

**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, March 21, 2024

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 9:11 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 Patrick Jones of Greater Rest Baptist Church, guest of Councilmember Pelaez, Council District 8.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of February 28, 2024, March 6, 2024, and March 7, 2024.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, March 6, 2024, and March 7, 2024 City Council meetings. 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

City Manager Erik Walsh recognized the service of Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez who was retiring after 31 years and moving on to work for VIA Metropolitan Transit. Mayor Nirenberg and members of the City Council congratulated Sanchez and thanked him for his service.

City Manager Erik Walsh recognized the service of Library Director Ramiro Salazar who was retiring after 19 years. Mayor Nirenberg and members of the City Council congratulated Salazar and thanked him for his service.

Councilmember Peleaz recognized local Cricket Champion Virat Bondla who represented the Cricket of San Antonio Power Rangers Team at the 2023 National Youth Cricket Tournament.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 23, 2024 to be Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice Day in honor of the 28th annual march and thanked Councilmember Castillo for requesting the Proclamation. Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of the march.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 21, 2024 as Norouz Persian New Year and recognized Mojgan Panah, Co-Founder & President of the MEHR Foundation to speak. Councilmembers Kaur, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, and Courage spoke in support of the Proclamation.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed the month of March 2024 to be Theater in our Schools Month and recognized members of the International Thespian Society at CAST Stem High School, John Jay High School, William H. Taft High School, Cornerstone Christian School, and others throughout the community. Councilmembers Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Peleaz and Courage spoke in support of the Proclamation.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 28, 2024 to be Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day in San Antonio. Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of the Proclamation.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 21, 2024 to be Trans Visibility Day of Action and recognized members of Equality Texas to speak. Councilmembers Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of

the Proclamation.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the service of Natalie Griffith who was retiring as Chief Executive Officer and President of Habitat for Humanity after 30 years at the organization. Councilmembers Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda and Courage thanked Griffith for her service.

Councilmember Kaur recognized March as National Social Work Month. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmembers Castillo and Alderete Gavito spoke in support of the work of Social Workers.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda recognized March 21, 2024 as World Down Syndrome Day. Councilmember Viagran spoke in support.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda announced the completion of a new public art sculpture titled Orgullo Tejano (Tejano Pride) on Old Highway 90 and SW 47th Street and invited Artist Luis Lopez to speak.

Director of Arts & Culture, Krystal Jones, stated that there was a companion piece at the Riverwalk Public Art Garden and the artwork would be featured on this year's official City of San Antonio Fiesta Medal.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 21, 2024 to be UTSA Football Seniors Day and recognized the work of Coach Jeff Traylor. Councilmembers Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, and Whyte thanked the coach and players. Mayor Nirenberg provided a certificate to Frank Harris, UTSA Football Quarterback.

Councilmember Whyte recognized the department of Homeland Security and local police that helped apprehend Columbian Drug Lord Aderbis Segundo Pirela-Pirela from Venezuela.

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

2024-03-21-0181

4. Ordinance restating the rules and procedures for the scheduling and consideration of items at City Council and Committee Meetings. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

Councilmember Whyte thanked the Mayor and his City Council colleagues for supporting his recommended updates and thanked the City Attorney for his work. Councilmember Whyte thanked the City Clerk for setting up an online tracker of the CCRs.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito supported streamlining the process and thanked Councilmember Whyte for initiating the conversation.

Councilmember Castillo supported following written policies and procedures but expressed concern that older CCRs were removed from the dashboard. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre replied that the older CCRs were still accessible in the City Clerk's digital archives but were not actively tracked so they were not included in the tracker webpage.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that he had attended yesterday's Governance Committee meeting which was a good example of a streamlined process for CCRs.

Councilmember Viagran supported the Item but expressed concern that the Governance Committee did not fully represent the City Council.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia expressed concern that the Governance Committee did not represent the entire City Council and thanked staff for providing a B Session. She reminded her colleagues that the establishment of the policy had its own rules that we should all agree to follow. However, Councilmember Rocha Garcia was concerned that staff could tell the City Council which policies could not be implemented.

