

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Municipal Plaza Building Room "C"
2:00 PM

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Nim Kidd, *Fire District Chief*; Matthew Polanco, *Intergovernmental Relations Manager*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Maria Alejandro, *District 7 Staff*; Christine Gutierrez, *District 5 Staff*; Janice Prokrant, *District 8 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Greg Flores, *SAWS*; William R. Peche, *SAWS*; Stephanie Bocanegra, *SAWS*; Milton E. Randle, *CPS Energy*

I. Call to Order

Chairman Haass called the Meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2007 Meeting

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting. Chairman Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Issues to be Considered

a) State and Federal Legislative Update

Andrew Smith introduced Christine Wright, Special Projects Manager for the Intergovernmental Relations Department. He noted that Ms. Wright would be coordinating with the Intergovernmental Relations Committee members on IGR issues and would be working the department's budget.

Greg Flores presented information on the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Legislative Initiatives. He informed the Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Authority's challenge to resolve the conflict between statutory pumping mandates. He noted that SAWS supports legislation to codify the pumping cap sum of all current permits at 540,000 acre-feet, establish the pumping floor at 340,000 acre-feet and to maintain a 50-50 cost sharing provision with downstream stakeholders. He also summarized other SAWS legislative priorities to be: Meet and Confer; Design Build; Conservation; Region L; Groundwater Districts; Reuse; and BexarMet.

With regard to federal legislative updates, Mr. Flores detailed two FY 2008 SAWS earmark requests to include \$500,000 for the Nueces Rivers and Tributaries Study (Energy and Water

Appropriations) and \$2,000,000 for the Central Watershed Sewer Relief Line C-02 (Interior/EPA Appropriations). Mr. Flores also summarized the Private Activity Bonds Initiative to remove federally mandated state volume caps on private activity bonds.

In response to Councilmember Gutierrez regarding BexarMet, Mr. Flores stated that Bexar County feels that their hands were tied with the current amendments and that the County was communicating their concerns with legislators to have the amendments removed.

Andrew Smith referenced a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "City of San Antonio State Legislative Update 80th Texas Legislature". He informed the Committee that HB 2006 (Eminent Domain) passed out of committee and was forwarded to the House Floor for debate. He noted that the current Bill was under review by the City Attorney's Office and that staff would offer amendments before the Bill goes to the House Floor. He also summarized:

- ✦ Fire and Police Pension and Retiree Health Care (SB 1777 and SB 1778)
- ✦ Library Districts (SB 940)
- ✦ Voluntary Annexation (HB 3257)
- ✦ Transfer of ETJ (HB 535)
- ✦ Disannexation (HB 328)
- ✦ Limitations on Taxation and Expenditures by state and local government (HJR 53)
- ✦ Eastside Improvement District #1 (HB 4077)
- ✦ Meet and Confer (HB 2009, HB 1636, SB 772)

IV. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings

a) State and Federal Legislative Updates

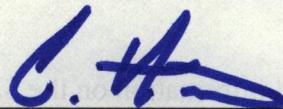
There were no items addressed.

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

There were no Executive Session items.

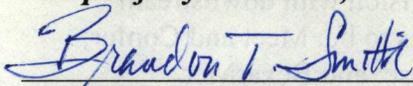
VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.



Christopher Haass, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

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Office of the City Clerk

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