

**Economic Development & International Affairs
Council Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

1:30 pm

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Roger Flores, *Chair*, District 1
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*

Absent: Councilmember Kevin Wolff, *District 9*

Staff Present: Pat Di Giovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Ramiro Cavazos, *Economic Development Director*; Peter Zanoni, *Management & Budget Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Interim Assistant Director*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Elena Villarreal, *International Affairs*; Michael Rosales, *International Affairs*; James Henderson, *Economic Development*; Walter Ague, *Economic Development*; Susan Rios, *Economic Development*; Polo Cervantes, *Public Works*; Angela Rivera, *Economic Development*; Steve Nixon, *Economic Development*; Ruben Davila, *Economic Development*; Lynda Rodriguez, *Economic Development*; Barbara Ankamah, *Economic Development*; Carlos Terrazas, *Management & Budget*; Thomas Marks, *District 9 Staff*; Chrstine Gutierrez, *District 10 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Alan Miller, *AWS*; Francisco Moncivais, *AWS*; Cyndy Hanson, *BDA*; Don Jakeway, *BDA*; Bart Sanchez, *BDA*; Kirk King, *BDA*; Mike Quinn, *BDA*;

Call to Order

Chairman Flores called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

- 3. Annual Briefing on the following items by Elizabeth Costello, Director, International Affairs Department**
- a. Trade Mission to the Canary Islands, Madrid & Barcelona**
 - b. Trade Mission to the State of Colima**
 - c. Official Visit by Lic. Jesus Silverio Cavazos, Governor of State of Colima, Mexico**
 - d. Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Squad visit to San Antonio**
 - e. Export Leaders Delegation to Monterrey, N.L. July 12-14, 2006**

f. San Antonio's Award for Best Overall Program Sister City International, Washington D.C. July 12-15, 2006

g. Trade Mission to Canada July 23-26, 2006

h. Future Trade Mission trips

Elena Villarreal briefed the Committee on the successes yielded from the May 12-26, 2006 Trade Mission to the Canary Islands, Madrid and Barcelona. She cited the partnership between Golf San Antonio and the Golf Federation for the Canary Islands, a Student Exchange Program and tourism advancements. She also outlined future trade missions through May 26, 2006.

Councilmember McNeil enters the meeting.

4. Alamo WorkSource Strategic Plan

Presented by Alan Miller, CEO, Alamo WorkSource

Councilmember Herrera enters the meeting.

Alan Miller presented information on the Alamo WorkSource Strategic Plan outlining the strategic narrative and the elements of system operation. He cited the targeted industries, demand occupations, process elements, memorandums of understanding and the FY 2007 allocations/planning estimates.

5. Update on Development Activities at Brooks City Base

Presented by Ramiro Cavazos, Director, Economic Development Department

Don Jakeway referenced a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Brooks Development Authority June 2006". He presented a thorough overview of the activities at Brooks City-Base. He made reference to background information, partnerships, major projects/transformation, capital projects and economic investment. Mr. Jakeway offered quarterly updates on the progress of development activities at Brooks City-Base.

6. Empowerment Zone Board Appointments

Presented by Ramiro Cavazos, Director, Economic Development Department

Ramiro Cavazos presented five nominating recommendations to fill four positions on the Empowerment Zone Governance Board. He listed Giancarlo Carriero – Port of San Antonio/Toyota; Rey Nieto – Port of San Antonio/Toyota; Bartolo Sanchez – Brooks City-Base; Loyd Hawkins – EZ Resident; Charlie Moke – Workforce Development as applicants for recommendation.

Councilmember McNeil requested more information on the present board and expressed that she would like to see more representation from District 2.

Chairman Flores recommended that District offices within the Empowerment Zone meet to discuss representation issues.

Councilmember McNeil moved that said item be postponed until the next Economic Development and International Affairs Committee meeting. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

At this time the Committee addressed item 2.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2006 Meeting

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2006. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Flores recessed the meeting to go into executive session at 3:15 p.m.

7. The Economic Development and International Affairs Committee will recess into an executive session to discuss the following

Presented by Elizabeth Costello, Director, International Affairs Department

Deliberations regarding commercial and/or financial information received from business prospects seeking to locate, stay and/or expand within the City and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to such prospects, and deliberations regarding advice on related legal matters as permitted under sections 551.071 (1) and 551.071(2) of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

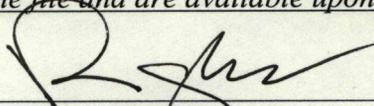
Chairman Flores reconvened the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

There was no action taken on said item.

Adjournment

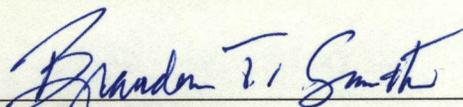
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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



Roger Flores, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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