

Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Municipal Plaza Room B
9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Members Absent: Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, *District 3*

Staff Present: Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Stephanie Johns, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Marc Rodriguez, *State Consultant*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton & Valadez*; Baltazar Serna, *Patton Boggs, LLP*; Doris Griffin, *Jefferson Outreach*; Laura Cole, *Bexar County*; Cindy Segovia, *Bexar County*; Ogden Chamberlain, *SEIU*; Edmond Keely, *City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs*; Estella Tyson, *City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2010 and April 20, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meetings

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2010 and April 20, 2010 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Issues to be considered

a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. Federal Appropriations and Policy Initiatives Update

Carlos Contreras provided an update on the 2010 Federal Legislative Program. He reported that the House and Senate Budget Committees were continuing efforts to move a Budget Resolution for FY 2011. He stated that if a Budget Resolution was not adopted, the appropriations committees will set their own funding targets and move forward with the markup of their 12 bills. He also reported that House Republicans agreed not to seek Congressionally-directed project spending in FY 2011. He stated that Senate Republican Leaders indicated that they had no intentions of adopting an earmark moratorium. He noted that Congress was currently focusing on a FY 2010 Emergency War Supplemental Appropriations Bill, funding border

security, and response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. He added that House and Senate Committees will work on their respective versions of appropriations bills between the June and August recess.

Sally Basurto provided an overview of policy initiatives to include: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Re-Authorization Act; Perimeter Rule; Travel Promotion Act; Community Access Preservation Act; Historic Preservation Trust Fund; White House Jobs Summit; 2010 Census Count; Sustainable Communities Initiatives; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Proposed Ozone Regulations.

ii. Proposed Dates for Fall IGR Washington D.C. Trip

Mr. Contreras reported that Patton Boggs, LLP had recommended a trip to Washington, D.C. in September to address the following issues: Appropriations; Education Contacts; National Airport (DCA) Perimeter Rule; Travel Promotion Act; Historic Preservation Funding; and National League of Cities & U.S. Conference of Mayors. He stated that staff was considering the fourth week in September for consideration.

b. State Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Issues Facing the 82nd Legislature

Presented by Marc Rodriguez, State Consultant

Marc Rodriguez informed the Committee that he previously served as Intergovernmental Relations Director for the City of San Antonio and that he has been a private Lobbyist for 18 years. He stated that he had significant resources and was working with Mr. Contreras to identify office space for the City within his offices. He provided an overview of several issues including: Budget, Sunset Review, Municipal Finance, Water, and Energy. Chairman Rodriguez requested a list of the Sunset Review Committee Members. Marc Rodriguez stated that his firm had the expertise and judgment to produce testimony in committee hearings.

ii. Update on Committee Interim Charge Hearings

Mr. Contreras provided a calendar and list of charges regarding the Interim Charge Hearings. He stated that staff was tracking and monitoring a number of charges identified by City Departments and that staff was working closely with Marc Rodriguez regarding said charges.

iii. Update on State Program Development Timeline

Mr. Contreras reported that 27-30 proposals had been received from City Departments for review and analysis by IGR Staff. He stated that staff would meet with the Executive Leadership Team to review the proposed recommendations. He noted that the goal to present the State Legislative Program to the City Council for adoption was August 19, 2010. He added that if August was not feasible, a presentation would be made to the City Council in October.

4. Consideration of items for future meetings

i. Discussion and Consideration of 82nd Legislative Program (Special Meeting – August)

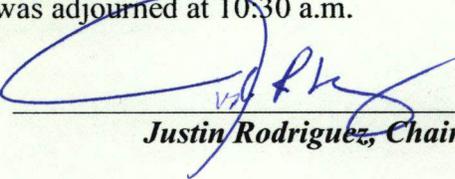
Chairman Rodriguez stated that he would confer with staff regarding future items.

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

There was no Executive Session.

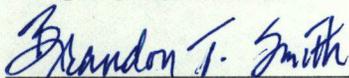
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk