [Cris Medina, Chair]

Mr. Jeff Coyle provided a briefing and update on the Federal Advocacy Trip. He reported that the IGR Team met with staff of the Members of the House Financial Services Appropriations Subcommittee. He further reported that they advocated for full funding in FY 2014 for the General Service Administration (GSA) Federal Buildings Fund. He added that conversations regarding the inclusion of the Federal Courthouse into the President's FY 2015 Budget were positive.

Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Medina called the meeting to order.

Chairman Medina echoed Mr. Coyle's positive outlook and report.

Mr. Carlos Contreras stated that the City entered into a land swap agreement with the GSA. He noted that receipt of the land is dependent upon Congressional Funding. Discussion ensued regarding the Federal Courthouse.

No action was required for Item II i.

- ii. Impact on Texas Legislature of Candidate Filings [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Mr. Coyle spoke of the Impact on Texas Legislature of Candidate Filings. He stated that December 9, 2013 was the Filing Deadline for Candidates. He further stated that there were 13 open seats in the Texas House of Representatives and four open seats in the Texas Senate. He noted that two additional Senators are running for Statewide Office and will assume Senate

Positions if not elected since they drew four-year terms. He further indicated that barring losses by incumbents, there would be minimal impact to the San Antonio Delegation.

No action was required for Item II ii.

**I. Action Items:**

- i. Proposed Consolidation of Federal Consultant Contract [Jeff Coyle, Intergovernmental Relations Director]

Chairman Medina recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:34 p.m.

Chairman Medina reconvened the meeting at 4:08 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

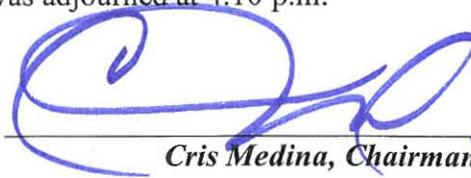
Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward the recommendation to consolidate with Port San Antonio and Patton Boggs for the Federal Consultant Contract to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**III. Consideration of items for future meetings:**

Next meeting scheduled: January 8, 2014

**IV. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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*Cris Medina, Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Ryan J. Cook  
Office of the City Clerk*