

AN ORDINANCE **2008-06-12-0525**

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX RENEWAL IMPROVEMENT CONTINGENCY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER.

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WHEREAS, the City Council approved in the Fiscal Year 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Budget enhancements to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center to sustain its status as a premier host to both national and international conventions and meetings; and

WHEREAS, such enhancements include new furnishings for public seating, a new facade for the concessions area and improvements to the grotto; and

WHEREAS, these enhancements are anticipated to have a large aesthetic impact on the facility;
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Hotel Occupancy Tax Renewal Improvement Contingency Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 are hereby authorized to be expended on interior improvements and renovations to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

SECTION 2. The amount of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in SAP Fund No. 29009000, Hotel Renewal Improvement Contingency Fund, SAP Internal Order No. 390000000643, SAP GL Account 6102100 – Interfund Transfer Out, entitled “Transfer to 42-00016-90-01.” The amount of \$500,000.00 is authorized to be transferred to SAP Fund No. 40099000.

SECTION 3. The budget in Fund No. 45099000, SAP Project Definition 42-00016, Convention Center Interior Improvements, shall be revised by increasing SAP WBS Element 42-00016-90-01, entitled “Trf Fr I/O# 390000000643,” SAP GL Account 6101100 – Interfund Transfer In, by the amount of \$500,000.00.

SECTION 4. The amount of \$461,250.00 is appropriated in SAP Fund No. 47099000, Convention Center Capital Projects, SAP Project Definition 42-00016, Convention Center Interior Improvements, SAP WBS Element 42-00016-05-02, entitled “Construction Costs,” SAP GL Account 5201140.

SECTION 5. The amount of \$38,750.00 is appropriated in SAP Fund No. 47099000, Convention Center Capital Projects, SAP Project Definition 42-00016, Convention Center Interior Improvements, SAP WBS Element 42-00016-01-02, entitled “Design Costs,” SAP GL Account 5201040.

SECTION 6. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, correct allocation to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

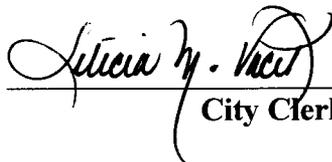
PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of JUNE 2008.



M A Y O R

PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



for City Attorney



Request for
**COUNCIL
ACTION**



Agenda Voting Results - 19

Name:	19
Date:	06/12/2008
Time:	11:12:42 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance approving and authorizing the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Renewal Improvement Contingency Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for interior improvements and renovations to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. [Penny Postoak Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Michael J. Sawaya, Director, Convention Sports & Entertainment Facilities]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				x
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x			x	
Lourdes Galvan	District 5		x				
Delicia Herrera	District 6		x				
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				
Louis E. Rowe	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Request for Council Action

Agenda Item # 19
Council Meeting Date: 6/12/2008
RFCA Tracking No: R-3407

DEPARTMENT: Convention Sports and
Entertainment Facilities

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Sawaya

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED:
Council District 1

SUBJECT:
Convention Center Interior Improvements Project

SUMMARY:

This ordinance appropriates funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for interior improvements and renovations to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. These funds are available from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (H.O.T.) Renewal Improvement Contingency Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center continues to be a premier host to national and international conventions and meetings. City staff worked with designers from Marmon Mok, LLP, who serve as architectural/engineering consultants on this project. The project that includes design, procurement and construction will enhance the facility amenities and have a large aesthetic impact.

New furnishings will be placed in public seating areas for use by convention attendees and visitors to our facility. The seating will be fitted with tablets that act as a work surface suitable for a laptop or writing materials. Together with designers, City staff put together a plan that will place furnishings in those areas most frequently used by meeting planners and corporations as well as other optimal areas for public seating. Moreover, enhancements to the Concession Stands are needed to give the facades a more contemporary look and make them more identifiable, thereby increasing the capture rate and potential to increase sales.

Lastly, several improvements will be made to the Grotto area at the Convention Center. The Grotto is an area located on the River Level, where it ends, just below Hemisfair Park. The area features a bubbling brook and beautiful stone columns. This space is often booked for wedding ceremonies, outdoor receptions and private parties; however, it lacks sufficient lighting, electrical power, catering amenities and seating. Working with designers and the in-house caterer, City staff will address all areas mentioned above. These renovations will increase the City's ability to offer the Grotto as an extraordinary and unique outdoor space while improving revenue potential.

ISSUE:

The project was approved in the FY 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Budget. City Council action is necessary to appropriate the funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

By appropriating funds, City staff is able to move forward and complete the project in a timely manner. The additional amenities offered may translate into additional bookings and revenues for the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 are available from the H.O.T. Renewal Improvement Contingency Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation of funding for the Convention Center Interior Improvements Project that will enhance the facility amenities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
Fiscal Impact Form - Convention Center Interior Improvements	Fiscal Impact Form CC Interior Improvements.xls
Voting Results	
Ordinance/Supplemental Documents	200806120525.pdf

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Michael J. Sawaya Director Convention Sports and Entertainment Facilities

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Penny Postoak Ferguson Assistant City Manager