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve. Councilmember Alderete Gavito seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte
No: McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

5. 2024-03-21-0182

Ordinance approving a contract with All Traffic Solutions, Inc., for six trailers with mounted message boards for the Aviation Department for a total cost of \$89,975.32. Funding is from the Airport Operating & Maintenance Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

6. 2024-03-21-0183

Ordinance authorizing an agreement for software licensing with Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Carahsoft) for SAP's Human Capital Management (HCM) software suite including SuccessFactors and Benefitfocus for the initial phase of the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) modernization and transformation program. The first-year costs for the software licensing will be \$1,829,290.87 from Certificates of Obligation and included in the FY2024 – FY2029 Capital Improvement Program. This contract is for a seven-year base term with four optional one-year extensions for an estimated contract value of \$20,746,832.32 over the contract term including renewal periods. 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 Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

7. 2024-03-21-0184

Ordinance amending a contract with Donalson-Umphrey Automotive Group Inc., dba Silsbee Toyota, to provide four additional electric vehicles for use by the San Antonio Police, Center City Development & Operations, and Neighborhood & Housing Services Departments for an additional total cost of \$129,991. Funding of \$97,493.25 is from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund and \$32,497.75 is from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

8. 2024-03-21-0185

Ordinance amending a contract with The New York Times Company to extend the NYTimes.com annual subscription for the San Antonio Public Library for a three year period for an additional estimated cost of \$82,992. Funding of \$27,144 is included in the respective department's FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Jecoa Ross expressed concern with the Library's extension of the New York Times subscription because he felt the newspaper did not factually report the atrocities in Gaza being committed by Israel against Palestinians.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

9. 2024-03-21-0186

Ordinance approving a contract with SHI/Government Solutions, Inc., for Enterprise Immune System Antigena Network Software for the Information Technology Services Department for an estimated cost of \$162,373.27 annually, beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025, with three, one-year renewal options. Funding is from the respective department's FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

10. 2024-03-21-0187

Ordinance approving a contract with Trane U.S. Inc., to provide the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center with the modernization of 13 existing air handling units and the replacement of 46 valve pneumatic actuators for a total cost of \$4,471,387. Funding is from the Texas Public Facility Corporation and included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Capital Improvements

11. 2024-03-21-0188

Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Alpha Building Corporation in the amount of \$696,353.15 for roof replacement improvements to the Frank Garrett Multi-Service Center, and approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Con-Cor, Inc. in the amount of \$891,403.56 for roof replacement improvements to the Fleet Maintenance and Operations Building, both Insurance Proceeds funded projects. This ordinance also authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of additional Insurance Proceed funds of \$4,003,397.89 to the Roof Replacement and Repair project included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program, and authorizes the City Manager or Designee to accept and appropriate additional Insurance Proceeds up to 20% of the total project budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

12. 2024-03-21-0189

Ordinance approving the negotiation and execution of five On-Call Professional Services Agreements with Adams Environmental, Inc.; CP&Y, Inc.; Pape-Dawson Engineers, LLC; Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC; and SWCA, Incorporated to provide as-needed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Consulting Services related to federal transportation projects, capital improvement bond projects, and other City projects located citywide for a total of \$15 million. Each agreement is for a three-year term with the option to renew for up to two, additional one-year extensions at the City's discretion for an amount not to exceed \$3 million per agreement, inclusive of renewals. Funding is from various sources, including 2017 General Obligation Bond Funds, 2022 General Obligations Bond Funds, General Fund, Certificates of Obligation, and other debt proceeds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

13. 2024-03-21-0190

Ordinance approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with HJD Capital Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$709,610.52 of which, \$688,942.25 is vendor contract and \$20,668.27 is capital administration costs for the City Tower Parking Garage Lighting Retrofit project. Funding is from the Energy Efficiency Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief sustainability Officer]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

14. 2024-03-21-0191

Ordinance approving the acquisition, on behalf of the San Antonio Water System, through negotiation or condemnation of interests in land sufficient for project purposes involving two permanent water easements in NCB 17180 located along a privately-owned real property drainage channel in the Summerfield Subdivision related to the Blanco Road to Orsinger Lane Pressure Zone 1111 24-inch Water Main Project; declaring the project for public use and a public necessity for the acquisition. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Pelaez moved to Approve. Councilmember Alderete Gavito 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

Grant Applications and Awards

15. 2024-03-21-0192

Ordinance authorizing a grant application and acceptance of funds upon award in an amount up to \$4,044,206 from Workforce Solutions Alamo for the Child Care Services Quality Initiative for the term beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, with options to renew for four, one-year terms, and authorizing a budget and staff positions. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

