

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



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**2023 – 2025 Council Members**

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

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 3, 2023**

**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 9:09 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 10** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT: 1** - Rocha Garcia

**PROCEDURAL**

**1. Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Rabbi Roy Garcia and Rabbi Baruch Garcia, of The Baruch Hashem, guest of Councilmember Courage, Council District 9.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of June 14, 2023; June 15, 2023; June 21, 2023; and June 22, 2023.

Councilmember Courage moved to Approve the minutes of the City Council meetings of June 14, 2023, June 15, 2023, June 21, 2023 and June 22, 2023. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg led a moment of silence for local homeless advocate Billy Mahone, artist Gilbert Duran, and mariachi singer and educator Belle Ortiz.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Coast Guard and invited Coast Guard leadership to speak.

Councilmember Viagran recognized Team Shine of the Cheerability organization which hosted differently-abled girls in cheerleading competitions.

Councilmember Viagran announced the Fit Family Challenge Finale at Brooks City Base in Council District 3.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **4. 2023-08-03-0493**

Ordinance approving a contract with Harris County Rentals, LLC, to provide an articulated boom lift for the Convention & Sports Facilities Department for a cost of \$65,998.69. Funding is from the Texas Public Facilities Corporation and included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**5. 2023-08-03-0494**

Ordinance approving a contract with Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., formerly Creative Bus Sales, Inc., to provide two wheelchair accessible buses for a cost of \$373,322 for the Department of Human Services. Funding in the amount of \$186,661 is from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget for one bus, and \$186,661 is from the General Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget for the second bus. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**6. 2023-08-03-0495**

Ordinance approving a contract with LMR Hog Trappers, LLC, for feral hog removal services including setting up, maintaining, moving, and taking down feral hog traps at various sites within the San Antonio city limits. Term begins upon award and ends March 31, 2026, with two, one-year renewal options for an estimated annual cost of \$35,000 and an estimated total cost of \$175,000. Funding is from the FY 2023 Adopted General Fund 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 Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**7. 2023-08-03-0496**

Ordinance approving a contract with Burkett Arbor Care, LLC, for tree planting and care services along streets and in City parks beginning upon award and ending March 31, 2026, with two, one-year renewal options, for an estimated cost of \$800,000 annually and an overall total cost of \$4 million. Funding is from the Tree Mitigation Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

## Capital Improvements

### 8. **2023-08-03-0497**

Ordinance 1) approving a task order to a Job Order Contract with Amstar, Inc. in the amount of \$3,467,639 for Phase 1 of the Brackenridge Park project; 2) amending the Professional Services Agreement with SWA Group for an increased amount of \$696,659 for a revised value of \$2,200,314 for additional architectural and engineering design services associated with the design, construction and other related services required for Phases 1 and 2 of the Brackenridge Park project; 3) amending the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program with the reappropriation of \$526,751 from the Tree Preservation Fund; and 4) accepting a contribution of \$90,000 from the Brackenridge Park Conservancy to the Brackenridge Park project, a 2017 General Obligation Bond Program funded project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez pulled the item for individual consideration.

Shanon Miller, Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, provided background, scope and other information on the project and displayed a project map and photos of the location of trees and other vegetation that had infiltrated the historic walls and structures. The project included repair and stabilization of the retaining walls and pump house, reconstruction of the grant staircase as well as tree relocation and preservation. Miller provided a timeline for the project including past approvals by the Texas Historical Commission, Historic & Design Review Commission (HDRC) and Board of Adjustments. Staff recommended approval of the Item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Perez, Steven Lane, Greg Harman, Ida Ayala, Blanquita Sullivan, Susan Strawn, Roy Schweers, Matilde Torres and Grace Rose Gonzales spoke regarding the historical significance of Brackenridge Park and in opposition to removal of the trees and the birds.

Joe Calvert, Nicolas Hollis, and Terry Brechtel with the Brackenridge Park Conservancy (Conservancy) spoke in support of the Item. Lewis Fisher, Lukin Gilliland, Jr. and Joe Linson spoke in support of the Item.

The San Antonio Conservation Society provided a letter in support of the Item.

#### DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Director Miller to provide additional information.

Miller provided clarification that there were originally 70 trees proposed to be removed. As a result of the public input process, 48 trees were proposed to be removed which included: four invasive species trees, four trees that were dead/dying, 10 trees less than six inches in diameter, 24 trees between 6 inches and 24 inches in diameter, and six heritage trees. Miller added that

three independent Arborists had reviewed the plans and agreed with the revised approach which complied with U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Forestry Service standards.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez thanked the community members for coming to speak. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed support of making improvements to Brackenridge Park, however, he was concerned that the process did not include sufficient public input and noted that as a result of his and former Councilmember Bravo's efforts a community engagement process was initiated.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez noted that the recommended contractor did not have significant experience in historic preservation or in managing tree relocations. However, Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recognized the significant fundraising effort of the Conservancy. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that this was the first time the City Council was able to vote on the Item, but should it be approved. He requested that 80% of the trees from phase 1 to phase 2 to return and ensure proper care of trees moving forward.

Councilmember Pelaez commented that he had been going to Brackenridge Park for 31 years and spoke to his lifelong experiences at the park. He noted that he and his family had planted many trees at the park and within the City and was proud of doing so. Councilmember Pelaez commended the dedicated work of the Conservancy and City staff and added that both the community and the Conservancy had compromised to get to this recommended path forward.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito noted that her family and friends had enjoyed Brackenridge Park and commented on the significance of parks in our community as well as the need for significant investment in our parks, particularly historic Brackenridge Park.

Councilmember Courage acknowledged that the project had significant community engagement which resulted in a compromise. He recalled a project in Council District 9 that required the removal of trees in natural drainage areas which resulted in a compromise after working with the community and the design consultants. Councilmember Courage mentioned that he had not heard of any dire consequences of the project if it moved forward.

Councilmember Courage asked which trees would be removed that would impact the bird habitat. Miller stated that while some trees in the Lambert Beach area would be removed, many sizeable trees would remain to provide habitat for the birds and allow for public access to more of the park. Parks Director Homer Garcia stated that there were no bird nests in the project area. Councilmember Courage asked if Lambert Beach would be brought to its former glory. Miller stated that Lambert Beach would be restored to its historic state.

Councilmember Viagran asked what experience Amstar had in historic preservation. Miller stated that the contractor was planning to use Hunt Masonry as a subcontractor who had extensive experience in historic preservation. Director of Public Works and City Engineer, Razi Hosseini stated that Job Order Contractors were hired based on their qualifications and Amstar had been in business since 1999 and had already been working on the project for two years with top subcontractors with experience in historic preservation and tree relocation. Councilmember

Viagran asked how much the project was over budget. Hosseini stated that phase 1 was within budget but phase 2 had not yet been designed. Councilmember Viagran asked if the work on the Carriage House could occur before phase 1. Hosseini stated that 400 trees would be planted in Phase 2. Councilmember Viagran expressed concern that Phase 1 was moving forward and Phase 2 had not been designed. She suggested that the project should pay into the Tree Mitigation Fund for 48 trees being removed and asked how much a private developer would have to pay for the project. Mike Shannon, Director of Development Services, stated that the City was required to meet its own Tree Ordinance requirement which included planting trees to mitigate removal which is what this project was proposing. Councilmember Viagran asked how many trees would be planted in Phase 1 and requested assurance that relocated trees would survive. Miller stated that 26 trees were being planted in Phase 1 and that the contractor guaranteed survival of the relocated trees.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she hoped there would be more community support for the project.

Councilmember Castillo thanked the Conservancy and the staff for their work on the project and noted the extensive community outreach. Councilmember Castillo expressed concern that with current heat in San Antonio and climate change impacts, losing six heritage trees was six too many. She suggested that keeping more trees would help with greenhouse gasses, stormwater runoff, heat island effect and asthma rates in children. Councilmember Castillo requested impacts to drainage if the historic walls were removed. Miller stated that the option to reconstruct the walls by moving them forward and away from the trees would adversely impact the size of the channel and, thus, the drainage. Councilmember Castillo noted that decisions on historic preservation were often made without regard to the impact on low-income communities of color.

Councilmember Kaur thanked the River Road residents for their work, the volunteers of the Conservancy, City staff, and Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez for his leadership in requesting community engagement. Councilmember Kaur noted that the trees had become a public safety issue as the trees were leaning heavily on the wall and asked staff to confirm that this was a concern for public safety. Miller stated that the design team and experts at Public Works, Parks as well as Arborists have been concerned about public safety, noting that last week one of the walls collapsed into the river as a result of a tree. She acknowledged that the vendor had an experienced subcontractor. Councilmember Kaur wanted to ensure that the improvements were properly maintained and urged the Conservancy to ensure that the park would continue to be accessible to the public.

Councilmember Whyte requested confirmation that no funding would go to private entities. Brechtel stated that the Pump House would be made available to the public for educational purposes. Councilmember Whyte asked why a Job Order Contract (JOC) was used instead of a competitive bid. Hosseini explained that the City had more control over the experience and qualifications of a JOC. Councilmember Whyte asked if the JOC process was quicker and what was the maximum limit for JOC. Hosseini stated that the process was faster, and staff could approve up to \$250,000 on a JOC but above that they would need City Council approval.

Councilmember Whyte thanked Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez for insisting on a community engagement process but supported the staff recommendation as it represented a compromise.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda thanked the stakeholders for coming together to compromise but expressed concern that some stakeholders did not feel they had been heard. She supported more discussion to ensure that the project moved forward in the best possible way. Councilmember Cabello Havrda spoke regarding her family's experience and use of Brackenridge Park and how she wished there were such a facility in Council District 6.

Councilmember Pelaez asked Brechtel about the Conservancy's fundraising efforts. Brechtel stated that \$1 million was raised to build a walking trail and renovate the Pump House that could be used for education. Councilmember Pelaez commented that Amstar's website stated that they specialized in historic preservation.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez thanked Brechtel for clarifying that the Pump House would be used for community education and requested a timeline for when construction would start noting that the Item was added to the agenda on Friday and not originally posted last Wednesday with the rest of the agenda.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked how many trees were proposed to be removed in Phase 2. Miller stated that because the design for Phase 2 was not complete, she could not predict how many trees might be removed. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recommended identification of the specific trees of safety concern.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked about the effect of the delay. Assistant City Manager Lori Houston stated that the contractor would not begin developing their work plans or order materials until a Task Order was approved.

Councilmember Courage asked Miller about continued wall failures and if this would impact the cost to the project and what would happen if more trees fell. Miller stated that the cost of the current failure was included in the Task Order and Miller stated that if more trees fell, it would affect the cost.

Councilmember Kaur requested clarification on solutions that might be taken to the Historic and Design Review Commission during the delay. Miller stated that the process of going through the Historic and Design Review Commission could not be accomplished in a month.

Councilmember Viagran commented that a three week delay could help dispel rumors and get the stakeholders on board with the project. Councilmember Viagran asked Susan Strawn if the community would feel a delay would be fruitful. Strawn stated that they would support a delay and work with the staff and the Conservancy. Councilmember Viagran reiterated that the delay was to give more time for community dialogue.

Councilmember Whyte did not feel a few weeks would change the outcome and did not want to start out the new session setting a precedence that contentious items would just get delayed over

and over.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito did not support a delay citing the need to move forward and get work done.

Mayor Nirenberg asked City Manager Erik Walsh to describe the process. City Manager Walsh noted that Brackenridge Park was an important historical and natural resource for the City and acknowledged that the original process needed more community input so had been re-set after a false start. City Manager Walsh mentioned that he had re-engaged the Brackenridge Park Advisory Committee which was a group of local stakeholders that helped provide guidance and input. City Manager Walsh offered to provide City Council with a B Session to discuss Phase 2. Mayor Nirenberg commented that this was a good learning experience and noted that he had served on the Brackenridge Park Conservancy 15 years ago, with the intent to develop a master plan that would serve as an opportunity for the future. Mayor Nirenberg noted there was significant underinvestment in our parks but now was the time to make the improvements to Brackenridge Park that have been in the works for a long time.

Councilmember Viagran moved to Continue. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

### **9. 2023-08-03-0498**

Ordinance approving a lease assignment from TAE Souvenirs, located in Farmers Market, to Airish Delgado doing business as Latina's Closet and Jewelry for an assignment fee of \$3,000 and an increase in FY 2023 lease revenue of \$136.80 to be deposited into the Market Square Improvement Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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



## **Grant Applications and Awards**

**10.**

**2023-08-03-0499**

Ordinance approving the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds upon award of approximately \$58,725.00 for reimbursement of allowable costs for Interlibrary Loan services from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the period of August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023. [David W. McCary, CPM, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro S. Salazar, Director, Library]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- 11.** 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. Reappointing Kathleen Davis (District 6) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board
  - B. Appointing Daniel Rossiter (District 6) to the Brooks Development Authority
  - C. Appointing Joel Solis (District 10) and reappointing Jesse Zuniga (District 6) to the Building Standards Board
  - D. Reappointing Bert Pickell (District 6) and Barbara Scheib (District 10) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs
  - E. Reappointing Richard Vasquez (District 6) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Education
  - F. Reappointing Chantel Keller (District 10) and Laura Lopez (District 6) to the Disability Access Advisory Committee
  - G. Reappointing Myrl Britten (District 6) and Sherri Dugas (District 10) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board
  - H. Reappointing Bert Pickell (District 6) and Allison P. Cohen (District 10) to the Parks and Recreation Board
  - I. Reappointing Dr. Emily Fleisher (District 6) and Dr. R. Mark Rogers (District 10) to the San Antonio Arts Commission

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 12.** Approving the following Board, Commission and Committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025, or for the terms as shown below. [Debbie

Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

A. Reappointing Michael Valdez (District 6) to the City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board

B. Appointing Andrew Luke Holland (District 10) to the Historic and Design Review Commission

C. Appointing Dr. Brian Smith (District 10) to the Historic and Design Review Commission Technical Advisory Board

D. Reappointing Fernanda Maria Cardenas (District 6) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees for a term ending September 30, 2024

E. Reappointing Gabriela Smith (District 6) and Yaritza Cruz-Villarreal (District 6) to the San Antonio Youth Commission

F. Appointing Debbie Reid (District 2) to the Storm Water Management Advisory Board

G. Reappointing Eddie Pete Rodrigues (District 4), Erica LaHood (District 6), and Morgan T. Edwards (District 10) to the Transportation Advisory Board

H. Reappointing Walter Rogers (District 6) and Kevin Crozier (District 10) to the Veterans Advisory Commission

I. Appointing Lawson Picasso (District 2) and Tamara Benavides (District 10), and reappointing Jesse Zuniga to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

J. Reappointing Kin Hui (District 6) and appointing John Whitsett (District 10) to the Zoning Commission

Michael Valdez spoke in support of his appointment to the Higher Education Student Advisory Board. Mayor Nirenberg thanked Valdez for his service.

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**13. 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. Reappointing Geraldine Garcia (District 5) to the Brooks Development Authority

B. Reappointing Kayla Miranda (District 5) to the Building Standards Board

C. Reappointing Teresa Kilmer (District 5) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs

D. Reappointing Yvette Changuin Humble (District 5) to the Ethics Review Board

E. Reappointing Andy Castillo (District 5) to the Port Authority of San Antonio

F. Reappointing Andy Benavides (District 5) to the San Antonio Arts Commission

G. Appointing Anthony Gres (District 5) to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Committee

H. Reappointing Robert Gonzales (District 5) to the Transportation Advisory Commission

I. Reappointing John Gauna (District 5) to the Veterans Advisory Commission

J. Reappointing John Bustamante (District 5) to the Zoning Commission

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

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 14.** 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. Reappointing Karen Speer (District 5) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board
  - B. Reappointing Michael Hogan (District 6) to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
  - C. Reappointing Andre Greene (District 5) to the Disability Access Advisory Committee
  - D. Reappointing Agapita Jaramillo (District 5) to the Parks and Recreation Board
  - E. Appointing Bernardino Villasenor (District 5) to the Storm Water Management Advisory Board
  - F. Appointing Mark Camann (District 5) and Jonathan Melendez (District 10) to the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Advisory Board
  - G. Reappointing Maria Cruz (District 5) to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

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

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**15. 2023-08-03-0500**

Ordinance reappointing Naomi Miller (District 10) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Education for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 and waiving the City Code residency requirement for the appointment. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Miscellaneous**

**16. 2023-08-03-0501**

Ordinance approving a professional services contract with Worldwide Languages and

Communication, LLC to provide scheduled in person and remote interpretation services for a three year term beginning August 10, 2023 and ending August 9, 2026 with two optional one year renewal terms for an estimated annual amount of \$295,500. Funding is from the FY 2023 Adopted General Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Dr. Jennifer Mata, Director, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**17. 2023-08-03-0502**

Ordinance approving a Financial Underwriter Syndicate selected from the Financial Underwriting Pool for financing of Tax Exempt and Taxable General Improvement Bonds; Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation; and Tax Exempt and Taxable Tax Notes to be issued the week of August 21, 2023. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**18. 2023-08-03-0503**

Ordinance by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas authorizing the issuance of up to \$32 million "City of San Antonio, Texas Tax Notes Series 2023"; levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the Notes; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Notes, including the approval and distribution of an Official Statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company's Letter of Representations; delegating the authority to certain City Officials and staff to establish the terms of the sale of the Notes and to execute certain documents relating to the sale thereof; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this Ordinance; and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete

**Absent:** Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte  
Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**19. 2023-08-03-0504**

