

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

City Hall Complex
San Antonio, Texas 78205

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Mario Bravo, 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
Ana Sandoval, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Thursday, January 13, 2022

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 9:00 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 11 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

ABSENT: None

PROCEDURAL

1. The Invocation was delivered by Ginger Treanor of the Brookhill Baptist Church, guest of Councilmember Viagran, Council District 3.

2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of minutes from the City Council meetings on December 8, 2021 and December 9, 2021.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

Absent: Viagran

POSTPONED

4. Swearing in Manny Pelaez as Mayor Pro Tem for a term from January 14, 2022 through March 25, 2022.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez honored the life of Nathaniel Davis, past Chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed deep condolences on behalf of the City of San Antonio and led the meeting in a moment of silence in honor of the life of Mr. Davis. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that on January 15, 2002, the King family would complete a series of actions throughout the country in protest of restrictive voting laws which would culminate with a day of action on January 17, 2022. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that a virtual march would be held on January 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM at sanantonio.gov/MLK and residents would have the opportunity to get tested for COVID-19 at Pittman Sullivan Park from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez added that the MLK Commission was accepting scholarship entries and donations for the MLK Scholarship Award.

Mayor Nirenberg invited everyone to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, legacy and dream, which was still alive. Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed January 17, 2022 to be Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Day in San Antonio, Texas and commended the MLK Commission for its dedication to the work in memory of Dr. King.

Councilmember Perry congratulated the San Antonio Police Department on the occasion of its 176th birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nirenberg called on individuals registered to speak on Consent Agenda Items and noted that Item 26 would be considered individually and that Item 13 would not be considered.

Cecilia Castiano stated that the job order contract for Item 13 was released on March 25, 2021 and bidders were required to pay \$500. Castiano spoke of the previous job order contract where the award was substantially higher and noted that the current contract did not create opportunities for Small, Minority-Owned and Women Owned Businesses.

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to Items 6 and 17.

Maria Martinez, Officer of the Tourism Public Improvement District (TPID) Board of Directors, spoke in support of Item 18.

Avinash Bhakta, President and Founder of ABH Hospitality Management, spoke in support of Item 18.

Henry Feldman, Owner and Operator of Martin Feldman Hospitality Management and member of the TPID Board of Directors, spoke in support of Item 18.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted Item 17 and thanked everyone who applied to serve on the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees, especially Marinella Murillo.

Councilmember Castillo highlighted Item 27 and stated that she was looking forward to working with the Development Services Department to ensure that a program was created that provided wrap-around services to residents at risk of displacement through demolition of occupied structures. Councilmember Castillo highlighted Item 22 and thanked the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation Board and her colleagues for supporting the innovative use of an affordable rental fund.

Councilmember Courage highlighted Items 28, 29, 30 and 31 and expressed concern regarding urban sprawl and stated that he would like to see more development within the City. Councilmember Courage stated that it was more affordable to continue to develop within the City with the existing infrastructure.

Councilmember Bravo stated that as of 2017, the City received the UNESCO and City of Gastronomy designations. Councilmember Bravo requested that staff promote local unique restaurants.

Councilmember Viagran highlighted Item 14 and noted that small restaurants could not afford to have a site on the Riverwalk. Councilmember Viagran highlighted Item 18 and the appointment of Clarissa Esparza Tejeda to the SA 2020 Commission on Education and Venus Vela to the SA 2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being.

City Attorney Andy Segovia reminded the City Council that if substantive comments were made on Items on the Consent Agenda they should be pulled for individual consideration.

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted two Council District 7 residents, Philip Beckley on the Veterans' Commission and Katherine Sanchez Rocha on the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Committee.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Landry's for providing assistance to a child with Leukemia by treating her and her family to a viewing of the Riverwalk lights.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted Item 4 noting that the purchase of a helicopter would help the Police Department conduct needed operations.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted Item 11 and spoke in support of the United Service Organization (USO).

Councilmember Viagran highlighted the Item 15 appointment from Council District 3 to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Viagran highlighted Item 18 and thanked Henry Feldman for his leadership of the TPID.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez highlighted the Item 15 appointment from Council District 2 to the Inner-City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted Item 18 and thanked her colleagues that served on the Visit San Antonio Board and spoke in support of the TPID.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

5.

