

**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, August 15, 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 9:10 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**

Pastor Jon Pyle of City Church San Antonio delivered the invocation, guest of Councilmember Alderete Gavito, Council District 7.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meeting of August 1, 2024.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 City Council meeting. 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

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the local USPS Letter Carrier's Association for winning the prize for collecting the largest amount of food in their Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. The organization led a moment of silence for their murdered colleague Stephanie Mendoza who was a victim of domestic violence.

Councilmembers Viagran, Rocha Garcia and Courage congratulated the team and lamented the loss of life.

**ITEM FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

4. Presentation of the City of San Antonio 2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024. [Erik Walsh, City Manager]

City Manager Erik Walsh presented Items 4, 5, and 6 together. He stated that the FY 2025 Proposed two-year Balanced Budget was adjusted to a slower pace in revenue growth, prioritized investments in City Council and community priorities such as streets, sidewalks, homelessness, public safety, and Animal Care Services (ACS) with no increase to the City property tax rate.

City Manager Walsh outlined the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey conducted every other year since 2008 by professional research firm ETC Institute. He noted that the results indicated an overall 87% customer satisfaction rate with city services which was a 13% increase over the prior survey. City Manager Walsh stated that the customer concerns aligned with City Council priorities.

According to City Manager Walsh, this year's process would be different than prior years with COVID-19 Federal Grants expiring, revenue outlook not keeping up with expenditure growth, departments reviewed spending to right-size Budgets, and identification of efficiencies with no impact to services or employees. He stated that the Proposed Budget spending was strategically aligned with City Council and the community priorities and within our financial reality and performance metrics that had been augmented to better communicate programs, outcomes, and how we were monitoring progress.

City Manager Walsh stated that the Proposed Budget continued multi-year plans for Sidewalks, Alley Maintenance, and Street Markings, Strategic Housing Plan implementation (SHIP), Animal Care Services (ACS) Strategic Plan, Police Proactive Patrol Plan, Homeless prevention and intervention programs, Metro Health SA Forward Plan, SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, and playground shade structures.

City Manager Walsh reported that the total City budget was proposed to be \$3.96 billion which was a 5.8% increase with the General Fund increasing by 4.3% to \$1.67 billion. He broke down the revenues by source and indicated that the City would receive \$56.8 in additional revenue in FY 2025. City Manager Walsh stated that most (\$23.7 million) would come from property tax noting that \$147 million of property tax relief had been granted in FY 2025 with increases in homestead exemptions, over-65 exemptions, disabled persons exemptions, new childcare exemptions, and appeals. He indicated that no increase in the city property tax rate was proposed even though the growth rate was lower for FY 2025 (5.2%) than in FY 2024 (6.7%). City Manager Walsh added that one quarter of the revenue was due to growth and new construction.

City Manager Walsh reported that approximately \$14 million would come from Sales Tax, however, sales tax revenues had increased at a slower pace than in prior years with the current rate at 2.3%; the proposed FY 2025 rate was 3.5%. He noted that the sales tax growth rate was 5.1% in 2019 prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic and negative 1.9% in 2020 during the initial year of the COVID-19 Pandemic but rose to 12.5% and 14.2% respectively for 2021 and 2022. City Manager Walsh noted that the slowing began in 2023 with the growth at 2.6%. He indicated that CPS Energy Revenues were projected to be below the FY 2024 Budget which led to a more conservative 3.3% growth rate projected for FY 2025. City Manager Walsh added that FY 2023 growth was 17.5% mostly resulting from off-system sales.

To counter lost revenues, City Manager Walsh proposed increasing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transport Fee from \$1,000 to \$1,250 and increasing unpermitted burglar false alarm fees from \$75 for residential and \$125 for commercial alarms to \$250 for all false alarms received from unpermitted alarms; permit fees would not change. He reported that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) responded to 68,000 unpermitted false alarms per year which cost the equivalent of 20 full-time Officers and the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) responded to 11,000 unpermitted false alarms per year which was equivalent to four engine companies. City Manager Walsh stated that both fee increases would result in an addition \$4.5 million in revenue. Additionally, City Manager Walsh proposed adding a \$1 fee to Alamodome event tickets to help with traffic during events.

City Manager Walsh reported that FY 2025 General Fund reductions included transferring \$13.1 million in General Fund programs to the Capital Budget and other funds. He noted that this included expenditures such as sidewalks, shade structures, police dispatch center debt, and Vision Zero which were allowable under State Law and finance rules. City Manager Walsh noted that reduction in development incentives, fuel contingencies, alignment of workforce development programs with Ready to Work, and adjustments in spending to meet service demands would save a total of \$10.5 million. Additionally, City Manager Walsh stated that the Innovation Office and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) would conduct comprehensive Budget and

programmatic reviews of department Budgets, services, and processes in FY 2025 seeking operational efficiencies.

In the area of General Fund Improvements, City Manager Walsh commented that employees were the largest cost to the City Budget. He proposed a 3% wage increase across the board for 9,196 civilian employees keeping the \$18 per hour minimum entry wage at a cost of \$23.9 million. He proposed a 7% increase for 1,868 SAFD employees at a cost of \$18.3 million contingent upon the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiations which were underway. Finally, he proposed a 4% increase for 2,775 Police Officers consistent with their CBA at a cost of \$12.9 million. City Manager Walsh noted that the total cost of employee increases was \$55 million.

City Manager Walsh outlined the Infrastructure Management Plan (IMP) which included \$122 million for maintenance of 370 of the 4,290 center line miles in the City's street network. He projected that 1,618 projects would be completed with the FY 2025 Proposed Budget; the goal was to achieve a Pavement Condition Index of 80 or above and fewer than 10% of the streets in each Council District would be rated "F." Under City Manager Walsh's proposal, \$500,000 would be used to assess sidewalk conditions and the \$21.5 million Sidewalk Program would include construction of 28.9 miles and repair of 15.7 miles. He added that pavement of non-service alleys was budgeted at \$2.65 million, and these funds would focus on the 165 "C" rated alleys; the "D" and "F" rated alleys were expected to be completed in FY 2024.

City Manager Walsh stated that proposed traffic engineering study improvement included evaluation of the process for managing the 5,000 new requests for signals, signs, and markings. He proposed to streamline the process in FY 2025 to focus on the highest priorities, complete reviews in a timely manner, and utilize \$200,000 to address one-third of backlogged sign and marking requests.

City Manager Walsh's proposed the \$9.2 million Transportation Department Proposed Budget would include \$3.5 million for bike facilities under the Bike Master Plan, an updated Vision Zero Plan that would be brought to City Council in September 2024, a Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) policy framework, and \$250,000 to develop an implementation plan for the TOD. He indicated that the Proposed Budget also included \$3 million to evaluate the need for residential streetlights and install 758 new lights in FY 2025.

City Manager Walsh stated that the proposed \$32.3 million Animal Care Services (ACS) Department Proposed Budget continued implementation of a multi-year plan to respond to 100% of critical calls. He reported that, in FY 2024, ACS responded to 33,232 calls which was 50% more than FY 2023 and they projected 57,615 calls for FY 2025. City Manager Walsh proposed 14 new positions at a cost of \$1.4 million to increase call response to 43,752 in FY 2025. He noted that the Spay Neuter Surgery Budget was proposed at \$5.3 million. City Manager Walsh noted that FY 2024 included the creation of two new spay/neuter clinics on the East and West Sides therefore, 21 positions at a cost of \$2.7 million would be needed in FY 2025 to open and operate the new facilities.

The Public Safety Proposed Budget was 61.6% of the General Fund Budget ,according to City

Manager Walsh, and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Budget was proposed at \$603.9 million with continued focus on the goal of 60% proactive time and 40% on call for SAPD patrol. He stated that the Proposed Budget included \$6.3 million for 65 new Officers, five cadet classes with 255 estimated graduates, and a partnership with Centro for downtown cameras. City Manager Walsh reported that the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Budget was proposed at \$401.1 million and included 15 new Firefighters with \$1.4 million for three squad units to address medical incidents at the three busiest fire stations: 4, 19, and 44. He added that the Proposed Budget added \$15.4 million to complete the replacement of Fire Stations 21, 52, and 53.

City Manager Walsh proposed \$44.2 million in direct investments for homeless services with a FY 2025 goal to shelter 500 unsheltered individuals and clean up 1,300 homeless encampments within 14 days of notification with additional resources added for an illegal dumping crew.

City Manager Walsh stated that the Affordable Housing and the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) had a goal to preserve or produce 28,094 homes by 2031. He reported that 4,350 homes had been constructed by the end of FY 2024 and 3,013 additional homes were anticipated to be constructed in FY 2025 with 2,036 under construction and 1,839 in the pipeline for the total, meeting 40% of that ultimate goal. City Manager Walsh indicated that housing stability and homelessness prevention services would support 1,483 families and the Housing Rehabilitation / Preservation Program was expected to provide minor repairs to 455 households and major repairs to 52 households. He added that funding was available for a Public Information Campaign to inform on 1) Renters' Rights & Responsibilities, 2) Housing Affordability, and 3) Provide Property Tax education.

City Manager Walsh stated that four strategic pillars for Small Businesses were proposed to be funded in the FY 2025 Budget including 1) Access to flexible capital through inclusion of \$1 million for the 0% interest program, 2) \$1.9 million for construction mitigation efforts, 3) \$200,000 for Supply SA Network, and 4) \$586,000 for Launch SA to support the small business ecosystem.

City Manager Walsh reported that 69% of \$326.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal funds had been spent through June 2024 and a review of programs and contracts had resulted in \$5.8 million available to re-allocate. He noted that Senior Center hours were extended to stay open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning in January 2025 using ARPA Federal funding. City Manager Walsh proposed budgeting \$3.1 million in unused ARPA funds to extend the program leaving \$2.7 million to be allocated by City Council as part of Budget process with the requirement that funds were spent by December 2026 on non-recurring expenses.

City Manager Walsh shifted to restricted funds and recommended that Code Enforcement add one position for Short Term Rental (STR) enforcement, \$50,000 for the Code Enforcement Strategic Plan, and \$100,000 to continue the Senior Assistance Program.

City Manager Walsh stated that the \$158.5 million Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) Proposed Budget included the addition of one crew to handle illegal dumping at a cost of \$800,000 and two positions to address customer growth. He noted that the department provided trash

collection to over 375,000 households. City Manager Walsh proposed a \$0.50 monthly rate increase for both the large (96 gallon) and medium (64 gallon) carts for FY 2025 with a rate review every two years to account for increased costs for labor, disposal, and equipment. He mentioned that there was no rate increase for the small (48 gallon) cart.

City Manager Walsh stated that the Resiliency, Energy Efficiency, Sustainability \$14.6 million Proposed Budget would include targeted investments in Urban Heat Islands identified by the 2024 University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) study. He noted that this included \$5.8 million for 22.3 miles of cool pavement overlay, replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system at four resiliency hubs at a cost of \$12 million, and an additional \$1 million each for low-income home weatherization, the Under One Roof Residential Roof Replacement Program, and shade structures for VIA bus stops.

City Manager Walsh stated that the Airport Proposed Budget of \$163.9 million for FY 2025 would provide for the more than 11.6 million passenger record growth expected in the coming year, account for a new long-term airline agreement, continue the progress on the Terminal Development Program and other capital projects, and increase non-stop air service destinations.

City Manager Walsh reported that the FY 2025 Proposed Capital Budget was \$860.2 million with over half of that funding allocated for Streets (\$226.5 million) and Airport (\$291.6 million). He highlighted the following Capital Budget projects: Airport Terminal Development Program, Airport Parking Garage, Kenwood Community Center, Red Berry Dam, Father Roman Community Center, Watson Road Phase 2 design, Monterrey Park, Stray Kennel – Design, Warranted Traffic Signal Construction, Judson Lookout low water crossing improvement, and City Council district improvements.

City Manager Walsh stated that the Proposed Budget document and community survey was available online and budget town halls would begin next week in each City Council district. He stated that the next steps included Town Halls, Budget Work Sessions, public hearings and publications culminating in the adoption of the Budget on September 19, 2024.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Ann Gonzalez with the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union commented that investing in employees was an investment in the future of our community and economic growth and spoke in support of employee wage increases.

#### DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nirenberg thanked City staff for developing the Proposed Budget and expressed gratitude for all City employees who worked tirelessly to keep our City running on a daily basis. He noted that the City's Budget had been dealing with the overheated economy post COVID-19 Pandemic and was requiring adjustment. He reflected that as the City normalized budget line items in areas such as housing, utility assistance, and social services, City Council should be cautious with regard to services still needed by our residents and recommended that the \$2.7 million available from

ARPA could be allocated to housing and homelessness. Mayor Nirenberg noted that this was the first time in several years that we were looking at any Budget reductions.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported focusing the ARPA funding on housing and other needs, but noted that the South Side of town was a medically underserved population that lost their lives more than others during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She stated that in May 2023, Texas Vista Medical Center on the South Side closed so she recommended focusing on that medically underserved area. She also brought up that the East Side had the highest COVID-19 death rates, more diabetic amputations, more food insecurity, and health inequities and needed some investment. She recommended reallocating \$600,000 in unused ARPA funds to fund a Center for Health Equity over a two-year period.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia requested clarification on the original intent of funds for VIA for pedestrian improvements and how this money could be used. She appreciated managing expenses and worried this was the first time since 2009 that City Council had to consider reallocations and thanked the departments for identifying wise reductions. She commented that CPS Energy revenues would have highs and lows. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if there might be a hiring freeze to save money. City Manager Walsh stated that no hiring freeze was planned.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported the addition of an Illegal Dumping Team and lauded the work of the exiting SWMD Team. However, she was concerned with the backlog of traffic sign requests. City Manager Walsh clarified that the \$200,000 proposed for FY 2025 would clear one-third of the backlog. She supported the addition to the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Team, the \$100,000 to assist Seniors with code violations citywide rather than splitting the funds by council district as there was disproportionate needs across the City. She credited the Gonzaba Foundation for developing the code assistance for the senior assistance model.

Councilmember Whyte recognized that the development of the Proposed Budget was a huge task and was glad the City Manager requested that departments find efficiencies and enhance their metrics but recommended that the City Budget be developed in a different way starting with a Zero-Based- Budget (ZBB). He supported additional funding for homeless encampment cleanups, streets, sidewalks, drainage, Police Officers, and Firefighters. He suggested creating a special fund to incentivize acceleration of construction projects and supported the Construction Mitigation Fund.

Councilmember Whyte noted this was a difficult economic time and suggested that some spending was not for core services and suggested setting aside some ARPA Funding to hire an outside consultant to develop the ZBB process and really take a close look at the tax dollars provided to non-profits. Councilmember Whyte requested clarification on the hours of the Northeast Senior Center which was open until 8:00 p.m. Director of the Department of Human Services Melody Woosley clarified that the funding would keep the Northeast Senior Center site open until 8:00 p.m. and others until 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Whyte referenced a CCR that requested an annual report on homeless services. City Manager Walsh recommended discussing the framework for that request and the homeless

services dashboard when the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department made their presentation.

Councilmember Viagran commented that OMB had worked tirelessly during the summer break. She thanked Ms. Gonzalez for reminding City Council that the employees were the backbone of the City and if they did a good job, City Council would recognize their work. Councilmember Viagran listed the following priorities which were homeless, streets, animal care, and police. She noted that her office created a roadmap to meet the needs of the council district without cutting staff and the FY 2025 Capital and Operating Budget was on target. She commented that as the Audit Committee Chair, she did not feel that the City needed consultants to develop the Proposed Budget as OMB had done it for years without any property tax increase.

Councilmember Viagran recommended reviewing the EMS Transport Fee and suggested leaving it at \$1,000 because there were so few beds for medical and mental health on the South Side and she supported Councilmember Rocha Garcia's proposal to fund the Center for Health Equity in South Texas.

Councilmember Viagran cautioned that non-service alleys, when paved, were not a through way and often cars were using them as streets. She acknowledged the improvement in ACS critical response but requested customer satisfaction reports and suggested the creation of council district-assigned Officers like Code Enforcement. She also requested information on the market rate for paying Veterinarians and recommended more education on responsible pet ownership.

Councilmember Viagran requested information on the sustainability of new streetlights and asserted that adding more affordable housing was critical to meet the housing needs of our community. She also recommended more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) but as housing rather than Short-Term Rentals (STRs) and she supported the team to monitor those STRs. She commented that the Small Business Program needed to focus on buying local and placemaking. Councilmember Viagran supported addressing the needs of the Father Roman Community Center and the Kenwood Community Center and recommended looking more closely at the needs of public works and parks.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda thanked OMB and all City employees for their work and the public for their engagement and commented that the Proposed Budget reflected who we were as a community. She noted that rising costs and unpredictable factors such as CPS Energy revenues meant there were tough choices. She supported the Proposed Budget because it had no major cuts to safety or infrastructure.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported Capital Funds for the Fire Academy, Fire Station 44 and ACS facilities and recognized the staff of ACS to improve outcomes for animals. She supported more Police Officers to move to 60% proactive calls and Firefighters to decrease response times. She noted that the COVID-19 Pandemic highlighted the need for housing and mental health services. Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported funding to address homelessness and recommended more investment in prevention of homelessness.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported the idea of a ZBB or a Performance Based Budget and wanted to learn more about the performance metrics for departments and supported a dashboard for transparency.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported funding to address homelessness and recommended more investment in the prevention of homelessness. She requested an increased Budget for the Cesar Chavez March. She asked if council districts that gave up positions to support CASA would be able to recover those positions. City Manager Walsh stated that decreases in positions by council districts reflected City Council priorities at the time and this could be discussed as a part of the Budget process.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that employees made the City run and supported the across-the-board pay increases. He supported using ARPA Funds to fund new permanent supportive housing and to address homelessness. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez mentioned that he had proposed a street lighting index to help streamline getting new streetlights in areas needed and supported the installation of 758 new streetlights in FY 2025 but requested an updated map and the type of lights. City Manager Walsh stated that the streetlights would be solar-powered and came with a 10-year guarantee. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez was happy that the streetlights did not require the City to acquire easement access.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez was disappointed that ACS was only at a 61% response rate for critical calls. He recommended higher response rates and suggested a full analysis of the department including best practices research as the City was currently seeking a new director for ACS. He also suggested that the Public Safety Committee review ACS' structure and Budget. He supported the new staff needed for the East Side Spay/Neuter Hub.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez was interested in keeping the Senior Centers open longer, increasing homeless services but requested a breakdown of how many people went into the low-barrier shelters versus those who went to permanent supportive housing. He requested data on how often homeless encampment sites were cleaned up and then returned suggesting a more creative solution.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that despite the slowing down of spending for other departments, the Police Budget kept growing. He noted that even though the number of Officers had increased citywide, the patrols and effectiveness seemed to have decreased so he challenged more accountability for SAPD.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito commented that Firefighters were a crucial component of public service that only the City could provide. She agreed with Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez that the response rate for ACS needed to be improved and recommended ensuring adequate resources for spay/neuter of owned dogs picked up by ACS. She supported the increased fees for unpermitted false alarms as it was behavior that redirected first responder resources.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito supported the comprehensive budget reviews noting that there were inefficiencies and recommended that the City Council receive regular reports on the work of

the Innovation Office and OMB. City Manager Walsh stated that these could be included in quarterly updates.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito noted that homeless encampments were constantly popping up and just moving around so she recommended better follow-up services when these were cleaned up and referenced her CCR to prioritize areas around schools and other community areas. She noted the amount of trash being left around bus stops on Fredericksburg Road including needles so she recommended more education of the unsheltered on their options. She supported resources for SWMD including more cleanup of illegal dumping as it gave residents pride in their city and was inviting for visitors.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito was pleased to see the Senior Centers would stay open later, and supported an additional Code Officer for STRs, and lauded the success of the Senior Assistance Pilot Program. Councilmember Alderete Gavito supported the increase in funding for the Cesar Chavez March.

Councilmember Castillo supported using the remaining ARPA balance to support current City services for housing and homelessness. She noted that there were always requests from the community to expand San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Police Officer Teams and the hours that they were available which was consistent with the goal to have 60% proactive calls. Councilmember Castillo supported more funding for City Council district infrastructure (CIP and NAP), particularly in the older areas of the City such as in Council District 5 with the potential to reallocate unused funds from council districts that did not use their money to those with greater needs. She supported extended hours at the Senior Centers using ARPA Funding.

Councilmember Castillo was pleased there would be funding to staff the new east and west spay/neuter clinics. She noted that illegal dumping was a recurring problem and supported another crew but recommended more enforcement since there were repeated locations of illegal dumping. Councilmember Castillo supported the small business programs and supported addressing compression for employees and fair compensation. Councilmember Castillo supported continued funding but recommended increases in the Minor Home Rehabilitation and the Under One Roof Program and suggested that some funds could be allocated from Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) funding.

Councilmember Pelaez recommended funding for streets, drainage, sidewalks, and public safety. He asked City Manager Walsh why the sales tax revenue was down. City Manager Walsh attributed the slump to a nationwide shift in income levels and noted that there had been a period of exceptionally high spending immediately post-pandemic and this was a correction as consumers were being cautious.

Councilmember Pelaez commented that basic City services were defined in the City Charter to include welfare, health, and the well-being of our residents including assistance of needy persons to provide the basic necessities of life. Councilmember Pelaez suggested that the City Council should debate how the funds were divided while still honoring the City Charter which included funding non-profits to serve our residents. Councilmember Pelaez reminded City Council that City

Manager Walsh had warned us not to become dependent on ARPA Funds because it was one-time money and today, we were dealing with the end of those funds.

Councilmember Pelaez recommended a decrease in 9-1-1 response times and supported the addition of Police Officers to help improve that metric. Councilmember Pelaez stated that the Texas Municipal League was providing a valuable service to cities and warned that the Texas Governor and Lieutenant Governor were intent on eroding a municipalities' ability to respond to the needs of its residents by limiting our authority. He supported the request by Councilmember Cabello Havrda to reinstate missing positions in the council district offices.

Councilmember Kaur stated that she analyzed the calls that her office received and 80% were for infrastructure, Code, SAPD, and ACS which was consistent with the community survey. Her priorities included infrastructure improvements such as traffic studies included in City Manager Walsh's Proposed Budget; and requested tenant input on traffic studies and more electronic feedback methods. Councilmember Kaur requested a report on the Construction Signage and Notification Program and a plan to fund drainage projects.

Councilmember Kaur supported the partnership with Centro Downtown and the false alarm program. She requested the addition of bike patrol SAFPE Officers who could build rapport with downtown residents and businesses. Councilmember Kaur was pleased that the new spay/neuter clinics would be opening in FY 2025 and requested acceleration of the hiring of staff.

Councilmember Kaur suggested expansion of eligibility for Construction Mitigation Grants using a portion of the \$2.7 million in ARPA Funds. She asked how much space was still available in the low-barrier shelter and whether some of the ARPA Funds could be used to expand those services. Assistant City Manager Lori Houston stated that there were 147 units occupied and 53 vacant currently in the low-barrier shelter and the needs fluctuated based on the weather. Houston did not recommend expanding the units now and noted that Haven for Hope was expanding. Councilmember Kaur suggested using ARPA Funds to create more mental health beds.

Councilmember Kaur supported funding for parks and community centers and was excited about reimagining the Kenwood Community Center. She advocated for resources for the Communications & Engagement Team noting that SA SpeakUp and 3-1-1 had great content that could be connected through a strong Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) System. City Manager Walsh clarified that ARPA Funding had to be encumbered by December 2026, not spent.

Councilmember Courage wanted to ensure that the Proposed Budget funded basic services such as public safety, housing, community health, reliable transportation infrastructure, good paying jobs, and help for small businesses, available and affordable water and energy, and good government. Councilmember Courage commented that the Proposed Budget was a moral document as it outlined its priorities and future for its citizens.

Councilmember Courage highlighted that the General Fund revenue was projected at an increase of \$70 million which was \$30 million less than projected last year for FY 2025. He noted that the Public

Safety Budget included the increases for the Firefighter contract as the negotiations stood today but noted that there was not more money. Councilmember Courage pointed out that the transfer of General Fund expenditures into the Capital Budget was not really a reduction and requested information on how this would really save money.

Councilmember Courage asked whether the Pavement Marking Budget would allow all streets to be restriped every three years. City Manager Walsh confirmed that the Proposed Budget was within the three-year plan for restriping. Councilmember Courage supported the 65 new Police Officers and wanted to ensure that all costs for those Officers were included, such as equipment. He asked what would happen to the General Fund if we got grants for the Officers. City Manager Walsh stated that a grant had been submitted for 50 new Officers which was not reflected in the Proposed Budget but if the funding was received, it would go to FY 2026 and help offset the future expenditures, but not current expenditures.

