

**INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014  
11:30 AM**

**PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, *District 4*  
Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, *District 3*  
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*  
Councilmember Ron Nirenberg *District 8*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*

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**Staff Present:** Peter Zaroni, *Deputy City Manager*; Mike Frisbie, *Director of CIMS*;  
Anthony Chuckwudoule, *Assistant Director, TCI*; Art Reinhardt,  
*Assistant Director, TCI*; David McCary, *Director SWMD*; Tiffany  
Edmonds, *Public Relations, SWMD*; Aleisha Knochenhauer, *Project  
Manager, SWMD*; Gabriel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Robert  
Perez, *Operations Manager, TCI*; Ryan Cook, *Office of the City  
Clerk*

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**1. Citizens To Be Heard**

There were no items addressed by citizens.

**2. Approval of minutes of the December 18, 2013 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**3. Briefing on the status of the City of San Antonio's Storm Water Utility Fee restructuring [Anthony Chukwudolue, Assistant Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]**

Mr. Anthony Chukwudolue provided an overview of the Storm Water Utility Fee Restructuring to include the following:

- Storm Water Utility Fee Background
- Fee and Policy Issue
- FY 2013 Tasks
- Proposed Changes: Impervious Cover
- Fy 2014 Tasks
- FY 2014 Tasks Consultant
- FY 2014 Internal Tasks
- Public Outreach
- Public Outreach- Identified Stakeholders
- FY 2014 Project Timeline

Councilmember Viagran asked if the Consultant was present at the Public Outreach Meeting. Mr. Peter Zaroni replied that the Consultant had attended the meeting and also presented. Mr.

Chukwudolue stated that Walmart, various Citizens, the Real Estate Council, and the Northside Chamber had also attended the meeting. He added that a good cross-section of the community was represented. Councilmember Viagran requested the remarks made by citizens at the meeting and asked if anyone from the Sierra Club or Citizens Environmental Advisory Council had attended the meeting. Mr. Chukwudolue replied that they were not on the list and Mr. Zanoni stated that he would look into same. Councilmember Viagran inquired about the City and County Jurisdictional Boundary Lines regarding Creek Maintenance. Mr. Reinhardt replied that the County is currently working on a project with the City's Boundary, but each side takes care of their share.

Councilmember Nirenberg inquired about the Impervious Cover and Storm Water Fee Adjustment. Mr. Zanoni replied that because of the New Methodology, some people would pay a great deal more. He anticipates the Stakeholders that will be paying more will attempt to sway Policy Makers to lean the Fee Adjustment toward the Residential Side. Discussion ensued regarding the Impervious Cover and Storm Water Fee Adjustment. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the Ownership of Medians. Mr. Reinhardt replied that the Medians located near the entrances of Parks are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that Outside Contractors are being considered for the Right of Way and Medians with the idea that TCI would assume responsibility for them.

Councilmember Gonzales inquired about the FY 2014 Storm Water Program Funding. Mr. Chukwudolue replied that the Storm Water Program totaled \$41 million and generates approximately \$39 million in revenue.

Chairman Saldaña asked how lessons learned would be applied. Mr. Chukwudolue replied that the Project would be more transparent with its Fees and Business Processes. Chairman Saldaña asked if San Antonio was one of the last cities to implement Impervious Cover-Qualification by Land Size. Mr. Chukwudolue replied that out of 91 Cities surveyed; 55 have already implemented this process. Discussion ensued regarding the Consultant's Tasks and Program Funding.

No action was required for Item 3.

**4. Briefing on the Status of the Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan and the Solid Waste Management Department's initiatives for FY 2014 in advance of the FY 2015 Budget Development process [David W. McCary, CPM, Director, Solid Waste Management]**

Mr. David McCary provided a briefing and update on the Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan to include the following:

- Agenda
- Committee Update
- Summary
- Department Overview: Major Programs
- Current Annual Household Waste Stream
- Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan
- 2025 Recycling Goals
- Single-Family Residential Recycling Rate
- Multi-Family Recycling
- Commercial Recycling
- Major Recycling Initiatives
- Organics Recycling

- Blue Cart Recycling: New Contract with ReCommunity
- Customer and Community Outreach
- Variable Rate Garbage Pricing
- Commercial Recycling
- Other Initiatives
- Bulky Waste Drop-Off Centers
- Financial Review and Monthly Rate
- FY 2014 Budget Summary
- Monthly Rate History
- Projected Rates: FY 2015 to FY 2018
- Comparative Monthly Rates
- Summary

Mr. Zanoni stated that the Council had approved the 2025 Recycling and Resources Recovery Plan as well as its initial plan, the 10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan.

Councilmember Gonzales exited the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Viagran asked how San Antonio compared to other large Texas Cities in regard to recycling. Mr. McCary replied that in terms of recycling, Austin is comparable. Councilmember Viagran asked about recycling plastic bags. Mr. McCary replied that in August 2014, plastic bags will be able to be recycled in the Blue Cart Recycling Bins through a new contract with ReCommunity. Councilmember Viagran asked of the trash picked up by Bexar County. Mr. McCary replied that their trash goes to privately owned landfills and not the City's. Councilmember Viagran asked if dead animal pick-ups were reported to Animal Care Services (ACS). Mr. McCary replied that they were.

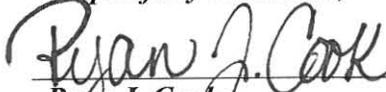
Councilmember Nirenberg asked how the City enforces Littering Laws. Mr. McCary replied that Littering is a Finable Offense and that the City relies on the Police Department for same. Councilmember Nirenberg asked if Focus or Community Groups are being used to discuss Variable Rate Garbage Pricing. Mr. McCary replied that Variable Rate Garbage Pricing has been brought up to the Community and has been discussed for the last two years. Discussion ensued regarding Variable Rate Garbage Pricing.

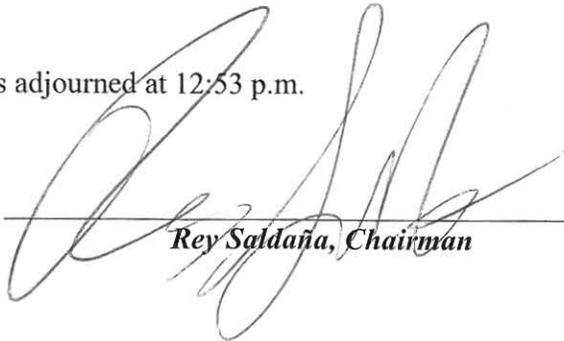
No action was required for Item 4.

## 5. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
 Ryan J. Cook  
 Office of the City Clerk

  
 Rey Saldana, Chairman