

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**
City Hall Complex
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 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 9:06 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

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

ABSENT: None

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Will Bonds from the Vertical Church, guest of Councilmember Whyte.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Castillo recognized the 95th birthday of Enrique Sanchez.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia recognized the 25th anniversary of Boeing Corporation in San Antonio and invited Boeing and Port San Antonio representatives to speak. Mayor Nirenberg presented an official congratulations to Boeing.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia announced the back to school event being held in Council District 4.

Councilmember Courage congratulated the San Antonio Dolphins who won the Rise Flag Football National Championship.

Councilmember Courage congratulated the Ronald Reagan High School women's golf team for winning the 2022 State UIL Championship and the 2023 National Championship.

ITEM FOR STAFF BRIEFING

3. Presentation of the City of San Antonio 2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023. [Erik City Manager Walsh, City Manager]

City Manager Erik Walsh introduced and presented Items 3, 4 and 5 together. He thanked staff for preparing the Proposed Budget and noted that the process began in March 2023. City Manager Walsh listed the top priorities of residents as indicated in the statistically valid Proposed Budget survey including homeless outreach and encampments, streets, affordable housing, animal care services and police services.

City Manager Walsh reported that there were 13,682 city positions with \$36.5 million in civilian compensation and \$18.6 million in uniform (Police and Fire) compensation. City Manager Walsh proposed a 4% across the board wage increase, compression adjustments, increasing the minimum entry wage to \$18 per hour with no increase to healthcare premiums. He noted that uniform compensation recommendations were consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police receiving a 3.5% salary increase and a 2.3% salary increase for Fire employees plus a .5% lump sum.

City Manager Walsh stated that \$1.6 billion or 46% was from the General Fund which was an increase of 5.1%, noting that \$963.9 million was dedicated to public safety. He noted that General Fund revenues were from property tax, sales tax, CPS Payments, CPS Energy one-time revenue from the sale of property, other revenues and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. City Manager Walsh announced that the Proposed Budget provided property tax relief, kept San Antonio safe, enhanced the quality of life for residents and improved customer service. He stated that the homestead exemption was increased from 10% to 20%, maintained \$85,000 exemption for Seniors and Disabled, kept the property tax freeze for property taxes with a program that would allow seniors to volunteer in lieu of paying their property taxes as allowed under State Law. City Manager Walsh also reported that the program to assist residents in applying for exemptions

would continue.

He added that the property tax rate was proposed to be reduced but used the unused increment from five years ago before it expired. City Manager Walsh mentioned some proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments that would help lower school taxes slated for the November 2023 ballot.

In the area of public safety, City Manager Walsh proposed a 26.1% increase for Animal Care Services (ACS) with \$460,000 for seven new positions for enforcement and compliance, \$1.1 million additional funding for eight new positions to respond to critical calls and increase response to 64%. City Manager Walsh proposed adding \$4.6 million for 32 new uniform fire positions within the \$372.3 million San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Proposed Budget; 12 more paramedics, 16 new Firefighters for the community and four new Firefighters at the San Antonio International Airport (SAIA). He noted that additionally, funding was proposed for the installation of 12 new Safe Baby Boxes at fire stations and additional resources for the Opioid Crisis Response Team. City Manager Walsh proposed to add 105 new Police Officers at a cost of \$119 million with 100 of the new officers to be assigned to patrol so that police could spend 60% of their time being proactive coupled with five new Police Academy Instructors to increase cadet graduation.

A top priority of the City Council was to improve residents' quality of life, therefore, City Manager Walsh proposed adding \$1.4 million and four new positions to focus on homeless prevention, shelter and address encampments. City Manager Walsh recommended adding \$41.2 million for affordable housing and noted an additional \$5.3 million from grants that would support the implementation of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). City Manager Walsh proposed adding \$2 million and 14 new positions for ACS spay/neuter, rescue, and adoptions.

City Manager Walsh recommended investing \$22 million in repairs, construction and condition assessment of sidewalks including the creation of a sidewalk condition index that would be completed over a three-year period; 16 miles of sidewalks would be repaired and 29 new miles of sidewalk would be built. City Manager Walsh noted that funding had been set aside in prior years to assess and rate the condition of non-service alleys in San Antonio. In FY 2023, \$1.35 million would be used to address alleys rated D and F (poor condition with potholes and overgrown vegetation) with a plan to address all alleys by 2026.

City Manager Walsh planned to add \$3.5 million for Metro Health to replace grant funding and add six new positions to enhance investigations of Tuberculosis and continue the partnership with UT Health. City Manager Walsh proposed a total library Proposed Budget of \$53.5 million with \$6.2 million added for library materials and building improvements mostly focused on HVAC replacements. City Manager Walsh stated that \$2.1 million and 16 new positions would be added to the \$124 million Parks & Recreation Department Proposed Budget with 11 of the positions dedicated to Hemisfair Civic Park, Alamo Plaza and other 2017 bond projects and the remaining five positions to support and maintain 250 annual events at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex. He reported that funding was included for maintenance of city cemeteries (\$714,000) and vacant green spaces (\$150,000).

In the area of small business and economic development, City Manager Walsh stated that the Proposed Budget included \$2 million for small business construction mitigation and for a 0% interest loan buy down program, \$2.5 million for City fee waivers, \$1.5 million for Inner City investment, and \$6.5 million for business economic development opportunities. City Manager Walsh noted that there was \$11.9 million in the Resiliency, Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (REES) Fund which was proposed to be used to address the urban heat island through the Cool Pavement Program (\$2 million), grants to community organizations (\$2.5 million), weatherization for low-income homeowners (\$1 million), Proposed Budgeted \$3 million to leverage grants, business incentives (\$1.5 million), support for the Office of Sustainability (\$1.9 million) and a City electric vehicle program.

City Manager Walsh stated that customer service improvement was a priority which included adding \$158,000 to fund three new positions in the 3-1-1 call center and he proposed \$332,000 to fund four new support positions in the Good Neighbor Program which was designed to address single residential properties with 12 or more calls (9-1-1 or 3-1-1) in the past 90 days through a multi-departmental coordinated approach and the Dangerous Assessment Response Team (DART) which targeted and abated nuisance properties.

City Manager Walsh proposed to expand the City's library card system to 29 branches at a cost of \$37,000. City Manager Walsh proposed a rate increase in the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Fund in a tiered approach based on the size of the carts as well as the environmental fee to help fund increased costs in the Solid Waste Management Department's proposed \$148.8 million which provided trash recycling, organic, brush and bulky services to 370,000 homes twice per week.

City Manager Walsh proposed a \$135 million SAIA Proposed Budget noting increased air travel and the Airport Terminal Development Program. City Manager Walsh stated that the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) had recovered from the pandemic and was projected to earn \$107 million as compared to \$93.5 million pre-pandemic in FY 2019. City Manager Walsh noted that FY 2024 was the third year of the three-year Arts Grants funding cycle and he proposed a \$12.6 million Proposed Budget for the Department of Arts & Culture with \$650,000 for public art maintenance from the General Fund (remaining funding was from HOT).

City Manager Walsh stated that the Proposed Capital Budget included the new Airport Terminal Development Project, 2022 Bond Program, design for five drainage projects on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, as well as funding for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. City Manager Walsh reported that the City was on track to spend all ARPA funds by the December 2026 deadline and noted that of the original \$326.9 million allocated, only \$152.9 million was remaining and 90% of the remaining funds were under contract.

City Manager Walsh provided a timeline for the FY2024 Proposed Budget which included community town halls from August 14-24, 2023, City Council Proposed Budget Work Sessions in August and September 2023. He added that the Tax Rate and Proposed Budget Public Hearings were scheduled for August 30, 2023 and September 7, 2023; with Proposed Budget adoption September 14, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vicki Steerman spoke in support of the Proposed Budget for ACS.

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Proposed Solid Waste Budget increases and other services and recommended a larger tax decrease.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Viagran requested more information regarding the sales tax increase and suggested more programs to support buy local to increase tax collections. Councilmember Viagran noted that homeless encampments often led to other property crimes and she supported the funding to address homelessness as well as more funding for ACS with a focus on education and spay/neuter services. She requested more information regarding fleet services and was pleased with funding to address vacant lots.

Councilmember Viagran requested an update on the 2017 Bond projects that were not yet completed. She supported the funding for sustainability and maintenance of public art, particularly adding General Fund dollars to support the maintenance of art so that the HOT funding could go to arts programming and artists.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested more consistency in how the Proposed Budget was being presented and noted some discrepancies in public safety. Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez stated that the Public Safety Proposed Budget included SAFD, SAPD and Park Police and the presentation only included the General Fund. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez was surprised that the outdoor fitness facility for police was going to cost \$1.1 million and suggested that this should be included in the 2027 Bond Program rather than using operational dollars as there were more pressing needs for public safety.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed support for the increased funding for ACS but felt the achievement of no-kill status needed more resources and requested an ACS facility on the east side of town. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern for increasing solid waste fees but spoke in support of improving the Council District 2 Senior Center. He supported Public Works trying to achieve street Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) score of 80 and supported the construction grant program but wanted to see a more coordinated construction plan.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recommended an Office of Crime Prevention and Recidivism noting that the director was being hired but there needed to be more staff to seek grants. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested the establishment of a reproductive access fund, more funding for the diabetes continuum of care, more funding for City Council Offices to outreach, and to expand Municipal Courts and the SA CORE Program.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that her office had surveyed Council District 6 residents and their concerns mirrored the results of the City survey. She appreciated the focus on underserved areas of the community. Councilmember Cabello Havrda recommended increasing

the number of San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Police Officers and noted that adding Patrol Officers could help take the stress off the SAFFE Program and allow SAFFE Officers to be more effective. She was excited about the sidewalk condition index, noting that most residents could not afford to fix their own sidewalks as required in City Code.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported the increased investment in ACS. She also supported the development of a reproductive health program at Metro Health. Councilmember Cabello Havrda supported increased funding for parks to provide more shade over the playgrounds. Councilmember Cabello Havrda requested a needs assessment for SAFD. City Manager Walsh stated that SAFD would provide an update on the accreditation process to the Public Safety Committee next week which could help set those goals. Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted that the City was still recovering from the pandemic.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported investments in a position to track metrics related to homelessness prevention and encampments, a public information campaign on affordable housing, and homebuyer assistance programs. She supported the continued public health partnership with UT Health and requested more information on what they and Metro Health were doing particularly related to the new strain of COVID-19 response.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported the addition of Fire Station 21 but recommended more medical services on the southside after the recent hospital closure. She expressed concern that increasing the SAFD Proposed Budget was not keeping pace with the need as compared to the SAPD Proposed Budget. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked where the new paramedics would be deployed and recommended enhancement of the SA CORE team. She supported funding for the Opioid Crisis Response Program and asked how the Council Consideration Requests (CCR) fed into the Proposed Budget as there was a CCR for this.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended including innovation, diversity, equity, and inclusion components in every department's Proposed Budget to help save money and promote equity. She recommended investment of more than funds to resolve the issue of homelessness. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked why sustainability was being moved out of the Solid Waste Fund. City Manager Walsh replied that because the Solid Waste Fund needed an increase to their rates and adding more costs to sustainability would make the rate increase much higher. City Attorney Andy Segovia asked Dr. Jennifer Mata, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) to explain how they were working with every department. Mata stated that every department had completed a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis during the Proposed Budget process.

Councilmember Castillo noted that the Proposed Budget had been shaped over the past year and was a long process. She supported the proposals related to tax relief and recommended funding the Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC) property tax hub to provide education services. Councilmember Castillo supported the improvements to ACS and thanked the ACS Advisory Board for their advocacy. She thanked SAFD for communicating with the City Council about needs in the community. Councilmember Castillo recommended an additional \$500,000 to Metro Health for reproductive health and access to insulin as included in Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez' CCR. She thanked staff for the increased access to enhanced library cards as well as

the investment in permanent supportive housing but recommended preservation and increases in public housing, noting that Opportunity Home was working to access more Federal funding to take care of their facilities.

Councilmember Castillo supported the improvement of green spaces and agreed with Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez' recommendation to shift the \$1.1 million for SAPD workout facilities to more impactful public safety services. Councilmember Castillo requested more SAFFE and mental health Officers and suggested shifting some of the new Patrol Officers to those areas.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito noted that the priorities of Council District 7 were included in the Proposed Budget and highlighted her support for the additional funding for ACS, particularly for proactive mitigation and advocated for a low cost/free spay/neuter clinic in Council District 7 or on Culebra Road which also bordered Council District 5. Councilmember Alderete Gavito expressed concern with the proposed ACS staffing breakdown and recommended fewer positions for animal exams or other support positions and more boots on the ground for safety and enforcement. She noted that the amount of unhoused individuals in San Antonio was rising and more needed to be done to address chronic homelessness or families at risk of losing their homes.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito requested faster issuance of housing vouchers and greater services for youth aging out of foster care, noting a need to focus on short term solutions while continuing the long-term plan. She stated that cleaning up the encampments was not a final solution and requested more outreach coordinators for encampments and homeless including a dedicated staff member for Council District 7.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito advocated for a data scientist position at 3-1-1 to analyze the needs and improve service deployment but expressed concern that the proposed addition of staff was not enough. She noted that Council District 7 had the largest gaps in sidewalks of any council district and recommended more investment. She supported an increase in councilmembers' print and postage Proposed Budget proposed by Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez as these outreach services were critical to serving residents and providing information.

Councilmember Courage encouraged thoughtful evaluation of the Proposed Budget to meet the needs of the community that might not be coming to staff but came directly to the city council offices. He requested an explanation of how the property value and tax revenue expectations were determined and rate changes. Deputy Chief Financial Officer Troy Elliott explained that State Law capped the city's growth on the base value, but not on improvements and stated that staff developed a "no new revenue" rate as a baseline but the values continued to change until the City received the certified tax rolls from the Bexar County Appraisal District.

Councilmember Courage was surprised that the CPS Energy revenue was rising only \$4 million as compared to much larger numbers in the past. Chief Financial Officer Ben Gorzell stated that weather, fuel prices, and the cost of energy from the grid impacted the projections and changes could happen fast, however, there was not good historical data due to increased uncertainty. City Manager Walsh stated that no assumption regarding rate increases was made in the Proposed Budget as City Council still needed to approve any requested rate increase.

Councilmember Courage asked about the proposed \$16 million in reserves and suggested that these dollars should be made available throughout the year as community needs arose, noting that the reserves were not tapped during the pandemic. Gorzell stated that the reserve was a part of the 2-year Proposed Budget plan and always worked to outperform the projections; a minimum 2-month reserve was required. Gorzell also indicated that a steady plan was needed for the City to stay in a strong financial position. City Manager Walsh mentioned that some of the built in Proposed Budget improvements were included in the FY 2025 base.

Mayor Nirenberg recommended an update to policies related to the reserve since the City was spending down its capital projects and needed to ensure we met community needs. City Manager Walsh stated that during emergencies the first line of defense was to cut costs before tapping into the reserves.

Councilmember Pelaez was pleased that the Proposed Budget was balanced and that it increased services to our residents. He mentioned that 40,000 visitors each year were also protected and served by our community. Councilmember Pelaez noted that many of our community problems were interconnected but cautioned that we needed to plan for exponential growth expected for the City that would impact all city services.

Councilmember Pelaez supported investment in domestic violence prevention, particularly for upstream interventions involving other community partners as well as the City. Councilmember Pelaez spoke in support of additional funding for public safety and the new Police Patrol Officers including their training but also recommended actions to help retain Officers.

Councilmember Kaur expressed excitement for the funding to improve the Kenwood Community Center and repair sidewalks. She supported the enhanced library cards and non-service alley maintenance funds but wanted to know more about how they would be prioritized. Councilmember Kaur supported funding for ACS and recommended more night and weekend services and to reconsider funding for a mobile spay/neuter van. Councilmember Kaur supported a focus on health and mental health as well as support for small businesses. She recommended the formation of a committee to help decide how to allocate the small business funds.

Councilmember Whyte wanted to ensure that the Proposed Budget was responding to the needs of our residents and felt that the sidewalks, streets, ACS and code enforcement were important issues that residents wanted to see addressed. Councilmember Whyte noted that he and Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez had a Council Consideration Request (CCR) related to construction mitigation that was going through the process. Councilmember Whyte recommended reallocation of funding from programs without defined metrics directly into community needs.

Councilmember Castillo noted that Council Districts 1, 5, and 7 shared boundaries and could share services. She supported the increase in the Councilmembers' printing and binding Proposed Budget to help get information out to the community and enhance education. Councilmember Castillo asked why there were no homeless outreach coordinators in all council districts and supported efforts to recruit and retain them. Councilmember Castillo supported the increase in

the entry wage from \$17.50 to \$18 and asked how long it would take to correct the compression issue. City Manager Walsh stated that more details regarding employee compensation would come during the work sessions and the process of evaluating wages would take two years.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recommended partnerships with universities for SAPD Fitness needs asserting that the money could be better used to help with intervention and prevention programs rather than simply adding police patrol. He supported funding for the homeowner/taxpayer educational program, and more staffing for the homeless street outreach team. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked how long it would take to correct the compression issue.

Mayor Nirenberg noted that this was the seventh Proposed Budget in a row that was developed using an equity framework that was intended to dismantle historic discrimination. He congratulated his colleagues for developing a tax relief program. He thanked Councilmember Castillo for proposing the senior volunteer program to help them pay taxes.

Mayor Nirenberg agreed that the approach to public safety needed to be comprehensive and added that investments in infrastructure also enhanced safety, particularly in areas previously underrepresented. Mayor Nirenberg acknowledged that programs had been created to create more equity in our community in all areas, particularly with front line staff such as 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 Dispatchers. He also requested information on the impacts of programs such as San Antonio Community Outreach and Resiliency Effort (SA CORE).

ACTION ITEMS

4. 2023-08-10-0538

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 2024 Proposed Budget. There is no increase in the city's property tax rate. [Erik City Manager 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, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte
Absent: Viagran

Items 3, 4, and 5 were presented together. See Item 3 for comments.

5. 2023-08-10-0539

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

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve. Councilmember Whyte seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Items 3, 4, and 5 were presented together. See Item 3 for comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

6. **2023-08-10-0540**
Ordinance approving a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., to provide helmets, accessories and helmet parts for repairs for the San Antonio Fire Department beginning upon award and ending March 31, 2026, with two, one-year renewal options for an estimated annual cost of \$390,000 included in the department's annual Proposed Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual Proposed Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

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

Capital Improvements

7. **2023-08-10-0541**
Ordinance ratifying a change order in the amount of \$124,126 with L.C. Mosel Co., LTD for the One Stop HVAC Repairs project to furnish labor and material to replace motors on 83 fan powered boxes and 11 heaters, increasing the total contract price from \$656,039 to \$780,165. Funding is from the FY 2023 Adopted Development Services Fund Proposed Budget and is included in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director Development Services]

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

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

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

8. **2023-08-10-0542**
Ordinance approving a five-year lease agreement with 6723 S. Flores Street, LP for San Antonio

Metropolitan Health District's operation of a Women Infant and Children's (WIC) Clinic as part of the Special Supplement Nutrition Program. The total cost over the term of the lease is \$958,856. Funding in the amount of \$271,356 is from WIC grant funds for year one of the lease. Funding for future years is contingent upon award of additional WIC grant funds. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge A. Perez, Director, Building and Equipment Services]

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

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

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

- 9.** Confirming the appointments of Councilmembers to external boards, commissions, and committees for a term concurrent with the 2023-2025 City Council term. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing Adriana Rocha Garcia, Marina Alderete Gavito, and Manny Pelaez to the Alamo Area Council of Governments
- B. Appointing Marina Alderete Gavito to the Alamo Area Council of Governments – Air Quality Committee
- C. Appointing Adriana Rocha Garcia and Manny Pelaez to the Alamo Area Council of Governments – Committee of Six
- D. Appointing Sukh Kaur, Melissa Cabello Havrda, Marina Alderete Gavito, and John Courage to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- E. Appointing Manny Pelaez as the BioMedSA Designee
- F. Appointing Teri Castillo as the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy & Educational Foundation (CECLEF) Liaison
- G. Appointing Sukh Kaur, Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Phyllis Viagran, and Teri Castillo to the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB)
- H. Appointing Teri Castillo as the Diez y Seis Commission Liaison
- I. Appointing Marina Alderete Gavito as the July 4th at Woodlawn Lake Designee
- J. Appointing Melissa Cabello Havrda to the Planning Commission

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the service of his colleagues on the external boards.

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

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

- 10.** Confirming the appointments of Councilmembers to external boards, commissions, and committees for a term concurrent with the 2023-2025 City Council term. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing Adriana Rocha Garcia, Marc Whyte, and Bexar County Commissioner Justin

- Rodriguez, Precinct No, 2 to the Fire and Police Pension Fund
- B. Appointing Melissa Cabello Havrda, Marc Whyte, and Thomas Edwin Silliman to the Fire and Police Pre-Funded Health Care Trust Fund (The Fund)
- C. Appointing John Courage to the Military Transformation Task Force
- D. Appointing Jalen McKee-Rodriguez as the San Antonio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Designee
- E. Appointing Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Manny Pelaez (Chair of the Economic and Workforce Development Council Committee), and John Courage (Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Committee) as Ex-Officio Members on the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
- F. Appointing Jalen McKee-Rodriguez and John Courage to the San Antonio Education Partnership Board of Directors
- G. Appointing Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Melissa Cabello Havrda, and Rep. Ray Lopez, House District 125 to the San Antonio Mobility Coalition (SAMCo) Executive Committee
- H. Appointing Sukh Kaur to the San Antonio Sports Foundation
- I. Appointing Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Phyllis Viagran, Adriana Rocha Garcia, Teri Castillo, and John Courage to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Directors
- J. Appointing Phyllis Viagran and Adriana Rocha Garcia to the Visit San Antonio Board of Directors

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the service of his colleagues on the external boards.