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$60 million “City of San Antonio, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023”; providing for the payment of the Certificates by the levy of an Ad Valorem Tax upon all taxable property within the City and further securing the Certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues; proving the terms and conditions of the Certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of the Certificates, including the approval and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company’s Letter of Representations; delegating the authority to certain City Officials and staff to establish the terms of the sale of the Certificates and to execute certain documents relating to the sale thereof; and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**20. 2023-08-03-0505**

Ordinance by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas authorizing the issuance of up to \$275 million “City of San Antonio, Texas Tax Notes Taxable Series 2023”; levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the Taxable Notes; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Taxable Notes, including the approval and distribution of an Official Statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company’s Letter of Representations; delegating the authority to certain City Officials and staff to establish the terms of the sale of the Taxable Notes and to execute certain documents relating to the sale thereof; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this Ordinance; and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**21. 2023-08-03-0506**

Ordinance by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas authorizing the issuance of up to \$175 million “City of San Antonio, Texas General Improvement Bonds Series 2023”; levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the Bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, including the approval and distribution of an Official Statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company’s Letter of Representations; delegating the authority to certain City Officials and staff to establish the terms of the sale of the Bonds and to execute certain documents relating to the sale thereof; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this Ordinance; and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**22. 2023-08-03-0507**

Ordinance by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas authorizing the issuance of up to \$25 million “City of San Antonio, Texas General Improvement Bonds Taxable Series 2023”; levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the Bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, including the approval and distribution of an Official Statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; complying with the provisions of the Depository Trust Company’s Letter of Representations; delegating the authority to certain City Officials and staff to establish the terms of the sale of the Bonds and to execute certain documents relating to the sale thereof; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this Ordinance; and providing for an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**23. 2023-08-03-0027R**

Resolution by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas establishing the City’s intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds from the proceeds of one or more series of tax exempt or taxable obligations to be issued by the City for authorized purposes and as further designated by series and federal tax treatment; authorizing other matters incident and related

thereto; and providing an effective date. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**24. 2023-08-03-0028R**

Resolution authorizing the issuance of “City of San Antonio, Texas Municipal Facilities Corporation Contact Revenue Notes, Series 2023”; authorizing the execution of an Indenture of Trust and Purchase and Investment Letter; and approving other matters in connection therewith. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**25. 2023-08-03-0029R**

Resolution by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas approving the issuance of a series of contract revenue notes designated as the “City of San Antonio, Texas Municipal Facilities Corporation Contact Revenue Note, Series 2023”; authorizing the Corporation to enter into an Indenture of Trust related to the foregoing Note and the pledge of certain revenues as security therefore; and authorizing the execution of certain documents in connection therewith [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance].

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**26. 2023-08-03-0508**

Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Firefighter Edward Chacon [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**27. 2023-08-03-0509**

Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Engineer Gary Saucedo [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**28. 2023-08-03-0510**

Ordinance approving a Professional Services Agreement with San Antonio Community Resource Directory (SACRD) for a Housing Services Portal for a one year term beginning August 3, 2023, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms for a total cost not to exceed \$175,000. Funding is from the FY 2023 General Fund Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood & Housing Services Department]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**29. 2023-08-03-0511**

Ordinance adopting the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program; and authorizing 51 staff positions; and authorizing contracts to execute program budgets. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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



**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**30. 2023-08-03-0512**

Ordinance approving a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District, generally located northwest of the intersection of State Highway 211 and US Highway 90, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County and the second public hearing. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rudy Niño, Interim-Director, Planning]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**31. 2023-08-03-0513**

Ordinance ratifying procurement for the City of San Antonio's Commercial Property and Equipment Insurance policy for a one-year policy period effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP) for an estimated cost of \$9,147,596.07. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Debra M. Ojo, Director, Office of Risk Management]

Councilmember Whyte moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Kaur, Rocha Garcia

**City Manager's Report**

**32. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Erik Walsh reported that this morning, San Antonio's 'AAA' general obligation bond ratings were reaffirmed by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service. He stated that Fitch Ratings announced last week that it had reaffirmed the City's 'AA+' bond rating and revised its outlook from stable to positive. He noted that San Antonio's bond ratings were among the highest of any major city in the United States and enable the City to borrow at the lowest possible interest rate.

City Manager Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Worker video featuring Takisha Durst, Community Health Worker with Metro Health. He stated that Durst was part of the Community Nutrition Team promoting healthy eating through VIVA Health and the Por Vida Program.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session held.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**

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