Councilmember Courage asked why the City was funding \$1 million in bus stop shelters for VIA and suggested that VIA should fund those bus shelter shades, or the council districts could use their district infrastructure money instead. He commented that there was a huge request for youth programs and suggested that the \$2.7 million in ARPA funding could be used to support youth.

Councilmember Whyte clarified that he was not against the work of non-profits, but that City funding should only be used to serve the citizens of the City of San Antonio. He recommended more oversight of the non-profits and recommended more review of those agencies. Councilmember Whyte requested a list of programs that would be unfunded after the ARPA Funding was expended. City Manager Walsh stated that there would be a Budget Work Session about ARPA with a full report but noted that essentially all programs funded with ARPA would not receive more money when it ran out, thereby making them unfunded.

Councilmember Castillo mentioned her support for the Center for Healthcare Equity of South Texas Program as there was a shortage of care services for her residents.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia also referenced the City Charter and noted that the City Charter used the term “persons,” not “citizens” asserting that all residents should feel welcome even if they were non-citizens. Having worked for a non-profit in the past, she was aware that the City received quarterly reports from all of its delegate agencies and suggested that these could be sent to the City Council.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked about the implementation of the Safe Baby Boxes. Interim Fire Chief Chris Monestier stated that the implementation had been a slow process due to legal issues with ownership of the boxes and construction, so they were organizing a visit to Fire Departments that had already implemented a similar program. Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended expanding SAFD’s Mental Health Service Smartphone Application to SAPD.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported improvements to fire stations and Councilmember Castillo’s request to explore TIRZ funding for Minor Home Rehabilitation and the Under One

Roof Program. She supported the cameras for Centro downtown to make our city safe for visitors who brought in revenue and for residents to feel safe downtown. Councilmember Rocha Garcia agreed that VIA might need to pay for the bus shelters. She asked if compression adjustments would be delayed as a result of Budget cuts. City Manager Walsh stated that all Pay Plan A employee salaries and half of Pay Plan B employee salaries had been evaluated; in FY 2025 the other half of Pay Plan B would be completed.

Councilmember Pelaez recommended lighting for cricket courts.

Councilmember Kaur asked whether transfers to the Capital Budget would negatively impact the city's bond rating. City Manager Walsh stated that these were legitimate capital expenditures and would not impact the bond rating. Councilmember Kaur requested a plan for the comprehensive Budget review. City Manager Walsh stated that OMB and Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez would lead those reviews and provide a plan. Councilmember Kaur supported increasing civilian employee compensation by 4% instead of 3%. She expressed concern for those residents that had to self-pay for the EMS services with the proposed increase in fees.

Councilmember Courage expressed concern with the comments related to non-profit delegate agencies and noted that some Councilmembers did not have the knowledge necessary to understand the process. He asked the Director of the Department of Human Services Melody Woosley to explain the process. Woosley stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued every two years which required responding non-profits to provide their scope of direct community service work, performance measures and outcomes for the community, benefits and pay for their employees. She stated that within the contracting process, the metrics were negotiated and finalized. She added that under the contract, agencies provided quarterly reports and staff reviewed invoices and monitored performance on a regular basis. Councilmember Courage asked if the City funded any agency at 100% and if staff ever denied continuing services for non-performing agencies. Woosley stated that no agency was funded at more than 50% of their total agency Budget and if the agency did not perform, they could be de-funded for the second year.

Councilmember Viagran suggested that there were opportunities to reduce costs in other areas of the Proposed Budget. She was curious that while the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) was doing well, sales tax revenues were down and suggested a detailed review of sales tax revenues. Councilmember Viagran stated that she would not refer to the Proposed Budget as "back to basics" because our City was not "basic" and our services needed to be equitable.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he still used the COVID -19 Pandemic as the lens for budgeting, however, this was the eighth year in a row that the City Council focused on equity as a budgeting tool. He noted that our community was living through generations of issues such as historic redlining that have led to generational poverty. Mayor Nirenberg commented that San Antonio had closed the income gap between the richest and poorest better than almost any other American city and we had more geographic inclusion than ever before due to our long-term commitment to equity.

Mayor Nirenberg asserted that the City was holding non-profits accountable to provide services to our community because they provided services in a more efficient way than government but were

still necessary services. He noted that the City had an annual \$3.9 billion Budget in a city of 1.4 billion people and noted that San Antonio was doing more with less than many peer cities. He asserted that the City was spending every last dollar with accountability but cautioned that we could not have nice things if we did not invest. Mayor Nirenberg closed the discussion by thanking staff for their work.

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

5. Ordinance setting the City's proposed maintenance and operations tax rate at 33.009 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation and the City's proposed debt service tax rate at 21.150 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation as recommended in the FY 2025 Proposed Budget. There is no increase in the city's property tax rate. [Erik Walsh, City Manager]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve. Councilmember Courage 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, Whyte

6. Ordinance setting the date, time and place for two Budget Public Hearings and two Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearings. [Erik Walsh, City Manager]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve. Councilmember Viagran 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, Whyte

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment**

7. **2024-08-15-0587**  
Ordinance approving a contract with Aptaero Inc. to provide a software solution and implementation services for an online visitor management program for the Aviation Department for a total cost of \$250,000. Funding is from the Airport Operating & Maintenance Fund. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**8. 2024-08-15-0588**

Ordinance approving a contract with Baker & Taylor LLC to purchase library materials and provide cataloging, processing, electronic ordering and invoicing services for the San Antonio Public Library, beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2029, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for an annual cost of \$3,500,000, and a total cost of \$24,500,000 over the entire contract term. Funding of \$3,500,000 is from the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed 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 Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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**

**9. 2024-08-15-0589**

Ordinance amending the River Walk Lease Agreement between Omni La Mansion Corporation and the City of San Antonio to provide a new five-year base term, with three, five-year renewal options. Revenue in the total amount of \$238,962.90 over the initial five-year term will be deposited into the Riverwalk Capital Improvement Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations Department]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**10. 2024-08-15-0590**

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 sewer easements and two temporary construction easements in NCB 15180 and 15139 on privately owned real property located in the southwest quadrant of Bexar County, in Council District 4, beginning 400 feet north of the intersection of Valley Hi Drive and SW Loop 410 Northbound Access Road, traveling west under Loop 410, and ending 400 feet north of the intersection of Valley Hi Drive and SW Loop 410 Southbound Access Road, related to the Loop 410 @ Valley Hi Drive Bore Project; declaring the project to be for public use and a public necessity for the acquisition. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia pulled the Item for individual consideration and made a motion to approve. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the property description into the motion.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve. Councilmember Castillo 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

**11. 2024-08-15-0591**

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 three permanent water easements and three temporary construction easements in CB 4381, 4382, 4401, 4353, 4367, 4378, 4383, 4379, 4380, and 4402 on privately owned real property located in the northwest quadrant of Bexar County, in the City of San Antonio's ETJ, beginning at the south side of Talley Road near the intersection of Talley Road and Tahoe Vista, then traversing in a southwest direction before proceeding in a southerly direction to a point along Stevens Circle, related to the Stevens Ranch 24-Inch Water Main Project; declaring the project to be for public use and a public necessity for the acquisition. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia pulled the Item for individual consideration and made a motion to approve. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the property description into the motion.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia 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

**Grant Applications and Awards**

**12. 2024-08-15-0592**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds upon award in an amount not to exceed \$60,300 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief, Police]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**13. 2024-08-15-0593**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds upon award in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief, Police]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**City Code Amendments**

**14. PULLED**

Ordinance amending Section 22-28 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, Public Parks Hours of Operation and Curfew, to provide the curfew applies to HemisFair Park; to establish affirmative Defenses; and with penalties for violations. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation Department]

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kelly Ann Gonzalez opposed a curfew for Hemisfair Park citing negative impacts on downtown workers.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Kaur stated that residents of Hemisfair Park (HPARC) had requested additional safety protocols including a curfew for Hemisfair Park after several incidents of violence. She noted that additional lighting had improved visibility and communication had been enhanced among residents. Councilmember Kaur commented that other parks had curfews but allowed residents to access their homes noting that even Central Park in New York City (NYC) had a curfew.

Councilmember Kaur asked SAPD Chief William McManus about the ability for residents or workers walking home from work through the park. McManus stated that the bike patrol were able to use their discretion, but the Ordinance needed to be specific to allow access through the park to get to an establishment and allow dog walking. Assistant City Manager Houston clarified that the Ordinance allowed people to cross the park to get to a destination outside the park or walk their dog.

Councilmember Kaur moved to clarify the Ordinance so that persons could walk through the park to a destination both inside or outside the park or walk their dog. She withdrew her motion and instead moved to add that persons could be visiting an open business.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern with Police Officers having discretion noting not everyone was treated the same. He cited an example that a little old lady walking her dog would likely not be questioned by police, but a young black man in a hoodie walking to his car from his shift at one of the hotels or restaurants would likely be identified by police as a threat.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Continue the Item so that further discussion and public comment was made. He also noted that Park Police Headquarters were located within Hemisfair Park and there was nothing stopping police from handling calls without a curfew with the top calls for service being outside the window of the proposed.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Continue the Item to October 3, 2024.  
Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion.

Councilmember Pelaez asked why the curfew was being implemented so quickly. City Manager Walsh stated that the issue came up at the Public Safety Committee in June 2024 and the Committee voted to bring the issue to a City Council A session. Deputy City Manager Villagomez stated that there had been discussions with downtown stakeholders about the perception of safety. Councilmember Pelaez asked of the specific problem that the curfew was trying to address. McManus stated that there was no specific problem and that HPARC was safe. Villagomez mentioned an incident of a shooting. Councilmember Pelaez mentioned that other urban parks had curfews but thought more time to review the proposed curfew was reasonable.