2022-01-13-0001

Ordinance authorizing CPS Energy to establish a Regulatory Asset for its 2021 Winter Weather fuel costs to be amortized over a maximum of 25 years and recovered through a Retail Bill Adjustment; and authorizing CPS Energy to recover the financing, legal and other allowable costs related to the Regulatory Asset. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

No: McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo

6.

2022-01-13-0002

Ordinance approving an increase of 3.85 percent to the CPS Energy Electric and Gas Base Rates (System Average) effective March 1, 2022; Tariff Amendments to implement the rate adjustments; and amendments to the Affordability Discount Program for Qualifying Low Income Customers. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Chief Financial Officer Ben Gorzell, reported that following Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, utilities

across Texas were invoiced for exorbitant electric and gas fuel costs, and CPS Energy was invoiced over \$1 billion for the approximate one-week period. Gorzell stated that CPS Energy had paid approximately \$418 million in fuel and other related costs from Winter Storm Uri. Gorzell added that the approximate remaining amount of \$587 million continued to be disputed.

Gorzell noted that to mitigate the impact of Winter Storm Uri fuel charges, CPS Energy was requesting a Regulatory Asset which allowed the charges to be capitalized and amortized over 25 years. Gorzell stated that the Regulatory Asset was requested in an amount not to exceed \$1.005 billion to capture the fuel and related charges including gas and energy charges, litigation costs, interest and interim financing costs. Gorzell noted that staff recommended that the Regulatory Asset be exempt from the City's 14% gross revenue payment.

Gorzell reported that CPS Energy requested authorization to debt finance Winter Storm Uri fuel and other related costs paid by CPS Energy through the end of calendar year 2021 (\$418 million) over a 25-year period with recovery of the associated annual debt service requirements through the fuel adjustment component of customer bills beginning on March 1, 2022. Gorzell added that staff recommended the establishment of procedures for the potential future recovery of amounts related to the approximately \$587 million in fuel costs currently being disputed.

Gorzell stated that CPS Energy's Affordability Discount Program provided a discount to qualifying low-income and disabled customers and CPS Energy had increased that amount by \$3.84, which was approximately the impact on the average residential bill. Gorzell reported that the funding was increased in the program to increase enrollment by approximately 14,000 customers.

Gorzell stated that the proposed rate increase would be utilized to address the immediate pressure on their Operating and Capital Budgets and for recovery of the costs paid and related to Winter Storm Uri, spreading the costs over 25 years. Gorzell reported that staff recommended that CPS Energy:

- Develop a timeline for discussion of generation planning options with the Board of Trustees and the Rate Advisory Committee
- Develop a timeline for the review of rate design
- Study total compensation levels
- Review the treatment of GAAP determined pension expenses within the rate model
- Assess the proposed plan and timeline for CPS Energy's Digital Enterprise Resource Planning (DERP) System
- Participate in the City's Ready to Work Program
- Develop a public Budget document outlining CPS Energy's financial plans for the upcoming fiscal year

CPS Energy Interim President and Chief Executive Officer Rudy Garza, stated that there was never a good time for a rate increase but if the rate increase were not approved, there would be greater impacts in the future. Garza indicated that CPS Energy was committed to being a transparent organization that would reinforce accountability and increase community engagement. Garza noted

that the rate increase would raise \$73 million which would: 1) Pay for infrastructure resiliency; 2) Provide new technology; and 3) Personnel wages.

Garza stated that the Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) voted 12-6 in support of the base rate increase and voted unanimously in support of the Regulatory Asset. Garza noted that the circumstances under which CPS Energy operated have changed over the past eight years due to growth and overall system demand. Garza reported that the affordability discount would increase from approximately \$12 per month to \$16 per month. Garza indicated that the RAC voted 12-6 in support of the rate increase and unanimously on the Regulatory Asset.

Mayor Nirenberg called on the individuals registered to speak on Items 5 and 6.

Antonio Taylor spoke against Items 5 and the proposed CPS Energy rate increase.

Lillian White spoke against Item 5 and the proposed CPS Energy rate increase.

Manuel Villa spoke in support of Item 5.

Anacua Garcia spoke in opposition of Item 5.

Lucy Garcia spoke in opposition of Item 5.

Christopher Mayorga spoke against the proposed CPS Energy rate increase.

Rose Hill noted concern regarding the CPS rate increase and its impact to community seniors and spoke in support of a third-party audit of CPS Energy.

Richard Perez, Cristina Aldrete and JR Trevino spoke in support of the rate increase and a third party audit of CPS Energy.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition of the CPS Energy rate increase.

DeeDee Belmares, Member of the RAC, stated that reform of the rate system was needed at CPS Energy and a way to shut down the Spruce Coal Plant should be identified.

Aaron Arguello spoke against the proposed rate increase and stated that rate reform was needed.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted that timing was bad for a rate increase but that an increase was needed for facility upgrades and maintenance. Councilmember Rocha Garcia recognized the members of the RAC and the Council Consideration Request that asked for the creation of policy, continuous planning, service for vulnerable populations and identifying ways to cut expenses. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked CPS Energy to commit to continue to assist energy burdened

customers and to identify and possibly enroll or pre-enroll customers needing bill payment assistance. Rudy Garza confirmed that he was committed to continue to assist energy burdened customers and enrolling customers into payment programs.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on the related costs of the winter storm that would be covered with regulatory assets. Gorzell stated that the fiscal impact to the City would be a 14% increase and be applied to the proposed 3.85% base rate increase. Councilmember Cabello Havrda reiterated the importance of communications during energy impact events and spoke of the lack of communication during the winter storm and the need to put end user's needs first.

Councilmember Pelaez spoke of the importance of evaluating where an organization was in the past and what their future held in determining the best solutions. Councilmember Pelaez expressed the importance of working together to address the needs of the community and all involved and stated that he supported the proposed rate increase.

Councilmember Courage asked for clarification on the factors City Staff considered in determining that a rate increase was warranted. Gorzell explained that staff spent and dedicated a massive amount of time on the review of the factors and was confident that staff provided sufficient oversight. Gorzell noted that staff took a different business approach to analysis that was grounded in needed business case. Councilmember Courage noted that it was important that the public was made aware of that fact.

Councilmember Courage asked how residents were able to apply for bill assistance programs. Garza provided an overview of the process of applying for assistance, auto enrollment of the assistance process and noted that 65,000 households were eligible for the program which staff were working closely with to enroll in the programs. Garza also provided clarification on the costs paid by individuals on assistance programs and the true costs related to their bills and assistance. Garza clarified that there were numerous programs offered to provide assistance as needed. Councilmember Courage asked if the RAC would continue to address concerns and policies associated with rate concerns. Garza confirmed that the RAC would continue to provide oversight related to provided services and rates.

Councilmember Sandoval spoke of the challenges and vulnerabilities residents faced considering events such as Winter Storm Uri and the unraveling of perception of CPS Energy management and organizational structure. She noted that this was something that this perception was one that was inherited by the current management team and that she was confident that the management team could get to where they needed to go. Councilmember Sandoval stated that the City Council was committed to support the utility company.

Councilmember Sandoval spoke of the importance of commitment of closing coal-based utility facilities. Garza noted the importance of evaluating the entire energy structure as a whole and noted that CPS Energy would make some decisions regarding the coal-based energy by December 2022 and committed to update the City Council on the discussion progress. Councilmember Sandoval asked for a timeline for the review of the energy rate structure. Garza stated that CPS Energy was committed to hold discussions with the RAC and Board within the next 12-18

months. Councilmember Sandoval also asked for a commitment to have energy experts discuss options with CPS Energy. Garza stated that he was open to meeting with experts. Councilmember Sandoval stated that she did not have complete trust in the utility company but stated that CPS Energy was working to build her trust and that she did support the rate increase. Andy Segovia clarified that a commitment to address was not a commitment to incorporate which should be understood.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern regarding the rate change increase's impact to Council District 2 residents and the need to continue to listen to residents and their overall concerns of rate increase impacts. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez read a statement that addressed his concerns for need for further community input, impact of lack of trust and rate restructure overview. He committed to work with CPS Energy to address his concerns and he agreed with fellow Councilmembers that an audit was needed and stated that he did not support the rate increase. Garza stated that he was committed to work with Council District 2 to address his and resident concerns.

Councilmember Viagran stated that the energy failure was not only one of the City but also one of the entire State. Councilmember Viagran expressed the concerns of her residents and the true costs of how a rate increase would impact rate payers. Councilmember Viagran asked how not approving the rate increase would impact the bond rating for CPS Energy. Garza stated that not passing the rate increase would mean increased costs of interest rates and costs associated with increased interest which would mean a reduction in services to residents. Garza stated that the rate increases also addressed the overall maintenance and reliability of the utility company for normal operations.

Councilmember Viagran asked if CPS Energy had sufficient Linemen to meet the operational need of services. Garza reiterated that CPS Energy Linemen were the best in the country and that it was important to hire quality staff and providing the resources they needed to complete their work. Garza stated that CPS Energy currently had the required staff to meet future weather events. Councilmember Viagran spoke of the infrastructure challenges in Council District 3 and asked for staff to track rate assistance provided and thanked staff for their efforts in addressing critical and equitable rate structure. Councilmember Viagran stated that she would be supporting the rate increase.

Councilmember Perry stated that he did not understand how the City of Austin was able to make funding available from Winter Storm Uri and the City of San Antonio did not. He requested a review regarding that. Councilmember Perry asked how the \$418 million for the winter storm costs were paid. Garza stated the winter storm costs were paid with short-term debt.

Councilmember Castillo stated that there were issues with the current rate structure and suggested that large commercial and industrial customers should pay their fair share rather than have residential customers paying at the current rate. Councilmember Castillo spoke of the repercussions of a rate increase on citizens.

Councilmember Bravo stated that it was important that the City ensured that CPS Energy was held accountable for events from Winter Storm Uri. Councilmember Bravo expressed support for an

outside audit of the utility which could result in a road map to success and operational efficiency. Councilmember Bravo asked for a commitment from CPS Energy that it would not influence the outcome of an outside audit.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if there was a risk assessment team at CPS Energy. Garza replied that had a very robust risk assessment team and that he would provide a summary of the risk assessment team scope for all Councilmembers to review. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked of the Residential Rescue Plan. Garza stated that he was not familiar with that plan and Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that she would reach out to the community member that made her aware of the program for more information and provide it to Garza for review.

Councilmember Perry spoke of the lack of trust by constituents of CPS Energy and noted that a rate increase would cause an increase across the City and would have a compounding effect. Councilmember Perry stated that he could not support a rate increase at this time.

Councilmember Viagran noted that she had conducted community outreach with Council District 3 residents and provided constituent responses to be entered into the record.

Councilmember Castillo emphasized the need for a review of the rate structure and motioned to delay Item 6 until January 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perry. Discussion was conducted on the motion to delay the rate structure approval.

Councilmember Bravo cautioned against asking CPS Energy to operate with rates of the past and noted that they needed to be able to compete with other employers. Councilmember Bravo stated that he did not support a rate structure vote delay.

Councilmember Courage noted that CPS Energy did not create the crisis and Winter Storm Uri was an act of nature and could not be avoided. He stated that the rate increase was needed now and would not support a delayed vote.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he would not support a delayed vote.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Continue Item 6. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Perry

Nay: Nirenberg, Bravo, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Discussion continued on the original motion to approve the proposed CPS Energy rate increase.

Councilmember Bravo spoke of the need for a new rate structure and the rate increase to stabilize the utility. Councilmember Bravo stated that he looked forward to building the best utility in the nation.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if CPS Energy sought other sources before recommending a rate increase. Garza stated that CPS Energy sought relief from the State of Texas. Councilmember

Pelaez asked for clarification on the City of Austin's rate structure. Garza stated that he would share a white paper with City Council on the utility's differing structure and rates.

Councilmember Courage addressed the need for assurance that energy plants were to be winterized and that customers had a sufficient gas supply. Garza stated that he would provide a letter to the City Council outlining CPS Energy's future commitments. Councilmember Courage expressed support for the rate increase. City Attorney Andy Segovia clarified that the commitments made by CPS Energy were not legally binding.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked the CPS Board and City Staff for their efforts and reiterated that discussion on rate increases were never pleasant but few would deny that they were necessary.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve Item 6. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Nay: McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Perry

CONSENT AGENDA

7. 2022-01-13-0003

Ordinance approving a contract with Noble Texas Builders, LLC, for the Lila Cockrell Theatre Arcade Roof Replacement project at a cost of \$532,198.07 funded from previously authorized 2019 Certificates of Obligation and included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

8. 2022-01-13-0004

Ordinance approving a contract with Silsbee Ford, Inc., for two special service vehicles for the San Antonio Police Department at a cost of \$83,661.44, funded from the FY 2022 General Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

9. 2022-01-13-0005

Ordinance approving a contract with Atlantic Diving Supply, Inc., for mail screening equipment and maintenance and support for a total cost of \$96,208.44 for the Finance Department, Print and Mail Operations Division. Funding for the mail screening equipment in the amount of \$67,201.84 and first year of maintenance and support in the amount of \$5,801.32 is available from and included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. Funding for maintenance and support for years 2 through 5 is subject to the appropriation of subsequent annual funding. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

10. 2022-01-13-0006

Ordinance approving a contract with Alterman, Inc., for Citywide vertical and horizontal micro scale cabling services for the Information Technology Services Department for an estimated total cost of \$3,100,00.00 over a five-year period. Funding for this ordinance will be identified when work orders are issued. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

11. 2022-01-13-0007

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$226,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2022 Adopted Budget: (A) Superior Collision Center, LLC, for Emergency Medical Service vehicle collision body repair services; (B) S&S Worldwide, Inc., for arts and crafts supplies; and (C) Hill's Pet Nutrition Sales, Inc., for dog and cat food. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

12. 2022-01-13-0008

Ordinance approving a Job Order Contract in an amount not to exceed \$698,114.68 payable to Amstar, Inc for general renovations at the Roosevelt Park Swimming Pool. Funding in the amount of \$480,000.00 is available from the FY 2022 Deferred Maintenance Program and included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. This ordinance also authorizes the

appropriation and amending of the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program with funding in the amount of \$218,114.68 available from the FY 2022 Parks and Recreation Adopted General Fund Budget. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager, Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

13. WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN – Ordinance approving Job Order Contracts with Alpha Building Corporation, Amstar, Inc., Belt Built Contracting, LLC., Con-Cor, Inc., HJD Capital Electric, Inc., Lee Construction and Maintenance Company (dba LMC), Tejas Premier Building Contractor, Inc., and The Sabinal Group, LLC., for the provision of Job Order Contracting program as an alternative project delivery method for incidental demolition, construction, repair, rehabilitation, alteration and deferred maintenance on City-owned and leased buildings, parks and other facilities of interest to the City. Each contract is for an initial term of two years with an option to renew for two additional one-year extensions at the City's discretion in an amount of \$3,000,000.00 annually for a total amount of \$12,000,000.00 per contract; and approving the recommendation to increase the task order amount threshold issued under the JOC program requiring City Council approval from \$100,000.00 to \$250,000.00. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

14. 2022-01-13-0009

Ordinance renewing a five-year River Walk Patio and Balcony Lease with Landry's Seafood Inn and Oyster Bar – San Antonio, Inc. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

15. 2022-01-13-0010

Ordinance approving the request and acceptance of reimbursement funding from the National Board of Emergency Food and Shelter Program reimbursement funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by adding an amount of \$1,002,500 for a total amount up to \$1,957,888, for qualifying migrant services expenses through March 31, 2022 and amending a professional services agreement with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. in an amount up to \$500,000, for a total contract value of \$700,000, for a term through March 31, 2022. Funding for reimbursement will be requested through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody

Woosley, Director, Human Services]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

16. 2022-01-13-0011

Ordinance approving the following Board Appointments and Reappointments to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2023 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]:

A) Reappointing Jeffrey Beyer (HVAC Contractor- Open Shop, Primary), Scott E. Burger (HVAC Contractor – Open Shop, Alternate), John Martin (Master Electrician – Union, Alternate), Max Hosford (Commercial Building, Alternate), George Saliba (Master Plumber – Open Shop, Alternate), Gary Kuentz (Master Electrician – Open Shop, Primary), William Burrus (Fire Protection Engineer, Primary), and Karen Carpenter (Fire Protection Engineer, Alternate); B) Appointing Greg McFarland (Mechanical/Plumbing Engineer, Primary), Adrian Contreras (Commercial Building Owner/Representative, Primary), Edward Del Toro (Master Electrician – Open Shop, Alternate), Lon Culbertson (Electrical Engineer, Alternate), Marc Ross (Residential Multi-Family Building Owner/Manager/Representative, Alternate), and M) Pete Sitterle, Jr. (Master Sign Electrician, Alternate); and C) Waiving the City Code Residency Requirements for appointees Scott Burger, Max Hosford, Karen Carpenter, Gary Kuentz, and Arthur “Pete” Sitterle.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

17. 2022-01-13-0012

Approving the following appointments to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees, the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation, and the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation for the terms as shown below [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