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

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

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. Appointing Louis Ortiz (District 10) to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
- B. Appointing Brigitte West (District 10) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being
- C. Reappointing Edna Griffin (District 7) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs
- D. Reappointing Melanie Cawthorn (District 7) to the Disability Access Advisory Committee
- E. Reappointing Anne-Marie Grube (District 7) to the Historic and Design Review Commission
- F. Reappointing Sara Gerrish (District 5) to the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women
- G. Appointing Laura Saldivar Luna (District 7) to the Parks and Recreation Board
- H. Reappointing Vickie Willoughby (District 5) to the Small Business Advisory Commission
- I. Appointing Jamie Coleman (District 2) and Matthew Baiza (District 7) to the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board

Councilmembers Castillo and Alderete Gavito highlighted their support for Board Appointees from their council districts.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rocha

Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. 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 Sarah Zimmerman (District 5) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Education
- B. Reappointing James "JC" Smith (District 7) to the Veterans Advisory Commission
- C. Reappointing Phillip Manna (District 7) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- D. Reappointing Robert Sipes (District 7) to the Zoning Commission

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

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

13. 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 Louis J. Fox, Roland Lozano, Milo D. Nitschke, and Bonnie Salas to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 16 – Brooks City Base
- B. Appointing Michael Ingersoll to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 17 – Mission Creek
- C. Appointing Janet Tovey to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 19 – Hallie Heights
- D. Appointing Janet Tovey to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 21 – Heather's Cove
- E. Appointing Janet Tovey to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 25 – Hunter's Pond
- F. Reappointing Andrea "Andi" Rodriguez to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 30 – Westside

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

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

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 Brenda Pacheco to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 32 – Mission Drive-In
- B. Appointing Michelle Hoang to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 36 – Thea Meadows
- C. Appointing Aaron Schackelford and reappointing Caleb Chance, Andrew Lewis, Markus Andrew Lopez, Brian "Scott" Teeter to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 37 – Nabors

D. Reappointing Paul Basaldua, Laura Cabanilla, Todd Compton, and George Weron to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 40 – Lone Oak

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

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

15. 2023-08-10-0543

Ordinance reappointing Irene Zinsmeister (District 7) 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 Alderete Gavito highlighted her support for the Board Appointee.

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

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

Miscellaneous

16. 2023-08-10-0544

Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Kutchins & Groh, LLC for on-call Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) services for projects at the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport for a three-year term with two, one-year renewal options for an amount not to exceed \$750,000, starting on the effective date of the ordinance. Services will be provided on an as needed basis and dependent upon available funding within the adopted funding sources. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

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

17. 2023-08-10-0545

Ordinance approving contracts with Veo and Bird Rides to provide dockless vehicle services in City Right-of-Way for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2023 with a one-year renewal option. Revenue generated from these contracts will be deposited into the City's General Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

Councilmember Pelaez questioned the need for scooters in the City and thought there needed to

be more discussion.

Councilmember Whyte asked if scooters could be ridden on the sidewalks considering there was significant construction downtown and if other cities policies had been reviewed. John Jacks stated that the City's Ordinance prohibited riding on the sidewalk and noted that San Diego, California allowed the scooters on a sidewalk with a maximum three miles per hour speed limit on the sidewalk. The maximum speed limit that one of the scooters would go was 15 miles per hour, which was allowed on the street.

Councilmember Kaur supported multi-modal transportation and looked forward to seeing the data and new geofencing technology.

Councilmember Castillo noted that the priorities were rider safety and education and requested data being collected regarding scooter accidents.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito supported new geofencing technology to keep scooters off the sidewalks.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Approve. Councilmember Kaur seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18. 2023-08-10-0546

Ordinance approving a funding agreement with CPS Energy to assist homeowners with small scale home repairs to make ready for the Casa Verde Weatherization Program for a one year term with an optional one year extension for an amount not to exceed \$1 million. Funding of \$500,000 is from the FY 2023 Adopted Proposed Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual Proposed Budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Kaur highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

City Manager's Report

19. City Manager's Report

City Manager Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Video of SAIA employee Amanda Simmonds

who focused on airport safety.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**

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