

**Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

11:00 a.m.

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember Philip A. Cortez, *District 4, Chair*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Peter Zanoni, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Frank Miller, *Aviation Director*; David McCary, *Solid Waste Management Director*; Christopher Looney, *Development Services Interim Assistant Director*; Audrey Zamora-Johnson, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Bobby Perez, *Shelton & Valadez*; Lou Miller, *VIA*; Deborah McCary, *SAFCU*; Martha Mangum, *RECSA*; Will Allen, *PEC*; Dave Frazier, *Geo Solutions*; Mike Childers, *PEC*

Call to Order

Chairman Cortez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens addressed the Committee during corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2010 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2010 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action for consideration of applicants for 1 available seat on the Planning Commission

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Leticia Vacek presented the following applicants for appointment for one (1) slot on the Planning Commission:

Rick McNealy stated that he was a licensed professional engineer and has lived in San Antonio for 17 years. He noted that he provided infrastructure designs for the City, County, State, and the private sector. He added that he had served on several Development Services Task Forces.

Robert Rodriguez stated that he owned a small Healthcare Bio-Science Company and currently serves on the Small Business Advocacy Committee, SAWS Conservation Committee, and recently elected to the San Antonio Area Red Cross. He noted that he would be a fair and impartial selection for appointment and would like to make a difference in the City of San Antonio.

Ms. Vacek reported the following: 1) **James McNamara** was unable to attend but submitted a statement that had been distributed to the Committee; 2) **Henry Posadas** had withdrawn his application for consideration; and 3) **Paul Kinnison** could not be present today.

Councilmember Medina thanked the applicants for their time and commitment and noted the importance of having all Committee Members present for the recommendation for appointment. In the absence of Councilmember Chan, Councilmember Medina moved to postpone said item until the next meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and stated that it was appropriate that all Committee Members be present for consideration. Chairman Cortez thanked the applicants for their time.

4. Consideration for applicants for 3 available slots on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Ms. Vacek reported that Gerald W. Lee, Lou Miller, and Gavino Ramos were seeking reappointment and that Mel Feldman, Deborah McCary, Grant McFarland, and Kyle Tate were seeking appointment for 3 available slots on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Gerald Lee stated that he served on numerous committees including: Chair of Para Trans Committee and the Operations and Finance Committee. He cited the selection of VIA President Keith Parker during his tenure and distributed additional information to the Committee.

Lou Miller stated that he currently served on the VIA Board of Trustees and requested reappointment to a second term to continue the work accomplished during his first term. He noted that he served on several VIA Committees and cited work on the restoration and redevelopment of Ellis Alley. He added that he would like to continue his work through reappointment to a second term. Councilmember Williams referenced the Eastside - Westside Terminal Development and asked of Mr. Miller's support. Mr. Miller responded that there was definite support from VIA regarding the proposed development. He referenced a Request for Bus Rapid Transit Funding to address the North, South, East, and West areas.

Gavino Ramos stated that he currently serves as Chair of the Finance Compensation, Finance, and Audit Committees. He referenced the projects that had been completed during his tenure and requested the Committee's consideration for reappointment. Councilmember Williams asked of his support of a Downtown Circulator System connecting the East and West Sides. Mr. Ramos affirmed his support of such a system and cited the Grand Opening of the Westside Multi-Modal System that would provide a circular hub.

Mel Feldman stated that he considered himself to be a very productive citizen and could provide insight from someone that rides the bus regularly.

Deborah McCary stated that she was currently a member of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union (SAFCU) Board of Directors and enjoys volunteering.

Kyle Tate stated that he was an active duty Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and a GED Tutor for the SAM Ministries. He noted that his interest in serving on the VIA Board stems from his past experience on the Transportation Committee of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Denver Transportation Alliance.

Councilmember Williams moved to recommend Gerald W. Lee, Lou Miller, and Gavino Ramos for reappointment to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and possible update on the San Antonio Airport System's Rules and Regulations Document

Presented by Frank Miller, Director, Aviation

Frank Miller reported that the San Antonio Airport Rules and Regulations Document was approved by the City Council in December 1984 with a comprehensive revision completed and approved by the City Council in June 1997. He stated that the proposed revisions reflect current practices and regulations at the San Antonio International and Stinson Airports. He noted that the Airport Advisory Commission supported the proposed revisions and moved to forward the document to the City Council for consideration.

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

6. Briefing and possible action on the City of San Antonio, Chapter 35, 2010 Biennial Unified Development Code

Presented by Roderick J. Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Chris Looney reported that the Planning Commission considered the Unified Development Code (UDC) Program and accepted staff recommendation on all items. He stated that the Zoning Commission accepted staff recommendation with the exception of items regarding the Public Art Program; Land Use Designations for Master Development Plans and Neighborhood Plans; and Geogrid. He noted that both Commissions agreed on 93% of the amendments submitted.

In response to Chairman Cortez, Mr. Looney stated that the UDC amendments would be implemented on January 1, 2011.

Councilmember Medina asked of the Zoning Commission's response to the Public Art Program. Mr. Looney responded that the Zoning Commission accepted the Technical Advisory Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed amendments, but that it should be extracted from the UDC and placed in its own section of the City Code. He noted that staff would take that action at a later date.

Councilmember Medina moved to forward said item, specifically with the amount of draw downs on Trust Agreements from two (2) to four (4), to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Update on the City's Evaluation of Waste to Energy Conversion Technologies
Presented by David W. McCary, Director, Solid Waste Management Department

David McCary reported that the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) does not have the expertise to evaluate and analyze the feasibility of Waste to Energy (WTE) Conversion Technologies Program in San Antonio. He stated that the SWMD would lead the effort to develop a more complete evaluation and recommendation with assistance from CPS Energy and other City Departments. He noted that a meeting between City Staff and CPS Energy was scheduled for November 18, 2010 to request their participation in the evaluation of WTE Conversion Technologies.

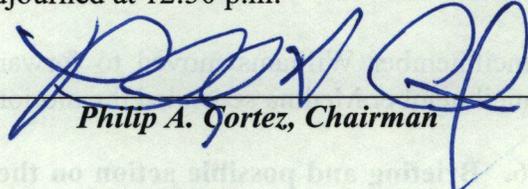
Chairman Cortez stated that it was a move in the right direction to evaluate WTE Technologies and that he was eager to hear CPS Energy's perspective. He requested an update at a B Session or an Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting in December.

8. Consideration for future meetings

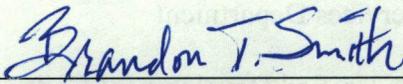
The next meeting date was not confirmed.

9. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.


Philip A. Cortez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,


Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk