

## Quality of Life Council Committee

### Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2005

8:00 a.m.

### City Hall Basement Conference Room

**Members Present:** Council Member Carroll Schubert, Chair, District 9  
Council Member Art Hall, District 8  
Council Member Chip Haass, District 10

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**Absent:** Council Member Roger O. Flores, District 1  
Council Member Joel Williams, District 2

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**Staff Present:** Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; Thomas G. Wendorf, Public Works Director; Milo Nitschke, Finance Director; Patricia Major, City Auditor; Peter Zaroni, Management & Budget Director; Sharon De La Garza, Human Resources Director; Lena Ellis, Assistant Finance Director; Virginia Quinn, City Manager's Office; Linda Wasserman, Customer Service; Gary Johnson, Tax Assessor;

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**Also Present:** Dan Crowley, SAWS; Gabriel Perez, Infrastructure Services Bexar County;

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#### **I. Approval of the Minutes for the January 11, 2005 Quality of Life Meeting – Action Item**

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the January 11, 2005 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting.

#### **II. Cash Handling – Milo Nitschke, Finance Director; Lena Ellis, Assistant Finance Director; Virginia Quinn, Municipal Integrity Manager**

Ms. Virginia Quinn and the Cash Handling team updated the committee on the status of the cash handling process. Ms. Quinn stated that she revisited the original targeted departments slated for review to include the Police Department, 3 Libraries and a parking facility. She noted that all the departments reviewed had a copy of the cash handling directive with the exception of the parking attendant who was out in the field emptying a parking cash box. She noted that 90 % of the employees she interviewed gave positive feedback on the cash handling training course.

Ms. Linda Wasserman stated that Phase I of the training schedule will continue through March 31, 2005 when the ACCD Contract expires. Six-hundred twenty four cash handlers have completed the course and 91% will have completed the course by the end of the ACCD contract on March 31<sup>st</sup> at which time Human Resources will take over the instruction of the training course.

The cash handling team also presented and update on background checks and facility improvements. It was stated 8-10 new employees have had background checks which take 1-2 weeks to process and is more extensive for new hires than for current classified employees.

Councilmember Schubert asked who will receive background checks.

Ms. Sharon De La Garza stated new hires in a cash handling position will be processed at this time and current employees will have interval checks once a tracking system has been implemented.

Ms. De La Garza also stated that Human Resources will receive the checks and will determine if an employee is eligible for hire.

**III. Briefing regarding the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) – Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director – Action Item**

Mr. Thomas Wendorf presented background information on the proposed agreement between the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) and the City of San Antonio. Mr. Wendorf stated the ARMA was created in December 2003 agreeing to study the feasibility of establishing a toll network within Bexar County and seeking funds to pay for its initial start up and operating expense until sufficient revenues can be obtained to fund its own operations internally.

Mr. Wendorf stated that the City of San Antonio agreed to provide a \$500,000 loan to the ARMA on September 16, 2004, contingent to the execution of an Interlocal Agreement and City representation on the ARMA Executive Board. He noted that the loan is be used for the furtherance of the Bexar County Toll Network Study only.

Mr. Wendorf detailed the potential benefits to the City, the composition of the Executive Board, policy and the financial impact. This loan, at an interest rate of 2.97% will be paid in full by September 30, 2010.

Staff recommended approval of this ordinance.

It was moved by Councilmember Haass and seconded by Councilmember Hall to send said item to City Council for approval.

**IV. Presentation regarding proposed KellyUSA Chilled Water and Stream Rate Adjustment – Ben Gorzell, Public Utilities Director; Dan Crowley – Action Item**

Mr. Dan Crowley presented background and information on the proposed KellyUSA chilled water and steam rate adjustment. Mr. Crowley stated that the current rate does not

reflect the expected cost of operation and insufficient to adequately replenish the fund or ensure available funds for future repairs.

Mr. Crowley stated that the proposed rates would eliminate the negative balances in the Chilled Water R&R fund left by capital improvement projects and provide funding for the next capital improvement repairs and improvements of all major components.

After due consideration, it was moved by Councilmember Hall and seconded by Councilmember Haass to forward said item for City Council approval.

At this time, the committee addressed item VI.

**VI. Presentation on Bexar County Proposed Bond Program for Flood Control – Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director, Gabriel Perez, Executive Director of Infrastructure Services, Bexar County**

Mr. Gabriel Perez presented information on the Bexar County Potential Flood Control Bond Program. Mr. Perez spoke with regard to a potential flood control bond election in Fall 2005 or Spring 2006 with a target bond package of \$250 to \$300 million.

He noted that in July 2001, the Countywide Citizen Watershed Master Plan Committee identified 176 projects totaling an estimated \$700 million needed in Bexar County. The Bexar Regional Watershed Management Partners identified 68 projects in excess of \$234 million. Mr. Perez stated a finalized bond package is scheduled for July 2005.

An update on said item will be presented to the committee at a later date.

**V. Briefing regarding the increased construction costs related to Capital Projects – Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director**

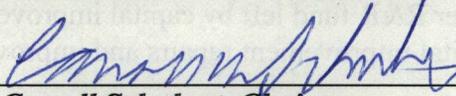
Said item was not addressed.

**VII. Briefing regarding transportation initiatives, Advanced Transportation District (ATD) as it relates to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) projects, Railroad Quiet Zones and Railroad Crossing Maintenance – Tim Wendorf, Public Works; Gabriel Perez, Executive Director of Infrastructure Services, Bexar County**

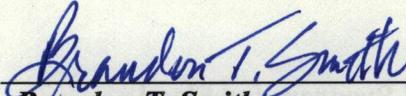
Said item was not addressed.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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

  
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**Carroll Schubert, Chairman**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
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**Brandon T. Smith**  
**Administrative Assistant II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**