

Quality of Life Council Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2006

7:30 a.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Art Hall, Chair, District 8
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7
Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager*; Pat Di Giovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks and Recreation Director*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Rose Ryan, *Interim Environmental Services Director*; John Bull, *Presiding Judge*; Fred Garcia, *Municipal Court Clerk*; Ron Smudy, *Parks and Recreation Assistant Director*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Steve Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Sally Farris, *Assistant City Attorney*; David Newman, *Environmental Services*; Jed Mabiun, *Mayor's Office*; Sebastian Guajardo, *Parks and Recreation*; Henry Salinas, *Parks and Recreation*; Javier Tamez, *Municipal Court*; Susan Spegar, *Parks and Recreation*; Norma Morales-Arias, *Municipal Court*; Melinda Cerda, *City Manager's Office*; Xavier Urrutia, *Environmental Services*; Jose Nino, *City Attorney's Office*; Liza Meyer, *Environmental Services*; Krystal Strong, *City Manager's Office*; Christina Foley, *District 9 Staff*; Janice Pokrant, *District 8 Staff*; Thomas Guevara, *District 4 Staff*; Sonny Torres, *District 4 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3; Laura Jesse, SA Express News

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the September 21, 2006 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Guajardo moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2006.
Councilmember Haass seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Staff Briefing regarding the proposal of the City-County Magistration/Detention Process

Presented by Fred Garcia, Municipal Court Clerk
Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

Sheryl Sculley presented a brief overview of the current discussions with Bexar County regarding the potential transfer of all or part of the City Magistration/Detention operations. She noted that the proposed transfer was a recommendation adopted by the City Council by outside consultant Judge Robert Dorfman. She addressed the current condition of operations of the Facility and cited the cost savings of the proposed transfer to the County.

Fred Garcia referenced a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "City of San Antonio Magistrate and Detention Facility". He detailed the history, current efforts, major issues to be resolved, and goals regarding the transfer of operations. He noted that the County has retained a private consulting firm to analyze Magistration/Detention operations. Ms. Sculley reported that the City was engaging with Judge Dorfman to evaluate the feasibility and provide recommendation on the transfer of City Magistration/Detention to the County.

Presiding Judge John Bull noted that the County Commissioners have been very active in the discussions of the proposed transfer and recommended the possible participation of City Council in the discussions. Councilmember Guajardo elected to participate in the discussion as did Councilmember Gutierrez.

3. Consideration of staff's recommendation regarding the proposed anti-idling ordinance

Presented by Rose Ryan, Acting Environmental Services Director

David Newman presented information on an ordinance implementing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that would restrict the idling of heavy-duty vehicles to no more than 5 minutes when not in traffic. He explained that the benefits of the ordinance would lower nitrogen oxides (NOx) and would gain vital emissions credits for the Alamo Region. He added that the rule would be enforced as a parking violation subject to a \$500 fine and that the Environmental Services Department would provide education through the City Website and a partnership with the Clean Cities Program

Councilmember Guajardo expressed concern with enforcement of the proposed ordinance. She cited the lack of time by the Police Department to actually monitor violators. She suggested the consideration motivating City Employees to ride the bus. Councilmember Perez concurred. He commented that staff recommendation at this time of the year would yield no results for 2006. He declared that a staff presentation on the Clean Air Plan in February/March would be too far away. He directed staff to take an aggressive approach and present the Clean Air Plan earlier than proposed.

4. Monthly Status Report of Proposition 1 Program

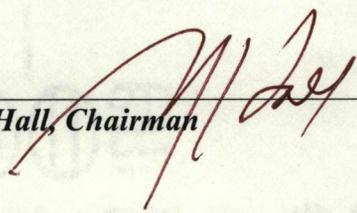
Report Submitted by Malcolm Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director

Malcolm Matthews reported the following issues regarding the Edwards Aquifer Land Acquisition and Protection Program:

- GIS model completed in all counties
- Nature conservancy secured a \$3.5 million grant for Habitat Protection
- Conservation Easement Template has been completed
- Finalize strategy with Finance Department on the Commercial Paper Program

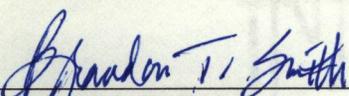
Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.



Art Hall, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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Office of the City Clerk