

**Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Municipal Plaza Building – City Council Chambers
10:00 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: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Roderick Sanchez, *Planning & Development Services Director*; Ben Gorzell, *Finance Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Gabriel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Baltazar Serna, *Patton & Boggs*; Keith Parker, *VIA*; Priscilla Ingle, *VIA*; Tanya Garduno, *SWU*

1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

2. Issues to be considered

a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

i. Washington D.C. Trip Update (February 22 - 25, 2010)

Carlos Contreras reported that meetings had been scheduled with Health & Human Services; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Labor; and with the City's Delegation Members.

ii. Federal Appropriations Update

Mr. Contreras provided an overview of the City of San Antonio 2011 Appropriation Requests. He stated that staff had been more strategic in requesting how Delegation Members would carry the City's appropriations and that appropriations were identified that had been prioritized by City Council.

Chairman Rodriguez requested that staff provide a list of discussion points to the Committee pertaining to the meetings scheduled for the Washington D.C. Trip. He noted that the first meeting would occur with Patton Boggs in preparation for the meetings scheduled.

**iii. Amend Federal Program to include Environmental Health Wellness Programs Appropriations Request
Charles Pruski, Asst. Director, Health Department**

Mr. Contreras reported that Congressman Gonzalez requested that the City of San Antonio submit an appropriations request for Metro Health Environmental Health and Wellness Center Programs. He stated that the funding request was for \$500,000 for FY 2011 and that said request would be considered for Council approval on February 18, 2010 in order to meet Representative Gonzalez's deadline.

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

**iv. FCC Proceeding which may define "Reasonable" Compensation for use of Municipality's Rights-of-way
Ben Gorzell, Director, Finance and Gabriel Garcia, City Attorney's Office**

Mr. Contreras reported that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was proposing to pre-empt state and local governments regarding rates for access to municipal rights-of-way (ROW). He reported that the City receives compensation for the use of municipal ROW in excess of \$30 million annually. He noted that the City Attorney's Office and the Finance Department were requesting that the City notify its delegation of the pending proceedings and request that they intervene on the City's behalf.

**v. VIA Update on Streetcar Proposal & Grant Application and BRT Grant Application
Keith Parker, President/CEO, VIA Metropolitan Transit**

Keith Parker presented information on the Downtown Streetcar Circulator System and reported that a federal grant application had been submitted for the North-South Starter Line. He stated that there was an estimated cost of \$90 million and that an exact cost could not be determined until preliminary engineering and design had been completed.

Mr. Parker indicated that the MPO and VIA Board of Trustees had endorsed proceeding with the project and information would be presented to the public after an intensive economic study had been initiated and the Streetcar Commission's recommendations had been finalized.

**b. State Legislative Update and Possible Action
Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director**

i. House and Senate Interim Charges Update

Mr. Contreras reported that City Departments had been reviewing House and Senate Interim Charges to identify significant items to monitor and cited a list of comments from the Departments regarding said items. He also included a listing of items monitored by the Texas Municipal League.

ii. Re-Districting Presentation
Jesus Garza, Asst. Director, Planning & Development Department

Jesus Garza presented information on the Council Redistricting Plan that included redistricting goals, a redistricting team, and proposed timeline. He stated that the 2011 U.S. Census Redistricting Data would be released in March 2011 and proposed to begin the redistricting process before the release date. He also proposed to obtain U.S. Department of Justice Pre-clearance before September 2012 with ample time for the May 2013 City Council Elections.

c. Interlocal Agreements Discussion and Possible Action
Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

i. Interlocal Agreements with Various Agencies for Distribution and Confiscated Funds

Mr. Contreras presented an ordinance authorizing an Interlocal agreement (Forfeiture Property & Proceeds related to the investigation of Aces Wired) between the San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, Dallas Police Department, and the Texas Office of the Attorney General to share the proceeds from all asset forfeiture cases or any seizures occurring in the future related to the current investigation of Aces Wired.

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

3. Consideration of items for future meetings

- i. Development of State Legislative Program**
- ii. Graffiti Bill Amendment**

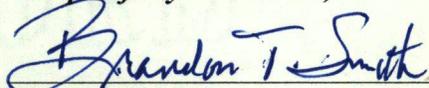
4. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed

There was no executive session.

5. Adjournment

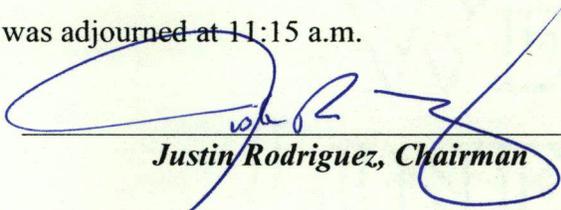
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk


Justin Rodriguez, Chairman