

**State of Texas  
County of Bexar  
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

Municipal Plaza Building  
114 W. Commerce Street San  
Antonio, Texas 78205

**2023 – 2025 Council Members**

Mayor Ron Nirenberg  
Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2  
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4  
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6  
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8  
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**City Council Chambers**

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 9:05 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 11** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT:** None

**PROCEDURAL**

**1. Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Pastor James Amerson of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, guest of Mayor Nirenberg.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nirenberg led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of January 15, 2025 and January 16, 2025.

Councilmember Courage moved to Approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 and January 16, 2025 City Council meetings. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg led a moment of silence for local civil rights leader Senator Joe Bernal.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the passing of Sovia “The Spurs Lady” Lauriano.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed February 6th through 23rd to be San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Days and invited representatives to speak.

### **ITEM FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

4 Briefing on the 89th State Legislative Session. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Sally Basurto, Director of Government Affairs (GA), provided background on the 89th Texas Legislative Session which began on January 14, 2025. She reported that Governor Greg Abbott was expected to share his priorities in the State of the State Address on February 2, 2025. Representative Dustin Burrows was elected Speaker of the House and was expected to establish committees soon, according to Basurto.

Basurto reported that Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick had announced Senate committee assignments and his first round of priority bills. Basurto listed assignments for Local Delegation Members: District 19 Senator Roland Gutierrez was a member of the Local Government / Veteran Affairs / Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committees; District 21 Senator Judith Zaffirini was named Vice Chair of Natural Resources and a member of the Business & Commerce / Finance / State Affairs Committees; District 25 Senator Donna Campbell was named Chair of Nominations, Vice Chair for Education K-16, and member of Business & Commerce / Finance Committees; and District 26 Senator José Menéndez, was named member to Administration, Business & Commerce / Education K-16 / Veteran Affairs Committees.

Basurto noted that Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the biennial revenue estimate on January 13, 2025, and projected \$195 billion for general purpose spending this session with a \$24 billion surplus. She added that the Rainy Day Fund was expected to reach \$28.5 billion by 2027.

Basurto stated that the Texas House of Representatives (House) had \$335.7 billion and the Texas Senate had \$332.9 billion of all types of funds in their initial spending plans. Basurto indicated that the

House and Senate had set aside \$1 billion for education savings accounts and \$65 billion for border security. She noted that the House and Senate proposed \$5 billion from the surplus to increase public school funding and at least \$6 billion for property tax relief. Basurto added that the House had over \$38 billion for highway, water, and flood control infrastructure and the Senate had \$5 billion for the Texas Energy Fund.

Basurto reported that over 3,100 bills had been filed so far and the City of San Antonio (CoSA) was tracking over 500 that could have an impact on municipalities. She noted that GA staff and department liaisons were in the process of reviewing and analyzing bills to understand their impact on CoSA and to determine strategy and action. Leadership priority issues had not yet been announced, and those bills were yet to be filed, according to Basurto.

Basurto stated that GA staff had provided a briefing to the Bexar County Delegation Members and other transportation stakeholders in the community on the East-West Business Corridor. She mentioned that the City of San Antonio had hosted several stakeholder meetings and next steps would include meetings with key State leadership.

According to Basurto, several bills could impact the City's ability to preserve the voice of the community including: multiple bills to prohibit municipalities from hiring advocates or joining associations that advocated on their behalf at the Capitol [HB 309/SB 239, HB 571, HB 671 and more]; HB 167 would prohibit governmental entities from maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices; HB 239 and SB 240 would reduce local governments' ability to create policies governing access to certain private spaces within city facilities, such as bathrooms and locker rooms.

Bills that could affect municipal community and economic development efforts, according to Basurto, included several bills addressing land use, including city regulations on accessory dwelling units [HB 878], residential lot density [HB 369], the cancellation of subdivision plats within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) under HB 282, and implementing a homeless data sharing network [HB 636].

Basurto listed bills relevant to the City's mission to protect and improve the health of our community including: legislation related to responsible pet ownership and addressing dangerous dogs within our community [HB 1346 / SB 155]; bills to support mental health programs [HB 1656], establish an office of food system security [HB 1203], enhance protections in family violence cases [HB 498], increased criminal penalty for vehicle burglary cases, which has support from the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT) [HB 548], and permitting municipalities to prohibit sales of e-cigarettes near schools [SB 464, HB 1183, HB 1816].

Basurto listed bills related to creating a resilient future for San Antonio, in our rapidly changing society, and infrastructure needs included: preempting any Ordinance, Resolution, rule, or regulation adopted by cities regarding the use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems [HB 1709], which would establish the Texas Artificial Intelligence (AI) Council to administer the new law; and HB 769 which would create a pedestrian infrastructure grant program under the Texas Department for Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for neighborhood associations to construct sidewalks, curbs, and pedestrian lighting.

Basurto closed her presentation with a briefing schedule where GA would provide monthly updates

and bi-weekly written reports to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IGR) and to the full City Council during A Session meetings and, beginning in March 2025, registered CoSA positions on bills would be posted online.

## DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nirenberg noted that thousands of bills had been filed that would affect the residents of San Antonio. He thanked the legislative team for their work to defend the interests of our community.

