

City of San Antonio



Minutes Transportation and Mobility

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6, Chair
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 | Teri Castillo, Dist. 5
John Courage, Dist. 9

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

1:30 PM

City Hall Complex

The Transportation and Mobility Committee convened a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Briefing Room beginning at 1:33 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Chair*
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Member*
Teri Castillo, *Member*
John Courage, *Member*

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2023 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Courage
Absent: None

Public Comment

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Consideration of At-Large Applicants to the Airport Advisory Commission (11 Seats) [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre provided an overview of the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) noting that there were 11 open seats on the 19 member AAC. Racca-Sittre stated that there were representatives designated by office such as: one Alamo Area Council of Governments seat, one Airport Business Lessee seat, two Aviation Industry seats, and one Travel and Tourism seat.

Racca-Sittre reported that there were a total of 33 applications received after extensive advertisement. She noted that a short list committee comprised of Chair Cabello Havrda and Councilmember McKee- Rodriguez reviewed the applications and recommended the consideration of 17 applicants. Racca-Sittre noted that the Committee would be interviewing candidates for six seats in the Business and Community Categories; three seats each. Racca-Sittre mentioned that Mr. Roland Vasquez withdrew his application and two applicants provided a written statement: Juan Carlos Merlo (Business) and Rami Motawea (Community).

The following applicants were interviewed by the Committee for the Business Community seats: Ronnell Bright, Marsha Hendler, Joshua Nash, Charles Nuttall, Pulapaka Srinivas, Jeremy Roberts, MaryAnne Shweers and Melissa Williams.

The following applicants were interviewed by the Committee for the Community seats: Jennifer Haigh, Jeremy Roberts, and James Velesky.

Councilmember Courage moved that the Transportation and Mobility Committee recommend the following candidates to serve on the Airport Advisory Commission, and for the nominations to be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration at the June 1, 2023 A Session. Nominees are: Diane Rath (AACOG seat), Mark Provost (Airport Business Lessee seat), Marc Miller (Aviation Industry seat), Marco Barros (Travel & Tourism Industry seat), Marsha Hendler (Business Community seat), Joshua Nash (Business Community seat), MaryAnne Schweers (Business Community Seat), Melissa Williams (Community seat), Jeremy Roberts (Community seat) and James Velesky (Community seat). Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Castillo, Courage

Absent: McKee-Rodriguez

3. Briefing by the Public Works Department on reporting capital project statuses to City Council Committees and Boards and providing a status on the City's implementation of the Responsible Bidders Ordinance. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Director of Public Works and City Engineer Razi Hosseini provided background on the new boards charged with overseeing the Bond and other capital projects: a Streets, Bridges, & Sidewalks Advisory Board and a Storm Water Management Advisory Board. Hosseini reported that the Parks and Library Board would oversee their Bond propositions, respectively.

Hosseini provided an update on the Responsible Bidder Ordinance that was approved in January of 2023 to ensure quality contractors on all City projects. He noted that the department, with the contracting community, developed a scorecard and had trained staff to use the tool.

Hosseini provided a definition of liquidated damages which were monetary compensation for actual damages incurred by the City. Hosseini provided criteria for early completion incentives proposed to be included in construction contracts which included: location within a major corridor or a tourist, historic, downtown or business district with significant impact on businesses, schools or other stakeholders.

Chair Cabello Havrda lauded the Responsible Bidder Ordinance and thanked staff for developing program and looked forward to improved services to our community. She noted that contractors supported the Ordinance. Hosseini added that the City of Austin was interested in replicating the program.

Chair Cabello Havrda requested a definition of “significant impact” to businesses and recommended asking the stakeholders for their input. Hosseini stated that anything that impacted access to the facility for longer than a few days, particularly for hospitals and clinics would be considered significant.

Councilmember Courage requested information on how a vendor could bring their company back into good standing after a bad experience and suggested looking at experience with other government owners, including consideration of positive references.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez suggested there were not enough workers in the construction industry which could impact quality of the contractors and asked how staff might ensure vendor availability, however, he wanted to ensure that the worker’s rights and safety were taken into consideration. Rod Sanchez recommended asking proposers on alternative delivery projects about staffing but low bid project would benefit from the Responsible Bidder Ordinance and he also mentioned the Council Consideration Request for heat illness prevention for construction workers.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez noted that the threshold to move a contractor into a non-responsible status was 70% and if they were consistently hovering on the threshold might need to be considered. Sanchez stated that staff would like to implement the process and evaluate it after a year. Hosseini stated that the intention was to work with contractors and help them be successful.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked how long it would take to finalize the liquidated damages methodology. Hosseini said staff was working with the Texas Department of Transportation as they had a model but noted that the liquidated damages would be calculated on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff for their work on the program and in the community. She requested that the department track the number of community calls made to a Project Manager regarding a specific project.

Chair Cabello Havrda closed the discussion by stating that she looked forward to the Responsible Bidder Program. Item was for briefing only so no action was required.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk