

City of San Antonio



AGENDA

City Council A Session

Municipal Plaza Building
114 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, June 6, 2024

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council will hold its regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at the above referenced date and time for the following items. Once convened, the City Council will take up the following items in any order during the meeting but no sooner than the designated times.

9:00AM: Call to Order

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2024-06-06-0406

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

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY RECESS FOR LUNCH AND RECONVENE TO CONSIDER ANY UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

6:00 P.M. – If the Council has not yet adjourned, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to continue the council meeting, postpone the remaining items to the next council meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified time on the following day.

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Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 35

Agenda Date: June 6, 2024

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Diez y Seis Commission Amendment

SUMMARY:

This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 80321, passed and approved on June 16, 1994, which established the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission and will reestablish and restructure the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission. This amendment would establish the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission consisting of seventeen members; including eleven (11) members to be appointed by Mayor and Council and appointing six (6) standing committee members, one from each of the following organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 4947, Mexican Consul in San Antonio, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio Charro Association, LULAC Council 648, and Avenida Guadalupe Association.

The Mayor's appointed Council Liaison to Mexico shall serve as Council Liaison to the Diez y Seis Commission. The Chair of the Diez y Seis Commission shall be appointed by the Council Liaison to the Diez y Seis Commission. Members shall be professional and/or active community participants associated with the advocacy, creation, education, of Mexican, Mexican American, or Latin American history, art, and culture.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 16, 1994, Council passed Ordinance No. 80321 establishing the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission to celebrate San Antonio's rich history and longstanding relationship with Mexico and to create a collaborative effort to encourage new activities. The Commission was originally comprised of 30 City Council appointed members from a list of names prepared by District 5 Councilman Juan Solis representing community organizations, including the Avenida Guadalupe Association and the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center; public entities, including City Public Service and VIA Metropolitan Transit; and individuals, including lawyers, advertising executives, attorneys, and educators committed to recognizing and celebrating Mexican American history and culture. The Commission consisted of four standing committees: Children's Programs, Senior Citizen Programs, Events Coordination, and Media Coordination. There has been no further City Council action.

The original City Council appointed members began departing the Commission in the late 1990's and by 2002, no original Commissioners remained. Members were replaced by volunteer community representatives without City Council consideration or action. Current membership includes Mari Sandoval-Ayala, Chair (LULAC Council 4947), Diego Armenta Martinez (Mexican Consulate in San Antonio), Belinda Menchaca (Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center), Edmundo Rios (San Antonio Charro Association), Lupe Torres (LULAC Council No. 648), Gabriel Q. Velasquez (Avenida Guadalupe Association), and additional volunteer community members.

The Department of Arts & Culture has provided staff support to the Commission since 2007. Since Fiscal Year 2010, \$50,000.00 from the General Fund has been allocated annually to support marketing and events coordinated by the City and Commission member organizations, including: El Grito Cultural Program & Civic Ceremony (Mexican Consulate); Diez y Seis Parade and Fiesta Alegria (Avenida Guadalupe Association); Fiestas Patrias Weekend at Market Square (LULAC Council No. 648); Diez y Seis Charreada (San Antonio Charro Association); Diez y Seis Mariachi Festival (LULAC Council No. 4947); Folkloric Dance Program and Symposium (Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center).

To honor and recognize the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission, the Department of Arts & Culture prepared this amendment in coordination with current Diez y Seis Commission members, District 5 Councilwoman and Diez y Seis Commission liaison Teri Castillo, the City Clerk's Office, and the City Attorney's Office.

ISSUE:

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 80321, approving the reestablishment, and restructuring of the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission, dissolving the four standing committees established by Ordinance No 80321, appointing six Standing Commission members, and creating a process for an additional eleven Mayor and City Council recommended members. This action is consistent with other Board and Commission processes.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve this action, limiting the opportunity for the Diez y Seis Commission to appoint members through the official City process, and limiting community collaboration in programming of Diez y Seis events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amending Ordinance No. 80321, reestablishing the San Antonio Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission and appointing members.

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 80321 THAT ESTABLISHED THE DIEZ Y
SEIS COMMISSION, APPROVING CHANGES TO ITS STRUCTURE AND
PROCESS FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS.**

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WHEREAS, On June 16, 1994, Council passed Ordinance No. 80321 establishing the Diez y Seis Commission (“Commission”) to celebrate San Antonio’s rich history and longstanding relationship with Mexico and to create a collaborative effort to encourage new activities and the Commission was originally comprised of 30 City Council-appointed members and there has been no further City Council action since that time; and

WHEREAS, the original Council-appointed members began departing the Commission in the late 1990’s and by 2002, no original Commissioners remained and members were replaced by volunteer community representatives and current membership includes Chair Mari Sandoval-Ayala (League of United Latin American Citizens 4947) and 10 additional volunteer community representatives making up the 11 member Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 80321 lists Juan F. Solis, III, former District 5 Councilman, as the Commission’s liaison and lists 30 Commission members by name who no longer serve as Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Ordinance will amend Ordinance No. 80321 by establishing changes to the Commission’s structure, providing for six standing member organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 4947, LULAC 648, Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Mexican Consulate in San Antonio and San Antonio Charro Association, each of which will appoint one representative to serve on the Commission, and providing for the appointment of an additional 11 members whereby, following application through the City’s Boards and Commissions process, the Mayor and each Councilperson will recommend one commissioner to be considered for appointment by the City Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Diez y Seis Commission established by Ordinance No. 80321 is amended as provided for in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. One commissioner representing each of the six standing member organizations will be appointed from each of the following organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 4947, LULAC 648, Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Mexican Consulate in San Antonio and San Antonio Charro Association. Additionally, following

application through the City's Boards and Commissions process, the Mayor and each Councilperson will recommend one commissioner to be considered for appointment by the City Council.

SECTION 3. For all applicable purposes of the Commission, a quorum shall be a simple majority of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the currently appointed membership.

SECTION 4. The City Councilperson who serves as the Mayor's Council Liaison to Mexico shall serve as Council Liaison to the Commission and will act as the Honorary Chair of the Commission, speaking at Diez y Seis press conferences and attending Diez y Seis community events. The Chair of the Commission shall be the commissioner recommended for appointment to the Commission by the Council Liaison to the Commission.

SECTION 5. The standing committees established by Ordinance No 80321 are dissolved.

SECTION 6. The City's Rules for Boards and Commissions, codified in Chapter 2, Article IX of the San Antonio Code of Ordinances shall apply to the Commission to the extent that compliance does not conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this __ day of ____, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

Diez y Seis Commission

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Background



- On June 1, 1994, City Council passed Ordinance No. 80321 establishing the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission to:
 - Celebrate San Antonio's longstanding relationship with Mexico; and
 - Create a collaborative effort to encourage new activities.
- The Commission was made up of 30 appointed members recommended by District 5 Councilman Juan Solis with four standing committees.
- By 2002, original Commissioners were gone and replaced by volunteer community representatives from: Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Mexican Consulate, and San Antonio Charro Association.

Proposed Amendment



- Reestablish and restructure the Diez y Seis Commission to align with other City Boards and Commissions
- Appoint six standing Commissioners representing: Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, LULAC Council No. 648, LULAC Council No. 4947, Mexican Consulate, and the San Antonio Charro Association
- Create an appointment process for 11 Mayoral and City Council recommended Commissioners
- Dissolve four previously established standing committees

Recommendation



- The Department of Arts & Culture and the Diez y Seis Commission volunteer representatives recommend approval of the amendment to the ordinance

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