

**Intergovernmental Relations  
Council Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2008  
Municipal Plaza Room C  
1:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *Chair, District 2*  
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*  
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*  
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Fernando Guerra, *Metro Health Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Richard Mendoza, *Public Works Assistant Director*; James Henderson, *Military Affairs Deputy Director*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*; Jerry Tyson, *Olmos Park Terrace Neighborhood Association*; Joe Aceves, *Bexar County*; Councilman Jeff Judson, *Olmos Park*

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**1. Call to order**

Chairperson McNeil called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the August 13, October 1 and October 13, 2008 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings**

Councilmember Cibrian moved to approve the Minutes of the August 13, October 1, and October 13, 2008 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Issues to be considered**

**a) 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Program Briefing and Possible Action**  
Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith requested the Committee's endorsement to include the following amendments to the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Program:

- ✦ Endorsement of the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Funding Requests
- ✦ Initiative for the South Texas Women's Business Center to receive State Funding
- ✦ Endorse legislation expanding services under the Medicaid Home and Community-based Waiver Services for Aged and Disabled

Councilmember Cortez entered the meeting at this time.

Chairperson McNeil requested that guardian limitations be put in place to prevent group-homes from evolving through said effort.

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

At this time the Committee addressed Item e) iii.

**e) Interlocal Agreement Briefings and Possible Action**

A.J. Rodriguez, Deputy City Manager and Andrew Smith, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

**iii. Interlocal Agreement Olmos Park for a Railroad Quiet Zone**

Joe Marsilio, Public Works

Joe Marsilio presented an overview of the proposed Railroad Quiet Zone and requested authorization to proceed with an Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and Olmos Park. He stated that a traffic analysis would be necessary to begin the process and that Councilmember Cisneros had offered District 1 to assist with half of the cost. Olmos Park Councilman Jeff Judson stated that Olmos Park was a General Law City and could not fund projects outside of the City of Olmos Park. He noted that the City of Olmos Park had begun to raise private funds and would receive revenue from an Economic Development Sales Tax in June 2009. He added that they were seeking legislative authorization to spend funds outside of Olmos Park for the Quiet Zone.

Chairperson McNeil stated that Railroad Quiet Zones are becoming a regional issue and that it was time to consider exploring Quiet Zones regionally. She also cited Union Pacific's Expansion Plan in San Antonio and noted that we must ensure that said plans coincide with plans for the City of San Antonio.

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

**b) Federal Legislative Update**

Andrew Smith, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

**i. Presentation by James Jonas (Holland+Knight)  
Walter Serna (Patton Boggs)**

James Jonas reported that Congress was working on a final Omnibus Bill by mid-February, anticipating an Economic Stimulus Package, and working on future appropriations. He noted that conferring with City Councilmembers and staff last week had provided a good indication on how to engage on said areas. Walter Serna stated that the Stimulus Package would yield many opportunities and that the City must be ready to send projects forward to meet those opportunities.

Chairperson McNeil requested additional information regarding the educational portion of the Stimulus Package.

Councilmember Cibrian stated that the City was in a position to receive additional federal infrastructure funding on the Eastside with regard to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). She requested that the Lobbyist Team assist with securing additional infrastructure funding.

Chairperson McNeil cited infrastructure challenges on Fort Sam Houston and stated that the City must advocate for infrastructure funding both on and off base.

Andrew Smith stated that the River Project, BRAC Funding, and Surface Transportation were a priority for discussion at the federal level. He noted that staff would return to the Committee in January with a draft of the Legislative Plan to forward to the full Council on January 28, 2009.

**c) Federal Lobbyist Extension Discussion and Possible Action**

Andrew Smith, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Andrew Smith outlined a revised scope of services regarding the City's Federal Lobbyists Contract that included direct updates to the Committee from the lobbyist firms. He noted that staff recommended executing a contract extension for Federal Representation Agreements with Holland+Knight, LLP and Patton Boggs, LLP through December 31, 2009.

Councilmember Rowe moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

**d) Grants Update**

Sally Basurto, Grants Management Officer, Intergovernmental Relations

Sally Basurto reported the following Grants recently awarded with revenue totaling \$1,068,000:

✦ Special Initiative – Criminal Justice	\$557,000
✦ Implementation Grant – (via AACOG)	\$119,000
✦ Special Initiative – Railway Safety Classroom	\$392,000

Ms. Basurto also reported that, with the assistance of James Jonas, staff was working on a collaboration with the National Park Service to establish a partnership to explore extended funding possibilities for the City of San Antonio.

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**i. Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County for Watershed Projects**

Majed Al-Ghafry, Director, Public Works

Majed Al-Ghafry provided information on a \$400-500 million Stonewater Management Project Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County. He noted that the project was a 20-year rolling program over the next 10 years and that the first phase included 20 projects of which 18 were located within the City of San Antonio. He added that Bexar County would fund the project design and construction and, the City would maintain the projects upon completion.

Councilmember Rowe moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

**ii. Interlocal Agreement with University Health Systems**

Charles Pruski, Assistant Director, Metro Health

Charles Pruski provided information on the proposed Interlocal Agreement with University Health Systems from the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011. He stated that the proposed agreement would replace the current Interlocal Agreement and would reflect changes in deliverables and funding associated with the transition of clinical preventive health services from the City of San Antonio to University Health Systems.

Councilmember Rowe moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

**iv. Interlocal Agreements with Bexar County for Library and Animal Care Services**

Ramiro Salazar, Director, Library

Vincent Medley, Interim Director, Animal Care Services

A.J. Rodriguez reported that staff was working with Bexar County on the draft 60-day negotiations and terms of the agreement.

**4. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Andrew Smith noted that the next meeting was scheduled on January 14, 2009.

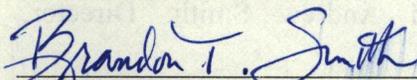
**5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed**

There were no items addressed.

**6. Adjournment**

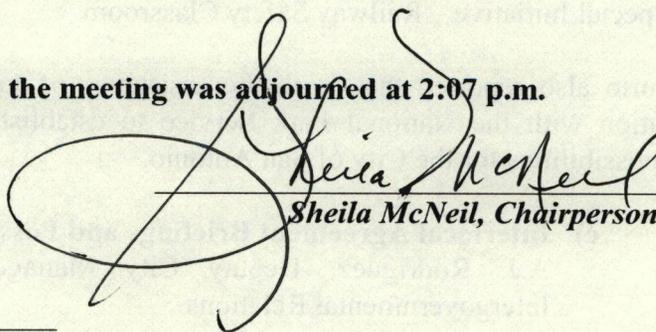
**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*



**Brandon T. Smith**

**Office of the City Clerk**



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**Sheila McNeil, Chairperson**