Councilmember Pelaez, who was the Chair of the IGR Committee, noted that it seemed that many bills being filed were anti-city. He commented that HB 167 on DEI would kill the City's Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program in addition to our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Office and these were important programs to develop entrepreneurs and businesses in our community. Councilmember Pelaez proposed renaming the DEIA Department and embedding its principles in all programs.

Councilmember Whyte commented that the City and the local delegation had an inability to work with other jurisdictions such as the County, State, and Federal governments and suggested trying to find common ground to do more for the citizens of San Antonio. Councilmember Whyte congratulated Dustin Burrows for being elected Speaker of the House. He supported prioritizing property tax relief, increased criminal penalties for vehicle burglaries, and SB 464 to limit the sales of e- cigarettes near schools.

Councilmember Courage expressed concern with bills filed that would limit the City's ability to join organizations that would advocate for City issues, which would destroy the Texas Municipal League, but noted that it did not prohibit City Councilmembers from advocating. Basurto confirmed that there were various bills already filed and some limited City employees such as herself from advocating for their cities' interest. Councilmember Courage commented that many representatives in Austin were out of context with our community and other large cities where most of the residents of our state lived. He noted that local government was the closest to the people and suggested that the State Government should support what our cities needed, not just big industry. whom they did not propose limiting their ability to lobby. He implored the heads of State Government to listen to the people in our community through its local leaders.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito agreed that there was much concern, but we did need to work with our State Government. She hoped that loose and dangerous dog bills could build upon the momentum of her CCR 2024-0014: Comprehensive Safety Measures for Loose and Dangerous Dogs. Councilmember Alderete Gavito thanked the staff for developing a dashboard to help track bills.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked residents who cared about property taxes, local schools or definitions of crime to speak to their State representatives and organize. He noted that the new Speaker of the House was the author of last session's bill that would strip all rights from Home Rule Cities. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez spoke in opposition to bills that discriminated against Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) individuals or hurt people of color and small businesses by removing DEIA programs. He also opposed siphoning public school funding to pay for private parochial schools. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern that the City was not fighting enough for the rights of its residents.

Councilmember Viagran commented that Texas was a donor State to the Federal Government, and it was important that we asked for our fair share. She supported those who were elected by the people and wondered why the Speaker of the House had to come from West Texas and not from the burgeoning Republican leaders in the Rio Grande Valley. Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of HB 548 and the increase in criminal penalties for vehicle burglaries as many guns were stolen from cars and suggested adding further restrictions on discharging firearms in highly populated areas. Basurto noted that celebratory gunfire was already illegal.

Councilmember Viagran recommended continued monitoring of the AI regulation bills as video surveillance impacted many residents. She stated that she was not willing to rename the DEIA department until we were pushed to do so and supported continuing to be inclusive.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the East-West Business Corridor and was glad that it was prioritized. She requested clarification on how national trade organizations such as the National League of Cities (NLC) might be impacted by the anti-advocacy bills as she was a board member for the NLC. Basurto stated that it was unclear how Federal advocacy organizations would be impacted but definitely the Texas Municipal League (TML) would be impacted and NLC was a parent organization to TML. Coyle indicated that the bills specifically prohibited cities from hiring lobbyists and prohibited spending money on trade organizations that hired lobbyists.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia expressed concern regarding bills that could inhibit the City from managing lot sizes or accessory dwelling units. She asked Development Services Department (DSD) Director Mike Shannon if there had been engagement with the local development community on this issue. Shannon stated that DSD was tracking those bills and had been working with local developers. Councilmember Rocha Garcia requested an update on their efforts.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked how the homelessness data sharing network would affect the City's Point-In-Time Survey. Basurto stated that the bill included privacy safeguards and could be a helpful tool for partnering with support agencies and other jurisdictions. Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended more discussion on DEI with partners such as the University of Texas at San Antonio. She supported the creation of grants to build sidewalks in neighborhoods.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if there were any bills to help caregivers of persons with dementia and access to mental health services. Staff reported they were tracking various healthcare bills and would search for specific bills to share with the Councilmember.

Councilmember Kaur supported the animal safety bill HB1346 that was different this time to ensure a different outcome. Basurto noted that the bill was filed by Campos and Menendez and the refiled bill had broad support and was respectful of the requests from the Governor. She supported funding for full-day pre-k.

Councilmember Kaur supported HB 542 to use funds to support Transit Oriented Development and another bill for pedestrian mobility infrastructure as well as a supporting transgender servicemembers. Councilmember Kaur supported bills related to workforce housing. She noted that SB 178 had been filed to use sales tax for street maintenance and wanted to ensure that this was tracked.

Councilmember Castillo supported the dangerous dogs bill and homeless data sharing. She recommended that the City pass a Resolution to support public education. Councilmember Castillo supported the use of fentanyl test strips to help keep our residents safe. She opposed attacks on our LGBTQ community or equity.

Councilmember Courage requested a report on bills related to lowering home and auto insurance costs, expansion of healthcare such as Medicaid, childcare assistance, public education funding, expansion of development of alternative energy, and expansion of affordable housing bills.

Mayor Nirenberg agreed with Councilmember Courage's request, noting that these issues were important to our residents.

Mayor Nirenberg noted that the Item was for briefing only so no action was taken.