A) Antoinette Brumfield (Housing Expert), Eric Cooper (Community Representative) and Jane Paccione (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2023

B) Marinella Murillo (Housing Expert), Rachell Hathaway (Housing Expert) and Jordan Ghawi (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello

Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

- 18.** Approving the following Board, Commission, and Committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2023 or for the terms shown below [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

A) Reappointing Heriberto Gutierrez and William McManus to the Bexar Metro 911 Network Board of Directors for the remainder of unexpired terms ending February 28, 2022

B) Appointing Philip Beekley (District 7) to the City Commission on Veterans Affairs

C) Appointing Clarissa Esparza Tejeda (District 3) to the SA 2020 Commission on Education

D) Appointing Venus Vela (District 3) to the SA 2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being

E) Appointing Katherine Sanchez Rocha (District 7) to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Committee

F) Reappointing Donald Orion (District 8) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

19. 2022-01-13-0013

Ordinance approving a contract with Paslay Management Group, L.P. to provide an on-call organizational strategy consulting services for the Aviation Department in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 over a five-year period. The initial cost of \$30,000.00 is available from FY 2022 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

20. 2022-01-13-0014

Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Kaepfel Consulting, LLC to provide on-call performance management consulting services for the Aviation Department in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The initial term is for three years with the option to extend for a two-year period. The initial cost of \$30,000.00 is available from FY 2022 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

21. 2022-01-13-0015

Ordinance approving the issuance by the Arizona Industrial Development Authority of the portion of its Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A-1 and Series 2021A-2 (QCF/I Facilities) (the “Bonds”) allocable to the San Antonio Hospital Acquisition Project for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

22. 2022-01-13-0016

Ordinance approving the issuance by the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation of its “Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Loma Vista Lofts Apartments) Series 2022” (the “Bonds”) and for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code and in order to comply with the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation’s organizational documents [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

23. 2022-01-13-0017

Ordinance approving the issuance by the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation of its “Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Crosswinds Apartments) Series 2022” (the “Bonds”) and for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code and in order to comply with the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation’s organizational documents [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

24. 2022-01-13-0018

Ordinance consenting to the issuance of revenue bonds by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (the "Issuer") to finance and refinance retirement facilities on behalf

of the Borrower (as defined below), including Morningside at The Meadows located at the 600 and 700 blocks of Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas 78201 and Morningside at The Chandler Estate located at 1502 and 1510 Howard Street and 135 and 137 West French Place, San Antonio, Texas 78202 (collectively, the "San Antonio Project"), for purposes of complying with Section 147(f) of the Code [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

25. 2022-01-13-0019

Ordinance approving amendments to agreements with Jennifer Bankler, DDS, and Jackson David Singleton, DDS to increase compensation for professional clinical and consultation services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health program for terms ending on September 30, 2022 and during the renewal period for a total amount of up to \$57,000.00 and \$51,300.00 inclusive of renewals, respectively. Funding for the agreements is available in the FY22 Medicaid 1115 Waiver Oral Health and General Fund budgets. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

26. DENIED

Resolution initiating historic landmark designation for 117 Burbank Street and waive application fees. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Shea Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation]

Henry Rocha, homeowner of 117 Burbank, provided an overview of improvements to the property and asked that the landmark designation not be granted due to economic hardship and a good faith effort of improving the property.

Councilmember Castillo stated that she would not support the landmark designation and was satisfied with the efforts of the Rocha Family in improving the property.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she would not support the landmark designation.

Councilmember Perry stated that this was a classic case of property rights versus what the City wanted and that he always erred on the side of property rights. Councilmember Perry agreed with his Council Colleagues that the owners had provided sufficient information on the cost of historic restoration and associated cost burdens.

Councilmember Perry stated that he did not support the landmark designation.

