

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012
11:30 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Staff Present: David Ellison, *Acting Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Brian Buchanan, *VIA Transportation*; Jason Rodriguez, *VIA Transportation*; Jeremy McDonald, *Beckwith*; Vianna Davila, *Express News*; Diane Lang, *CEAC*; Davy Bricker, *SEAT*; Chris Garcia, *ASHRAE*; Mike Leonard, *Leonard Contracting*; Robert Jalnos, *PHCC*; Tim Kerley, *IEC*; Rod Oliver, *PEPF*; Pete Heele, *Comet Signs*; Ydell Toye, *US Signs*; Teri Bilby, *SAAA*; Mike Rust, *Shelter Corp*; Kyle Keahey, *HNTB Corp*; Amin Tohmaz, *Beckwith*; Paul Kinnison, Jr.

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Diane Lang, Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC), spoke in support of Mission Verde and the City's Bike Master Plan. She provided recommendations and stated that CEAC Members were impressed with the vision of the plan.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and recommendation of Applicants for 17 primary slots of the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board
Leticia Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/MMC

Chairman Williams provided an overview of the recommendation process and stated that the Committee would follow the recommendations of the individual trade groups.

At this time, Chairman Williams called upon the applicants to speak.

Amin Tohmaz, Fire Protection Engineer, stated that he's been employed with Bechwith Electronics for 11 years, serving in management and fire protection positions. He noted that appointment to the Board would allow him to utilize his education and experience to resolve issues.

Jeremy McDonald conceded his nomination to Amin Tohmaz.

Christopher Garcia stated that he was a graduate of Trinity University and provided an overview of his work experience to include Code Compliance Consulting and Facilities Management. He stated that appointment to the Board would infuse his interest in politics and dedication to San Antonio.

Carri Wiggins informed the Committee that applicant *Paul Silver* was not present and that he qualified for more than one category.

Ms. Wiggins stated that applicant *Jeff Byers* was not present and had submitted a written statement.

Councilmember Lopez moved to: 1) Accept the primary candidates as submitted; 2) Recommend appointment of Christopher Garcia – Plumbing or Mechanical Engineer Category; 3) Consider the AC and Refrigeration Contractor Category at the next Committee Meeting; and 4) Waive residency requirement where appropriate. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Briefing and possible action on proposed amendments to Chapter 28 of the City Code, entitled "Signs and Billboards"

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Roderick Sanchez provided an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 28 of the City Code entitled "Signs and Billboards". He stated that the proposed ordinance had been reviewed by stakeholders and they are in support of the proposal. He noted that City Council action to establish the Building-related and Fire Code Appeals and Advisory Board required that the Electrical Board be appropriately sunset. He added that associated clarifications of Chapter 28 were necessary to implement procedural and permitting requirements.

In response to Councilmember Ozuna, Mr. Sanchez responded that churches and schools in residentially zoned areas were not allowed have digital signs. He stated that staff proposed to allow digital signs with little or no animation, but enough animation to update the data electronically.

Councilmember Lopez expressed concern with portable sign restrictions for small businesses and requested that staff explore options for a resolution. Mr. Sanchez stated staff would confer with him to brainstorm ideas.

Councilmember Soules moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan
Presented by Keith Parker, CFO, VIA Transportation

Brian Buchanan provided an overview of the VIA Downtown Service Plan. He reported that the Downtown Service Plan was the next step in the implementation and how changes are made to Capital Improvement Projects. He stated that Jason Rodriguez would provide information on several scenarios in comparison to the VIA Status Quo Alternative to include: 1) Shuttle-Only Scenario; 2) Thru-Service Scenario; and 3) District Hub Scenario. Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of the scenarios and outlined the pros and cons. Discussion ensued between Committee Members regarding the plan scenarios. Chairman Williams requested VIA Staff to meet individually with Committee Members.

6. Consideration for future meetings

There were no items for consideration.

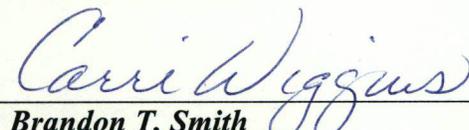
7. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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