## **ACTION ITEM FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

**2025-01-30-0048**

5. Ordinance adopting the Bike Network Plan (BNP), a component of the City of San Antonio's Master Plan. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Catherine Hernandez, Director, Transportation Department]

Director of Transportation Catherine Hernandez stated that the BNP would enhance the transportation system to provide connectivity, provide facility guidance that prioritized safety for all users on the roads, provide guidance during the development process, and help program improvements over the next two decades.

Hernandez indicated that it was important to have a bike plan because in 2022, San Antonio was ranked 16th in the Nation for deadliest cities for cyclists, therefore, providing safe infrastructure that separated pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists was the most effective way to reduce crashes. She stated that it was important to note that almost 8% of households with more than 200,000 people in San Antonio did not have access to a vehicle and many of them relied on bikes or transit or both to get to their destinations such as work, school, or for day-to-day necessities.

According to Hernandez, the department started phase 1 of the Plan in January 2023 with outreach to the community, determining what the existing conditions were of current bike facilities, and a pulse check of the City's overall health related to bike infrastructure. In Phase 2, the department crafted what the vision for riding in our city could look like, with a proposed connected network and guidance to determine the right type of design based on the roadway as well as a framework that allowed the City to prioritize projects for implementation, according to Hernandez She stated that Phase 3 provided performance measures to rate implementation efforts, policies to explore, a funding strategy so that the City could leverage funds, and an assessment of what the health could look like when a bike plan was implemented.

Hernandez summarized that three phases of engagement were held: Phase 1 was to better understand the communities' thoughts on riding, Phase 2 was to gather feedback on potential designs and routing, and Phase 3 was to receive road-by-road feedback on the draft network.

She noted that feedback was gathered through online and in-person surveys, with over 3,600 survey responses received through 43 engagement efforts. Hernandez characterized the development of the Plan as a collaborative effort with the community.

Hernandez reported that there were four stakeholder committees to help guide the process and receive input from the many different organizations and groups, each with a different outlook on what the Plan should look like for the City. She noted that they included an Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) with representatives from partner City departments such as Public Works, Parks, and Planning; a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with representatives from implementation partners such as the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), VIA, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), and CPS Energy; a Mobility Working Group (MWG) with community members representing a variety of organizations such as homeowners associations, bicycle groups, and associated non-profits; and a Health Impact Assessment Committee (HIAWG) comprised of members of the public health and disability advocacy community. She added that in addition, five stakeholder roundtables were hosted to gather feedback from the development community, partner cities, and school districts.

Hernandez stated that in the Existing Conditions Assessment the department documented the current state of the bike facilities and where they were located. She reported that there were 505 existing centerline miles of facilities that had been constructed, including traditional bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, protected bike lanes, and shared use paths. Hernandez noted that all of these designs were important parts of the bike network, but they needed to be applied with sensitivity to roadway context including motor vehicle speeds and volumes, roadway classification (local, collector, arterial), and surrounding land uses. She indicated that the proposed Plan included the options for different designs of bike facilities to provide guidance depending upon the roadway.

Hernandez stated that the Plan included considerations for bike facilities such as a Bike Boulevard for slow speed neighborhood streets where bikes and cars could share space safely. She noted that for bike Boulevards to be truly safe and effective the roadway must be traffic-calmed using speed humps and median islands, and potentially feature a speed limit reduction, in alignment with the City's Vision Zero Plan. Hernandez added that protected bike lanes were on street bike lanes that featured protective barriers between bikes and car traffic including poured concrete, but could also include more flexible materials.

The Plan also included guidance so that bikes could safely cross major intersections, according to Hernandez, and depending on the type of roadways intersecting, many treatments could be appropriate, such as right turn slip lanes. She added that the Plan also included special guidance in other areas including Americans with Disability Act (ADA)- compliant parking with bike lanes, bus stops with bike lanes including designs for avoiding "floating" bus stop islands, and standards for the placement, design, and functionality of bike parking.

Hernandez stated that the Plan provided a recommended network that included a primary network of 623 recommended miles, which were direct bikeways connecting key destinations that would serve the most people, were already popular, and were essential to a complete network. She noted that a neighborhood network included 580 miles of neighborhood streets that served as alternate connections to greenways and major roads. Hernandez mentioned that the Plan included 690

visionary facilities that were less direct, served fewer connections, or featured difficult connections, and crossings or alignments otherwise known as the challenging but optimistic network. Hernandez outlined projects in each council district and provided charts for bike plan connectivity.

Hernandez explained that implementation would occur in various ways through the normal development process. As new properties were developed and platted, Right-of-Way (ROW) for streets and bike facilities would be planned for and streets and bike lanes would be constructed, according to Hernandez. She noted that implementation would occur during the normal street maintenance process, through the City's Street Infrastructure Management Program (IMP). Hernandez indicated that implementation also occurred during the Bond Program planning process. For example, the 2022 Bond Program funded \$997 million in roadway projects, many of which included bike facilities. She added that implementation was incremental and eventually led to overall connectivity throughout the city.

Hernandez stated that the plan was for facilities to be built over time and through different methods with different means of funding, such as the local IMP funds, which were part of the City's General Fund, the City's share of Advanced Transportation District (ATD) funding, regional matching funds distributed by AAMPO such as the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and State and Federal grants.

The Plan also included policy recommendations for future exploration and implementation that could affect the San Antonio Unified Development Code (UDC) and Municipal Code, as well as policies to advocate for at the Texas Legislature such as the prima facie speed limit and the Idaho Stops, which were Stops as Yields according to Hernandez.

Hernandez listed ten performance metrics and targets: 1) Semi-annual count of bike crashes resulting in deaths and serious injuries, 2) Semi-annual count of roadway projects receiving bike improvements, 3) Semi-annual count of intersections that had received bike improvements, 4) Annual percentage change in the American Community Survey (ACS) commute mode share and reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) collected biannually by the San Antonio Office of Sustainability, 5) Semi-annual count of policies implemented, programs created, or grants applied for and received, 6) Semi-annual count of the number of residents and students reached by bike-related activities, 7) Semi-annual count of bike infrastructure-related in-person or online events, 8) Annual count of bike trips connecting with VIA bus riders by installing use counters on bus bike racks, 9) Annual reductions in reported rates of chronic diseases (obesity, diabetes, hypertension, asthma) as well as mental health indicators as reported in documents by the San Antonio Metro Health District, (SAMHD), and 10) Biannual observed counts of bike users in partnership with TxDOT Texas Travel Leads 's (TTL's) Bike Count Location.

Hernandez explained that as part of the adoption process, since the BNP was a component of the City's Master Plan, the Planning Commission had reviewed the Plan and recommended approval on December 11, 2024. Hernandez concluded her presentation by recommending approval of the update to the 2011 Bike Master Plan with the adoption of the new BNP.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**



The following persons spoke in support of the Item:

Bryan Martin acknowledged cycling advocates, cyclists killed by vehicles, and read a statement of support from Joey Pawlik, Director of Activate SA.

Tina Beecham, representing Black Girls Do Bike; resident Austin Kelm; Lily Tran read a statement of support from Emily Hutcheson; Veronica Salas founder of SA Babes on Bikes; Kelli Schlueter with Team Cycle and SA Social Ride; Lori Day, Program Director of Disability SA; Alicia Spence-Schlesinger General Manager of San Antonio B Cycle LLC; and Ismael Herrera with American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) spoke in support of the Item.

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item because bicyclists did not pay gas tax, motor registration fees, or buy insurance so they did not pay for street maintenance.

#### DISCUSSION:

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Approve the Plan as presented. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Amend the Plan to create an 11 member Bicycle Advisory Commission appointed by City Council and the Mayor that would be tasked with 1) Providing advice regarding implementation of the Plan, 2) Overseeing the execution and fidelity, 3) Conducting public education, 4) Providing bicycle and mobility expertise to staff and City Council, and 6) Drafting and presenting an annual report to the public. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion.

Hernandez clarified that the Plan included a recommendation to explore the creation of an advisory commission.

Councilmember Whyte requested clarification on the amendment. Mayor Nirenberg clarified that the amendment would accelerate the creation of a commission.

Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of the BNP but expressed concern that the amendment was made without enough consideration of other partners and jurisdictions who might need to serve on the board, so she did not support the amendment.

Councilmember Kaur requested clarification as to whether there would be a multi-modal committee versus a bike advisory commission. Hernandez agreed that the BNP contemplated a more comprehensive board.

Councilmember Pelaez did not object to adding pedestrian mobility to the charge of the new Commission. Councilmember Pelaez restated his motion to clarify that this was simply amending the language of the Plan to require a commission rather than simply explore. Councilmember Courage accepted his clarification.

Councilmember Castillo agreed with Councilmember Viagran, that other partners such as Bexar County and other urban cities should be included, and an 11 member board would limit the

commission to serving only City of San Antonio residents, so therefore she did not support the amendment.

Mayor Nirenberg called for a vote on the amendment.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Amend to require rather than explore the creation of a bike commission. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage

**No:** McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Whyte

Mayor Nirenberg supported the Item noting that the nearly 200,000 San Antonio residents without cars should feel as safe as those in cars. He lauded the work of Hernandez and the community.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito spoke in support of the Item and thanked her City Council colleagues for signing the CCR to lower speed limits noting that both efforts would increase safety and save lives.

Councilmember Viagran thanked the bicycle community for their support and noted that this was the mode of transportation for many residents. She added that lighting on the trails was key, and communication of traffic and construction were important for safety.

Councilmember Courage emphasized continuing to work on improving safety. He noted that many cities throughout the world had bikes as an important mode of transportation, so it was important to ensure that the policies kept up with the needs of the community to ensure safety of both adults and children to use the bike lanes. He mentioned that parked cars would be a difficult challenge particularly in residential areas or near parks. He recommended more community engagement to ensure that lighting of the trails did not cause issues for nearby residences.

Councilmember Whyte explained that he would abstain from voting on the Item because of the need for more details to be worked out. However, there was a lot to like about the Plan including safety controls, lower speed limits, and trailway connections. His concerns related to reducing driving lanes for cars that could add to traffic congestion. Councilmember Whyte asked City Manager Erik Walsh to include bicycle infrastructure on the City's Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Councilmember Whyte clarified that each individual project within the Plan would need to be approved individually. City Manager Walsh agreed that the hard work had just begun as the Master Plan did not include details which would need to be resolved and funded. Hernandez characterized the Plan as merely a vision and each project would need its own community engagement. Councilmember Whyte expressed concern about some projects in Council District 10 and supported stakeholder engagement on each project.

Councilmember Whyte noted that the price tag for the Plan was between \$540 million and \$1 billion dollars which assumed that the City would receive Federal grant funding. He pressed for a good working relationship with the State and Federal levels of leadership. Councilmember Whyte noted that the Plan mentioned that it could include additional tax dollars or fees to help pay for the maintenance of rights-of-

way.

Councilmember Kaur thanked the community advocates, Council District 1 residents, and staff for their work and partnership to move the Plan forward. She noted that each of the components of the Plan were built on community engagement and equity. Councilmember Kaur highlighted Councilmember Castillo's CCR on quick build projects that could be tested on bike lanes and the Master Plan. She supported the tier ratings of projects and spoke positively about the data presentation and website.

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff and the community as well as the Planning Department for working together to develop a collaborative plan. She stated that she did not get a driver's license until she became a Councilmember and completely supported the development of the BNP as a transportation plan. Councilmember Castillo supported the construction of connecting and protected bike lanes and the resolution of parking and where people could put their garbage cans without obstructing bike lanes.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted that she loved biking but had concerns about safety noting that when she first got elected to City Council there was no safe route in her council district. She commented that bike safety was crucial, but riding bikes would improve lives through creating healthy options for transportation and reducing emissions. She noted that bikes were an affordable mode of transportation for many and this was important for the city.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported the BNP to give people real transportation choices for increased access to employment, healthcare, as well as recreation, but also helped with climate change. She commented that other cities had real bike networks and San Antonio deserved world-class transportation options. Safety was a priority in the Plan, according to Councilmember Cabello Havrda, due to the advocacy of the bicycle community. She mentioned that the Plan was a 25-year commitment to our community and to equity and inclusion.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Approve as Amended. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage

**Abstain:** Whyte

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

6.

**2025-01-30-0049**

Ordinance approving a contract with One Stop Services, Inc., to provide labor, material, and equipment for the replacement of existing carpet tiles in the Hall of Fame Club located at the Alamodome for a total cost of \$67,250 for the Convention and Sports Facilities Department. Funding is from the Alamodome Improvement & Contingency Fund. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**7. 2025-01-30-0050**

Ordinance ratifying payment in the amount of \$1,807,162 and approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Maintenance and Software Support Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, for continued annual computer aided dispatch services for up to five years beginning November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2029, for an additional cost of \$11,008,255. The first-year cost in the amount of \$1,916,842 is funded from the Information Technology Services Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget and Tax Notes. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval. [Ben Gorzell Jr.; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**8. 2025-01-30-0051**

Ordinance ratifying Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 and payment of \$266,667, and approving Amendment No. 5 to the contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for geographic information system (GIS) services to extend the contract for the period beginning October 19, 2024, and ending October 18, 2027, for a total cost of \$2,400,000. Funding of \$800,000 for the first year is from the Information Technology Services Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of annual budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**9. 2025-01-30-0052**

Ordinance ratifying payment to Asset Management Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$71,937.60 for continued services for the NetFacilities Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) Software for the Aviation Department from December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2025, funded through the Airport Operations and Maintenance Fund FY 2024 and FY 2025 Adopted Budget; and approving a new contract with Aerosimple, LLC, to provide, implement and maintain a Web-Based Enterprise Asset Management System (EAMS)/Computerized Maintenance Management

System (CMMS), effective upon award and continuing for five years from the go-live date, with two optional one-year renewal periods, for an estimated total cost of \$1.879 million. The estimated first-year cost of \$335,000 is funded through interim financing and the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**10. 2025-01-30-0053**

Ordinance approving a contract with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, for two replacement water tanker trucks for the San Antonio Fire Department for a total cost of \$1,149,304. Funding is from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**11. 2025-01-30-0054**

Ordinance approving a contract with International Armored Group US, Inc. for one replacement Armored Tactical Vehicle for the San Antonio Police Department for a total cost of \$357,350. Funding is from the FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**12. 2025-01-30-0055**

Ordinance approving a contract with San Antonio Southwest Trailers, Ltd. for eight trailers for the San Antonio Fire, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Departments for a total cost of \$218,310. Funding is from the General Fund, Stormwater Operating Fund, Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund and American Rescue Plan Act. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**13. 2025-01-30-0056**

Ordinance approving a contract with Pictometry International Corp., dba EagleView, to provide aerial imagery services for an estimated total cost of \$1,060,800. Term is for three years with two additional one-year renewal options. Funding of \$204,000 for the first year is from the Information Technology Services Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**14. 2025-01-30-0057**

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated cost of \$427,000 annually, included in the Department of Human Services FY 2025 Adopted Budget: (A) UTJ Holdco Inc., dba Teaching Strategies, LLC, for ReadyRosie subscription; and (B) MJ Management Services LLC for Senior Stat software and equipment. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**Capital Improvements**

**15. 2025-01-30-0058**

Ordinance approving a Task Order contract with TCL Construction Enterprises, LLC for concrete work for projects, maintenance, and repair in San Antonio parks and greenway trails for a total contract amount of up to \$7,500,369 for a term of three years. Funding is from the annual Adopted Budget approved by City Council. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**16. 2025-01-30-0059**