Councilmember Courage supported additional consideration and feedback to ensure the solution was the right one to help deter criminal activity and make the park safer, however, the park was surrounded by hotels, restaurants, and bars and some people might want to walk through the park noting that it would be safer for pedestrians to walk through the park than along the streets. He mentioned that Park Police Headquarters was there and wanted to see other options.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia questioned that if this park, having the Park Police Headquarters located in it, was unsafe, then what park could be safe. She was concerned that this seemed rushed through for privileged residents of HPARC and we have not taken such action as urgently for other parts of town such as the East Side. Councilmember Rocha Garcia suggested that there were questions such as how would events at the Alamodome impact the Ordinance. City Attorney Andy Segovia stated that the proposed Ordinance would accommodate people traversing the park to get to their car from an event at the Alamodome.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda clarified that other parks had curfews but did not want to see workers receive a citation for walking to their car from their job. She asked if they would be required to prove to the police that they worked at a location or parked nearby. Segovia stated that they could use their job as a defense if they got a citation, but this would be during the hearing at Municipal Court. Councilmember Cabello Havrda expressed concern about workers having to take time to defend themselves in court.

Councilmember Castillo supported the continuance and stated that she would even be comfortable to vote against the Item as she felt this was counter to the plan to bring more visitation downtown.

She noted that the apartments were built on public land and the apartment owners had the benefit of not having to hire their own security for their residents since Park Police were always on patrol in HPARC. She also wanted to take into consideration hospitality workers and residents.

Councilmember Whyte disagreed that a curfew would keep people from using the park as it was a concern about public safety. He understood that law enforcement believed a curfew could assist with public safety at HPARC. Chief McManus replied that he did not believe public safety was an issue in that area and a curfew was not needed.

Councilmember Viagran recommended pulling the Item from the agenda to determine what residents and visitors really wanted for Hemisfair Park.

Mayor Nirenberg asked the Councilmembers if there was any objection to Lay the Item on the Table so it could be further evaluated by staff. There was no objection from any Councilmember so the Item was Laid on the Table and no action was taken.

### **Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments**

15. Approving the reappointments of Andrea Sanchez-Muniz (District 4) and Elizabeth "Beth" Graham (District 10) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of a term of office to expire on September 30, 2026 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia highlighted her support for the board appointment.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

16. 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 Trinity Lopez (District 5) to the San Antonio Youth Commission
- B. Reappointing Tomeka Pierce (District 1) to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee
- C. Appointing Temple "Scooter" Mangold (Medina County Representative) to the Conservation Advisory Board

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Council District 5 board appointment.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

## Miscellaneous

**17. 2024-08-15-0594**

Ordinance approving a Joint Elections Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Bexar County Elections Department for an amount up to \$800,000 for the November 5, 2024, City Charter Election. Funding is from the FY 2025 General Fund budget. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**18. 2024-08-15-0595**

Ordinance approving the memorial street name designation of Douglas Way, located between South Olive Street and South Pine Street, as Montgomery Memorial Way. [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Amin Tohmaz, Interim Director, Development Services]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**19. 2024-08-15-0596**

Ordinance consenting to the assignment of the Chapter 380 Economic Development Loan Agreement for the Peanut Factory Lofts project at 939 S. Frio Street from 939 S. Frio Street, LLC to San Antonio Multifamily 74 DST. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**20. 2024-08-15-0597**

Ordinance amending the Development Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the YWCA of San Antonio for the Women's Live and Learn Campus to incorporate the partnership between YWCA San Antonio and its affiliated entity YWCA San Antonio Support Corporation, and authorizing staff to execute all other documents necessary for the YWCA San Antonio Support Corporation's application for New Markets Tax Credits; and authorizing staff to execute all supporting documents necessary for closing on the New Markets Tax Credits and completion of the Women's Live and Learn Center Project. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica

Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**21. 2024-08-15-0598**

Ordinance approving a contract with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., for third-party claims administration (TPA) and related services for workers' compensation claims for the Office of Risk Management for a term beginning upon award, through September 30, 2027, with two additional one-year renewal options, for an estimated total cost of \$9,886,843 over the five-year term. Funding is contingent upon approval of the FY 2025 annual budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon approval of the annual budgets. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Debra Ojo, Director, Office of Risk Management]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**22. 2024-08-15-0599**

Ordinance approving the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located at 3668 Fredericksburg Rd. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmembers Kaur, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, and Courage spoke in support of the renaming of the soccer fields in honor of former San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza and noted his extensive work with youth soccer.

Councilmember Kaur moved to Approve. 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

**23. 2024-08-15-0600**

Ordinance authorizing a professional service agreement with Kelmar and Associates, Inc. dba Kelmar Global to conduct pre-employment background screening services for SAPD telecommunicators. The initial term of the agreement will begin upon award by City Council through July 31, 2028, with the option to renew for two additional years for a total cost not to exceed \$238,500, inclusive of renewals. Funding in the amount of \$39,000 was available from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Funding for future years would be contingent upon

City Council approval of the annual budget. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

### **City Manager's Report**

#### **24. City Manager's Report**

There was no City Manager's Report.

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**