Councilmember Courage asked the homeowner for clarification on his proposed improvements which the homeowner summarized.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Deny Item 26. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

27. 2022-01-13-0020

Ordinance accepting \$3,000,000 from the Inner City TIRZ and Midtown TIRZ for affordable housing projects and programs located in or out of the zones and allocate and authorize the expense of funds to the Demolition Diversion Pilot Program and the Under 1 Roof Program as outlined in the City's adopted FY2022 Budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

28. WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN – A Resolution granting the City of San Antonio's consent to the creation by Bexar County of a proposed Public Improvement District, to later be named the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District, generally located south of Potranco Road and North of US Highway 90 West in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, subject to the execution of a Development Agreement with the Owner of the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

29. WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN – Ordinance approving a Development Agreement with Briggs Ranch Management, LLC, owners of approximately 384.35 acres of land generally located south of Potranco Road and north of US Highway 90 West in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, setting forth terms and conditions to the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

30. 2022-01-13-0001R

A Resolution granting the City's consent to the creation by Bexar County of a proposed Public Improvement District (PID), to later be named the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District, generally located northwest of the intersection of State Highway 211 and West US Highway 90 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio and setting forth terms and conditions to

the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

31. 2022-01-13-0021

Ordinance approving a Development Agreement with Medina Stonehill, LLC, owners of approximately 568.3 acres of land generally located northwest of the intersection of State Highway 211 and West US Highway 90 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, setting forth terms and conditions to the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

32. 2022-01-13-0002R

Resolution initiating a rezoning of property, known as South Park Mall, on 58.1 acres out of NCB 12328, located at 2310 SW Military Drive, and waiving application fees. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

33. 2022-01-13-0022

Ordinance rescheduling City Council Meetings in January 2022. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

34. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Walsh did not provide a report today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 1:46 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss Items carried forward to the A Session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened at 2:20 PM and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session. There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

Attest:

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
Interim City Clerk**

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from the City Council meetings on December 8, 2021 and December 9, 2021.
4. Swearing in Manny Pelaez as Mayor Pro Tem for a term from January 14, 2022 through March 25, 2022.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

5. Ordinance authorizing CPS Energy to establish a Regulatory Asset for its 2021 Winter Weather fuel costs to be amortized over a maximum of 25 years and recovered through a Retail Bill Adjustment; and authorizing CPS Energy to recover the financing, legal and other allowable costs related to the Regulatory Asset. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Name: Chelsea Sanchez

Comment - 01/11/2022 02:59 PM: (No Vote)

I am writing to express my disapproval of CPS Energy's rate increase. I understand their arguments for its necessity and agree that there is need, but there are other ways to meet that need without putting an additional burden, however small, on San Antonio residents, especially because the expense of the 2021 winter weather in terms of fuel costs was doubled due to the negligence of CPS leadership. Ideally, costs would be recouped from those individuals responsible for CPS's lack of a qualified meteorologist on staff at the time, lack of appropriate risk management strategies for emergency winter weather, and lack of sufficient reliable and renewable alternative energy sources. These costs may also be obtained by decreasing, or better yet, eliminating the incentives they give to large energy consumers. Tiered rates should encourage more sustainable practices for individuals and businesses and move the burden of the expenses onto larger companies that have more budget flexibility. Finally, as noted by St. Mary's professor Cody Cox, a reduction of the six-figure salaries enjoyed by CPS Energy executives would not only show solidarity with suffering San Antonio residents but would also free up the company's budget for fair compensation to attract the employees they seek. In terms of raising costs, I am far happier paying higher taxes to the city or to CPS to fund renewable energy projects than to pay for the completely unavoidable and tragic mistakes perpetrated by known individuals making ten times what I make as a teacher and with a documented history of leeching off the people by charging personal expenses to the company account. If anything, CPS owes San Antonio residents and business owners for years of mismanagement and fraud.

Name: Araceli Garcia

Comment - 01/11/2022 04:15 PM: (No Vote)

My name is Araceli Garcia, and I am a resident of District 4. I hope the city council will listen to community members who do not want to see a bill increase from CPS. CPS has been irresponsible to the community and to the environment, and they should incur the burden, not community members. While their CEO and top administrators earn hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, they hope to pass on these mismanagement costs to everyday consumers who are often struggling to make ends meet - especially in the midst of a pandemic and the economic ramifications it has already had on our community. I hope the council will do the right thing and vote AGAINST the rate increase. Thank you.