Ordinance approving the following contract amendments: (1) design contract amendments in the increased total amount not to exceed \$507,020 for a total design contract of \$5,264,218.65 with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG, Inc.); (2) amendment to a utility construction contract with Sundt Construction, Inc. in the increased amount not to exceed \$116,937; and (3) amendment in the increased amount of \$3 million to the construction contract with Sundt Construction, Inc. for construction changes, for a total construction contract of \$42,530,795.65, of which \$116,937 will be reimbursed by City Public Service Energy (CPS) for related field design and construction changes as part of the South Alamo Street (Market Street to East Cesar Chavez) project. Funding for these amendments is from the 2017 General Obligation Bond, Certificates of Obligation, and Hemisfair Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone funds. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Pelaez pulled the Item for individual consideration to receive clarification on project timelines. Interim Assistant City Manager John Peterek stated that the project was expected to be completed in the spring of 2026 and he offered to provide a detailed schedule to the Councilmember.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

**17. 2025-01-30-0060**

Ordinance approving the 2024 All Purpose Task Order Contract Package 1 with E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,918,896.25, of which \$486,538 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$2,000 will be reimbursed by CPS for necessary adjustments to its existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District (ATD) Fund, and the 2022 General Obligation Bond Program. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**18. 2025-01-30-0061**

Ordinance approving the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Task Order Contract Package 6 with H. L. Zumwalt Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,838,423.70, of which \$293,000 will be

reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$3,950 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, and debt proceeds. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**19. 2025-01-30-0062**

Ordinance approving the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Task Order Contract Package 7 with J&P Paving Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,327,401.70, of which \$113,858 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$9,375 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, and debt proceeds. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**20. 2025-01-30-0063**

Ordinance approving the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Task Order Contract Package 9 with J&P Paving Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,079,315.70, of which \$113,858 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$9,375 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, and debt proceeds. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**21. 2025-01-30-0064**

Ordinance approving the 2025 Pavement Preservation Package 4 – Slurry Task Order Contract with Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,183,485. Funding is from the General Fund and the Advanced Transportation District Fund. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager;



Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**22. 2025-01-30-0065**

Ordinance approving the 2025 Wheelchair Ramp Installation Task Order Contract Package 1 with F.D. Concrete, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$743,777 of which \$14,032 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$1,500 from CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding of \$500,000 is from the FY 2025 General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, 2022 General Obligation Bond Program, and debt proceeds. Additional funding is contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2026 Adopted Budget. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**23. 2025-01-30-0066**

Ordinance approving the FY 2025 Wheelchair Ramp Installation and Pavement Striping Task Order Contract Package 2 with Rucoba & Maya Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$1,083,530.50 of which \$12,000 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$8,400 from CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, 2022 General Obligation Bond Program, and debt proceeds. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]  
Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**24. 2025-01-30-0067**

Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Water System for coordination and management of bond program projects. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur pulled the Item for individual consideration as it was related to Council Consideration Request (CCR) 2024-0015 titled Improvements to the Accuracy, Effectivity, and

Expediency in Construction Projects which she filed on June 4, 2024.

Councilmember Kaur thanked staff for their work and suggested that this was an issue that could be resolved locally. She commented that major capital improvement projects from the 2017 Bond Program such as St. Mary's Street and Zona Cultural were very painful for residents and businesses and she learned that a huge challenge was locations of subsurface utility infrastructure.

Councilmember Kaur stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) included a rating of projects for risk related to utilities in partnership with local utility companies SAWS and CPS Energy. She commented that more diligence on the front end of the project would save time and money on the back-end of the project and the MOU was the first step in holding all accountable.

Councilmember Whyte thanked Councilmember Kaur for her leadership on the issue and noted that the issue had been discussed at the Municipal Utilities Committee and required better communication between the City and its utility partners.

Councilmember Whyte asked SAWS President and CEO Robert Puente if he believed the MOU would lead to better communication and accountability. Puente thanked City Manager Erik Walsh for his leadership on the issue and suggested that the key to the MOU was communication, even though there were likely to be differences of opinion on specific projects, the time periods for review were established as was as a third-party mediation process outlined in the MOU.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez congratulated Councilmember Kaur on working to solve the root of the problem of construction delays. He supported solid communication with utilities and contractors and asked City Manager Erik Walsh to explain the difference between the MOU and the one from the 2017 Bond Program. City Manager Walsh explained that the MOU included joint categorization and rating of risks for each project, a complete location of all underground utilities during the design phase, and joint award/signature of the construction contract with the SAWS Board. City Manager Walsh hoped that the third-party mediation Resolution was never needed and issues could be resolved between him and Puente. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez closed that his wish was for businesses and residents to rejoice when they heard that a new City project was coming to their street or neighborhood.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito thanked Councilmember Kaur for her CCR and supported the MOU as an efficiency for our residents. However, she felt that more utility coordination was needed noting that yesterday a fiber network provider struck a water line and these providers were not a part of the MOU.

Councilmember Castillo thanked Councilmember Kaur and hoped the MOU would help ensure improved management of joint bid projects and accelerate the completion of street and drainage projects.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Councilmember Kaur, SAWS, and staff for the work and recommended using advanced subsurface utility identification technology such as AI. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked who would be responsible for monitoring other claims.

City Attorney Andy Segovia stated that it would be different based on each situation, but the City and SAWS would need to work together and ensure that all perspectives were considered in a holistic

solution.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended consideration of small businesses and potentially monetary compensation for loss of business and time. Segovia noted that these would need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Councilmember Rocha Garcia appreciated the risk categories, which took neighborhood issues and historic preservation into account.

Councilmember Pelaez emphasized that every City Councilmember was ensuring that this was done and congratulated Councilmember Kaur.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

### **Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property**

#### **25. 2025-01-30-0068**

Ordinance approving a lease assignment of Memories of Mexico, located in El Mercado, to Ernesto Rodriguez doing business as Amorcito Mio for an assignment fee of \$3,000 and an increase in FY 2025 lease revenue of \$2,884.64 to be deposited into the Market Square Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

#### **26. 2025-01-30-0069**

Ordinance approving a River Walk Lease Agreement with Tiendas del Rio and the City of San Antonio, for the continued use of approximately 1,173 square feet of retail space located at 802 E. River Walk, for a five-year term. Revenue of \$525,834.53 will be deposited into the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations Department]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

#### **27. 2025-01-30-0070**

Ordinance amending the agreement with Omni La Mansion del Rio, Inc. for parking spaces in the Houston Street Garage to adjust the lease rates and the number of parking spaces. Revenue will be deposited into the Parking Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

### **Street Closures and Traffic Control Procedures**

#### **28. 2025-01-30-0071**

Ordinance approving the closure, vacation and abandonment of a 0.3737-acre (16,278 square feet) improved portion of East Russell Place Public Right-of-Way between New City Blocks 2870 and 3099 in Council District 1, as requested by 2734 N. St. Marys, LLC, for a fee of \$300,100, which will be deposited into the General Fund. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

### **Grant Applications and Awards**

#### **29. 2025-01-30-0072**

Ordinance approving the following: 1) the acceptance of funds upon award in an amount up to \$14,347,660 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; 2) additions to Metro Health staff; 3) the execution of a Memoranda of Agreement with DSHS to implement these grant-funded projects; 4) an agreement with the DSHS related to a wastewater monitoring program; and 5) an agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) in an amount up to \$7,500 for a term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for four, one-year terms, for a total amount up to \$37,500, inclusive of renewals. Funding is from the FY 2025 DSHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Preparedness grant. Funding for future years is contingent on the availability of grant funding. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**30. 2025-01-30-0073**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award in a cumulative total amount up to \$562,105 for a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) related to the Public Center for Environmental Health's local air monitoring efforts for a period beginning June 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, and authorizing a budget and staff positions. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**31. 2025-01-30-0074**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$180,000 from Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025. This grant requires a \$50,000 cash match, funded from Tax Notes. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Craig Hopkins, Chief Information Officer]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**City Code Amendments**

**32. 2025-01-30-0075**

Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, entitled "Building- Related Codes of the City of San Antonio" and Chapter 11 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, entitled "Fire Prevention" by revising administrative procedures, adopting the 2024 editions of the International Code Council (ICC), Inc., Building-Related Codes, the 2023 National Electrical Code, the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code and appendices, and their respective local amendments, applying administrative clarification, providing for penalties, publication and an effective date. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services.]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**33. 2025-01-30-0076**

Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, entitled “Buildings”, by adopting the proposed 2024 San Antonio Property Maintenance Code (SAPMC) based on the 2024 International Code Council (ICC) International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments**

**34. Approving the appointment of Casey Whittington (District 10) to the Ethics Review Board for the remainder of a term of office to expire on April 25, 2025. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]**

Councilmember Whyte spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**35. Approving the following board appointments to the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]**

- A. Appointing Lindsay Ratcliffe (District 1)
- B. Appointing Debra Ponce (District 4)
- C. Appointing Brian Regnier (District 8)

Councilmembers Kaur and Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

## Miscellaneous

### 36. 2025-01-30-0077

Ordinance approving the settlement of a state lawsuit styled Graciela Elizabeth Sarabia Robles v. City of San Antonio, in the 131st Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2023CI02459 for the amount of \$215,000. Funding is from the Self Insured Liability Fund. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

### 37. 2025-01-30-0078

Ordinance approving a Sister City Agreement with Queretaro, México. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director, Economic Development]

Mayor Nirenberg stated that signing of the Sister Cities agreement had been in progress for many years and that these relationships were important for diplomacy, cultural, and business exchanges.

Lionel Sosa spoke in support of the Item.

#### DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Pelaez, who was on the board of Sister Cities International, noted that intentional and strategic person-to-person relationships would ensure the peace and prosperity of both cities. He spoke of opportunities to share art, culture, and business.

Councilmembers Kaur, Viagran, and Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the Item noting the great economic opportunities for the partnership as well as the art exchange.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

### 38. 2025-01-30-0079

Ordinance approving a Sister City Agreement with the Island of Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director, Economic Development]

Mayor Nirenberg stated that signing of the Sister Cities agreement had been in progress for many years and these relationships were important for diplomacy, cultural, and business exchanges.

Honorary Consul to Spain Steve Chiscano and President of the Canary Island Descendants Association Julia Lopez spoke in support of the Item.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Pelaez, who was on the board of Sister Cities International, noted that intentional and strategic person-to-person relationships would ensure peace and prosperity of both cities. He spoke of opportunities to share art, culture, and business.