16. 2024-03-21-0193

Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of funds upon award for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition in an amount up to \$200 million from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2029, and authorizing a budget and staff position. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Councilmember Viagran highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

City Code Amendments

17. 2024-03-21-0194

Ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the City Code of San Antonio to allow the use of an electronic recording device for municipal court records. [Carla Obledo, Presiding Judge]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

18. Approving the following board, commission, and committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing Kristi Villanueva (District 2) to the Brooks Development Authority Board
- B. Appointing Brian Mast (San Antonio River Authority Representative) to the Conservation Advisory Board
- C. Appointing Jacob “Quinn” Bazan (District 5) to the San Antonio Youth Commission

Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, and Alderete Gavito highlighted their support for the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

19. WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN: Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 80321 that established the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission, and approving changes to its structure. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Krystal Jones, Director, Department of Arts & Culture]

The Item was withdrawn.

Miscellaneous

20. 2024-03-21-0195

Ordinance approving Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Fund award recommendations for the Second Stage Grant Program in the total amount of \$100,000; and authorizing the execution of contracts. Funding is from the FY 2024 Economic Development Incentive Fund Adopted Budget. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director, Economic Development]

Councilmember Kaur highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

21. 2024-03-21-0196

Ordinance establishing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer + (LGBTQ+) Advisory Board for the City of San Antonio to provide a direct line of communication between City Council and City staff. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Dr. Jennifer Mata, Director, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Department]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brad Veloz and Antonia Padilla spoke in support of the Item. Chad Reumann and Maria Salazar current members of Mayor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee spoke in support of making the Item an official City board. Luis Vazquez, Executive Director of the San Antonio LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Item.

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez, as the first Gay Black Councilmember, spoke in support of the Item to ensure that our children did not face the kind of bigotry and hatred that was all too common.

He noted that the significance of making the Mayor's Commission into an official Board would ensure that future Mayors could not dissolve the board unilaterally.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda commented that the Ordinance represented the City Council's commitment to hearing from all members of our community and recognized the unique challenges faced by our LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors. She added that the Board would give space for more equity, inclusivity, and compassion.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito supported the establishment of the new board to give members of the LGBTQ+ community a voice and help overcome hate.

Councilmember Castillo thanked the Mayor and the Committee for bringing the request forward and she looked forward to supporting the Item.

Councilmember Viagran thanked Maria Salazar and others for bringing the request forward.

Councilmember Whyte asked what the direct line of communication between City Council and staff would mean. Samantha Smith, Board Liaison of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Department (DEIAD) stated that because board members were appointed by individual Councilmembers, they could bring ideas back to the City Council. Councilmember Whyte commented that there were over 100 vacancies on the boards and many in holdover so new boards did not need to be created because some boards did not even meet regularly. Therefore, Councilmember Whyte did not support the creation of a new board.

Councilmember Kaur supported the creation of the board and noted that vacancies on other boards was not the fault of the LGBTQ+ community, it was the fault of the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Pelaez commented that on December 12, 2018 he was able to appoint his first member to the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women noting that he appointed a respected engaged lesbian woman. Councilmember Pelaez asserted that San Antonians were all equal but there needed to be boards that represented different populations.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the creation of the board and thanked those in attendance for their advocacy. She acknowledged that the Community Health Committee had reviewed and recommended making this a formal advisory board. Councilmember Rocha Garcia commented that her church accepted and blessed LGBTQ+ members.

Councilmember Courage supported formalizing the board so they could continue to advise the City Council on LGBTQ+ issues in our community regardless of who was Mayor.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that this vote mattered and there was a difference between being actively supportive versus voting against the board for some other reason that ultimately turned out to be against the item.

Councilmember Kaur commented that all letters mattered and repeated "LGBTQIA+ ." Councilmember Pelaez noted that this was about a community that needed to have a voice and City Council needed to hear their advice noting that there were special impacts to them such as

domestic violence and homelessness.

Councilmember Castillo urged her City Council colleagues to vote unanimously to create the board noting that two new Public Improvement District (PID) boards had just been passed on consent.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted that the LGBTQ+ community included taxpayers and business owners and all of their contributions needed to be recognized and their voices heard.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito cited that every 45 seconds a LGBTQ+ youth attempted suicide.

