

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

1:00 pm

City Hall Basement Conference Room

Councilmember Roger Flores, Chair, District 1

Councilmember Sheila McNeil, District 2

Councilmember Delicia Herrera, District 6

Councilmember Kevin Wolff, District 9

Staff Present: Jelynn Burley, Assistant City Manager; Frances Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Roland Lozano, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Cavazos, Economic Development Director; Jose Luis Garcia, International Affairs

Call to Order

Chairman Flores called the meeting to order

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2005 Meeting

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the August 16, 2005 Economic Development & International Affairs Council Committee Meeting.

3. Airport Concessions Management Selection RFP

Mr. Roland Lozano presented background information on the Airport Concessions Management Selection RFP and outlined the selection process. He stated staff recommends the firm of Unison-Maximus, Inc, one of three proposals received.

In response to Councilmember Kevin Wolff, Mr. Lozano stated that former San Antonio Aviation Director Kevin Doliolle served as the aviation industry expert on the selection committee. Councilmember Wolff expressed concerns of a possible conflict of interest with Mr. Doliolle serving on the committee that selected a firm housed in the same airport where he currently serves as director. Councilmember Delicia Herrera concurred with Councilmember Wolf.

Chairman Flores suggested the three firms considered make presentations to the Economic Development & International Affairs Council Committee. Councilmember

Sheila McNeil concurred and stated that she would like to see a comparison of the three firms considered.

The committee directed staff to arrange for Unison-Maximus, Inc., Westfield Concessions Management and JDDA, Inc. to make presentations before the Economic Development and International Affairs Council Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

4. International Affairs Department Updates

Mr. Jose Luis Garcia updated the committee on the International Affairs October calendar of events. He highlighted events as the Kumamoto Gardens En Restoration – an \$ 80,000 renovation project at the Botanical Center where Kumamoto, Japan is sending 5 gardeners and 1 staff person for this effort. Mr. Garcia stated that the Mayor of Kumamoto will have his first official visit to San Antonio November 16-19, 2005 with an official reception in his honor. A Kumamoto Gardens Renovation Commemorative Ceremony will be held on November 19, 2005.

Mr. Garcia notified the committee that the International Affairs Department is working on a proclamation of gratitude to General Ortiz and the Military of Mexico for the courtesies extended to the City of San Antonio in accommodating the Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.

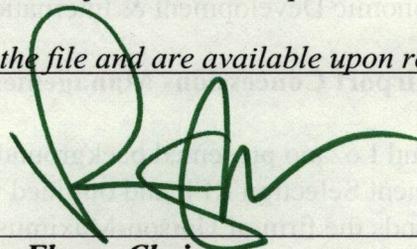
5. Discussion of meeting dates

No discussion held.

6. Adjournment

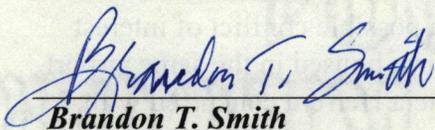
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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



Roger Flores, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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