

# Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2009  
Municipal Plaza Room B  
10:00 AM

**Members Present:** Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*  
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*  
Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, *District 3*  
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; Majed Al-Gahfry, *Public Works Director*; Geraldine Garcia, *Assistant Police Chief*; Noel Horan, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Tom McNalty, *Division Fire Chief*; Jim Jones, *SAPD*; Roy Waldhelm, *SAPD*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Sally Basurto, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Christine Wright, *Intergovernmental Relations*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Baltazar Serna, *Patton & Boggs*; Laura Cole, *Bexar County*; Priscilla Ingle, *VIA*

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## 1. Call to order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

## 2. Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Issues to be considered

### a. Federal Legislative Update and Possible Action

Carlos Contreras, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

#### i. Federal Representation Services RFP Status Update

Carlos Contreras reported that ten applications had been received for the Federal Representation Services RFP and that one applicant withdrew due to a conflict. He noted that the Evaluation Committee would interview applicants on January 7, 2010 and subsequently provide recommendations for Council consideration to the IGR Committee in February/March, 2010.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 3.a.iii.

**ii. Consideration and approval of 2010 Federal Legislative Program**

Mr. Contreras reported that IGR Staff had met with the City's Executive Leadership Team to identify project requests for funding, and subsequently confer with the City's federal consultants to determine the appropriate projects for grant submissions or appropriations requests. He stated that staff had also met with Mayor Castro and IGR Chairman Rodriguez to identify federal priority initiatives in addition to appropriations requests. He noted that City Departments were requested to identify legislative matters that were either helpful or harmful to the City of San Antonio. He indicated that the initiatives would be presented at the January 13, 2010 B Session and Council consideration at the January 21, 2010 A Session.

Mr. Contreras provided an overview of the proposed Federal Appropriations Request submissions list and the Proposed Legislative Initiatives. He explained that with IGR Committee approval, said item would be presented for the full Council in a B Session and subsequently presented in A Session for full Council consideration.

Chairman Rodriguez requested that staff include the Committee's support of MPO Reform in the B Session presentation to the City Council.

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

**iii. Consideration and approval of four (4) month extension of Patton Boggs L.L.P. Federal Consultant Contract**

Mr. Contreras informed the Committee that there were several key items coming up in January and February 2010 that would require appropriate federal lobbyist representation and requested approval of a four-month extension of the City's Federal Consultant Contract with Patton Boggs L.L.P.

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

**b. State Legislative Update and Possible Action**

Carlos Contreras, Intergovernmental Relations Director

**i. 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative House Interim Committee Charges**

Mr. Contreras reported that the Speaker of the House had issued House Committee Charges and that City Staff had identified the issues pertinent to the City of San Antonio. He indicated that staff had also indentified City Departments impacted by those issues and that said issues were referred to the Departments for review and input in order to provide testimony to the Committees should the opportunity arise. He noted that many of the Committee Members were in San Antonio and that staff would extend an invitation to the Committees to host meetings in San Antonio.

Chairman Rodriguez requested clarification that the City of San Antonio no longer had state representation and asked of the importance of having state representation in place to address the Committee Charges. Mr. Contreras confirmed that the City's state legislative contract had

expired on September 30, 2009 and that an RFP for State Representation would be issued in early January, 2010. He stated that a team should be in place by April, 2010.

**ii. Proposed timeline for State Representation Services RFP**

Mr. Contreras reported that an RFP for State Representation Services would be issued in early January 2010 and that a state legislative team should be in place by April 2010.

**4. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Chairman Rodriguez requested a Federal and State calendar signifying key dates of importance. In response to Councilmember Lopez, an item regarding the Census and redistricting will be placed on the February agenda.

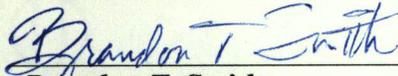
**5. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed**

There was no executive session.

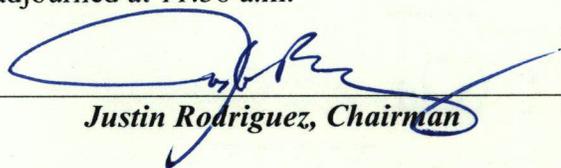
**6. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



**Brandon T. Smith**  
**Office of the City Clerk**

  
**Justin Rodriguez, Chairman**