Councilmembers Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the Item and noted that the tricentennial of the founding of the first municipal government in San Antonio would be in 2031. Councilmember Courage spoke in support of the Item and noted that we were a nation of immigrants.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

**39. 2025-01-30-0005R**

Resolution authorizing the reimbursement of up to \$6,000,000 previously expended by the City for Fire, Solid Waste, and Police equipment from the proceeds of a 2025 Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**40. 2025-01-30-0080**

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to approve and execute contracts for fleet acquisitions funded in the Annual Budget, in amounts less than \$1 million for architecture & engineering, construction, and professional and other services, and in amounts less than \$2.5 million for goods and supplies, as permitted by law. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez



41.

**WITHDRAWN**

WITHDRAWN – Ordinance amending the City's State Legislative Program to include support for the Fire and Police Retiree Healthcare Fund's 2025 legislative proposal. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Item was not considered.

42.

**2025-01-30-0081**

Ordinance approving an agreement with The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas for the San Antonio Mobile Mental Wellness Collaborative in an amount up to \$565,190 for the term beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. Funding is from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A Jacob, Director, Health]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

**Absent:** Pelaez

43.

**2025-01-30-0082**

Ordinance approving Bexar County's request to provide a 10-year 40% tax abatement for the real and personal property taxes for Isleta LLC at 102 E. Josephine Street and Quincy Residential, LLC at 1200 E. Elmira Street Projects located within the boundaries of the Midtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 31. City Council approval is required under State law and the County tax abatement is provided through an agreement between Bexar County and Oxbow Real Estate, LLC. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

**Absent:** Pelaez

44.

**2025-01-30-0083**

Ordinance approving a Funding Agreement with Urban Canopy in the amount of \$250,000 for the Community Tree Maintenance Program for a term ending September 30, 2025. Funding is from the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmember Castillo spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**45. 2025-01-30-0084**

Ordinance approving the naming of the new destination park located adjacent to 5800 Historic Old Highway 90 as “Luis Gomez Park.” [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Agapita Jaramillo, Lauro De Leon, Jr., Melody Herrera, and Micheal Valdez spoke in opposition to the Item and recommended honoring all veterans. Henrietta La Grange spoke in opposition to the Item and provided a written statement.

Timothy Payne recommended naming the Park “God’s Glorification Park.”

Albert Mirelez, Jr. read a letter from Joseph Bray in support of the Item and spoke in support.

Hector Santos, and Michael Cooremans spoke in support of the Item.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked the City Attorney to clarify that the Park Naming Process was followed and spoke in support of renaming the park noting that there was misinformation being shared. City Attorney Andy Segovia confirmed that the process was followed. Councilmember Cabello Havrda lauded the civil rights and education work of Luis Gomez as well as his service to our country in the Vietnam War and was proud to support the park naming.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

**46. WITHDRAWN**

WITHDRAWN – Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Astelle, LLC dba Work5hop for consultant services related to the development of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Revitalization Plan Update, for a term beginning on February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2028, with two additional one-year renewal options, for a total cost of \$200,000, inclusive of renewals. Funding is from the General Fund. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

Item was not considered.

47.

**2025-01-30-0006R**

Resolution granting the City of San Antonio's consent to the creation by Bexar County of a Public Improvement District (PID) to be named the Espino Special Improvement District, generally located southeast of the intersection of W US Highway 90 and Masterson Road, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning].

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

48.

**2025-01-30-0085**

Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of San Antonio and, Masterson 90 Investors, LP, the Landowner of approximately 241.815 acres of land generally located southeast of the intersection of W US Highway 90 and Masterson Road, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

49.

**2025-01-30-0086**

Ordinance amending the declaration of trust of the San Antonio Housing Trust ("Trust") to designate a community trustee position for the president of the San Antonio Independent School District ("SAISD") Board of Trustees, or their designee; designating a Community Director position on the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation ("Foundation") for the president of SAISD or their designee; appointing Christina Martinez to the Board of Trustees of the Trust and to the Board of Directors of the Foundation to serve in the SAISD Community Board Positions for a term beginning June 1, 2025 through May 30, 2028; directing staff and the boards of the Trust and Foundation to amend the governing documents of the respective entities and to take all necessary actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this ordinance. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

*For Item 50, the City Council of the City of San Antonio convenes and acts as the Board of Directors of the City of San Antonio, Texas Education Facilities Corporation:*

**50. 2025-01-30-0007R**

A Resolution of the City of San Antonio, Texas Education Facilities Corporation authorizing the issuance of up to \$55,000,000 in principal amount of City of San Antonio, Texas Education Facilities Corporation Higher Education Revenue Bonds (University of the Incarnate Word Project); authorizing the execution of a Loan Agreement, an Indenture of Trust, a Bond Purchase Contract and other related documents in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an official statement; and approving other matters in connection therewith. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte  
**Absent:** Pelaez

*At this time, the City Council of the City of San Antonio will adjourn and the City Council of San Antonio will reconvene to continue the meeting.*

**City Manager's Report**

**51. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Erik Walsh shared that SAFD maintained its number one Fire Service Public Protection Certification from the insurance industry. He thanked employees for their help with the recent cold weather efforts, as well as with the MLK March. He showed an Employee Spotlight Video showcasing the work of Dwayne Isbell with the Solid Waste Management Department brush collection center on US Hwy 90.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 1:39 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Legal advice related to employment law, anti-harassment and campaign ethics policies pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- C. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- D. Legal issues related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Legal issues related to emergency preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- F. Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

(consultation with attorney).

- G.** Deliberate the 2024 evaluation for the City Clerk and Presiding Municipal Judge and any related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 3:57 p.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**