Councilmember Viagran urged a unanimous vote as we were in 2024, and this could have stayed on consent and gotten a unanimous vote, but now that it is pulled for individual consideration it gave Councilmembers the ability to vote against it.

Councilmember Whyte stated that while he supported the goals of the board, he simply felt there were too many boards and he did not agree that there needed to be one more as there were so many vacancies and board members in holdover status with expired terms.

Mayor Nirenberg closed by acknowledging Councilmember Kaur's recognition of all the letters since we just had a transgender day of remembrance proclamation as many of the community felt invisible or forgotten. Mayor Nirenberg stated that this was a continuation of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance originally passed in 2013. He stated that the effort to make this a permanent board was precisely because his term would soon be over and he thanked his staff for the work as well as the DEIA and Samantha Smith.

Mayor Nirenberg declared that today marked a historic vote, noting that each year Texas continued to attack our LGBTQ+ community.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Approve. Councilmember Alderete Gavito 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

Abstain: Whyte

22. **2024-03-21-0197**

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of one or more obligations for the San Antonio Water System in an amount not to exceed \$813 million to fund capital improvements of SAWS, refund outstanding tax-exempt commercial paper notes and refund outstanding debt for savings. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

23. **2024-03-21-0014R**
A Resolution, for the San Antonio Water System, authorizing the use of cash on hand and commercial paper proceeds in a maximum amount of \$166,480,000 for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding debt obligations. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

24. **2024-03-21-0198**
Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Firefighter Shantel Morn [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Christopher Monestier, Interim Fire Chief]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

25. **2024-03-21-0199**
Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with River City Produce Co., Inc. to provide nutrition education and produce market services at various senior centers beginning May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$417,781.25. Funding for each fiscal year is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

26. **2024-03-21-0200**
Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with URBAN-15 GROUP to provide culturally-based music and dance performances at various City Senior Centers beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Funding for each fiscal year is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

27. 2024-03-21-0015R

Resolution of No Objection for Palladium San Antonio, Ltd.'s application for 2024 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a 288-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio, located at 4770 Military Drive West in Council District 4, allowing the construction of the development to be located within one linear mile or less from another development, and acknowledgment that more than 20% of the total housing in the census tract is supported by HTC. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Cody Hunt spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

28. 2024-03-21-0016R

Resolution of No Objection for Union Park Apartments, LP's application for 2024 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the rehabilitation of a 100-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Union Park Apartments, located at 4622 South Hackberry Street in Council District 3. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

29. 2024-03-21-0017R

Resolution of No Objection for Union Pines Apartments, LP's application for 2024 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the rehabilitation of a 152-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Union Pines Apartments, located at 1707 Pleasanton Street in Council District 3. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Courage 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

30. 2024-03-21-0201

Ordinance approving amendments to the Development Agreement with Southstar Mission Del Lago Holdings, L.P., the Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County and the Mission Del Lago Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Six to modify the participation rates and maximum contribution amounts, the TIRZ Finance Plan and Project Plan and approving an agreement with Southside ISD to terminate its role as a participating taxing entity in the Mission Del Lago TIRZ, including acceptance of 25.40 acres of real property located on South US Hwy 281, San Antonio, Texas 78221. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

31. 2024-03-21-0202

Ordinance approving a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Grace Gardens Public Improvement District generally located southeast of the intersection of Hildebrandt Road and South WW White Road in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

32. 2024-03-21-0203

Ordinance approving a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Sapphire Grove Public Improvement District generally located south of New Sulphur Springs Road and east of Gardner Road in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

33. 2024-03-21-0204

Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement with WSP USA Inc. for Climate Action Planning Services for the Office of Sustainability in an annual amount up to \$208,666 for a term

ending December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount up to \$626,000. Funding is from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) budget. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

Councilmember Courage 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

City Manager's Report

34. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Video highlighting the work of Joseph Cruz who worked on the San Antonio Riverwalk as an employee of the Center City and Downtown Operations Department.

City Manager Walsh announced that Councilmember Alderete Gavito won 3rd place in her age division at the City Manager's 5k.

Executive Session

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 1:52 p.m. to discuss the following:

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

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 2:56 p.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

Mayor ProTempore Rocha Garcia reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 2:56 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 2:56 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**

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