Name: Scott Kanski

Comment - 01/12/2022 03:36 PM: (No Vote)

As city council discusses a potential rate increase for CPS Energy customers and San Antonians, let's not forget the ongoing failures of our public utility. Why should we pay more for electricity, when we're not even guaranteed it during harsh weather conditions, such as last year's freeze? Which, unfortunately, will more than likely happen again this year in San Antonio and Texas as a whole will continue to feel the consequences of climate change. While CPS Energy is looking for more ways to capitalize on San Antonio's lack of control over our public utility, families still have their power disconnected for late payments. I cannot fathom the cruelty it would take to consciously take away one's only source of energy during the unprecedented and extreme weather events we can expect in the coming years. There can be no rate increase until we have a fair and just rate structure that does not put the financial burden of CPS Energy's lack of preparedness during last winter's freeze or other missteps on the ratepayers. Not only do residents and small businesses pay proportionally more for energy than big businesses, who often fail to conserve said electricity, they are also much more likely to fall into utility debt, despite the fact that CPS Energy has some of the cheapest utility rates in the country for big businesses. If council decided to vote YES on this it would undoubtedly increase the number of disconnections, causing San Antonio's working-class community to suffer unduly. In this third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, where the only truly safe place is home, this rate increase and the subsequent disconnections will result in significant harm to San Antonio families. And as we approach that time of the year where record breaking freezes loom over the state, it would be unconscionable for city council to allow these disconnections, especially as a result of voting yes on this rate increase.

Name: Will McLeod

Comment - 01/13/2022 02:57 AM: (No Vote)

It is imperative that City Council tables this item and brings this up to a later date. With the omicron cases rising it is uncertain right now if Texas will be open or under a new stay and home order. Should a new stay at home order be issued, non essential workers will be furloughed and thus confined mostly to their homes. Now is not the time for such an increase. Plus the ongoing litigation with CPS doesn't help matters. Bring this back in October. By October, we will know where the litigation that CPS Energy is involved in will either be settled, or all pre trial dispositive motions are exhausted in the courts pursuant to the scheduling order agreed to by the trial courts. Table this item and revisit this item in October 2022.

Name: Tomas Guadiano

Comment - 01/13/2022 10:11 AM: (No Vote)

I don't think it is wise to rate increase since we all are still feel effects of

6. Ordinance approving an increase of 3.85 percent to the CPS Energy Electric and Gas Base Rates (System Average) effective March 1, 2022; Tariff Amendments to implement the rate adjustments; and amendments to the Affordability Discount Program for Qualifying Low-Income Customers. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Name: Terry Burns

Comment - 01/08/2022 08:09 PM: (No Vote)

I urge a NO vote until CPS agrees to the outside audit and managerial review called for by CD6 Cabello Havrda. CPS has lied and misrepresented itself to CC and ratepayers for years. Its BOT has completely failed in its fiduciary responsibilities. If CPS must have this money, it must also be willing to change its behavior, starting with agreeing to an audit, and providing usable data and real transparency to its RAC, the MUC and the public.

Name: Diana Elizondo

Comment - 01/10/2022 05:48 PM: (No Vote)

No to rate hikes. Yes to accountability.

Name: Sarah Mock

Comment - 01/11/2022 03:02 PM: (No Vote)

Hello, I live in Terrel Hills and I am commenting to ask the council to vote against the proposed utility rate increase. This rate increase would create an undue burden on the citizens of San Antonio and reinforce unfair and undemocratic rate structures, as well as continue the practice of making citizens pay for our energy company's costly and negligent mistakes. voting against the rate increase would signal a step in the direction of accountability, sustainability, and equality for the city. Thank you

Name: Scott Kanski

Comment - 01/12/2022 03:36 PM: (No Vote)

As city council discusses a potential rate increase for CPS Energy customers and San Antonians, let's not forget the ongoing failures of our public utility. Why should we pay more for electricity, when we're not even guaranteed it during harsh weather conditions, such as last year's freeze? Which, unfortunately, will more than likely happen again this year in San Antonio and Texas as a whole will continue to feel the consequences of climate change. While CPS Energy is looking for more ways to capitalize on San Antonio's lack of control over our public utility, families still have their power disconnected for late payments. I cannot fathom the cruelty it would take to consciously take away one's only source of energy during the unprecedented and extreme weather events we can expect in the coming years. There can be no rate increase until we have a fair and just rate structure that does not put the financial burden of CPS Energy's lack of preparedness during last winter's freeze or other missteps on the ratepayers. Not only do residents and small businesses pay proportionally more for energy than big businesses, who often fail to conserve said electricity, they are also much more likely to fall into utility debt, despite the fact that CPS Energy has some of the cheapest utility rates in the country for big businesses. If council decided to vote YES on this it would undoubtedly increase the number of disconnections, causing San Antonio's working-class community to suffer unduly. In this third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, where the only truly safe place is home, this rate increase and the subsequent disconnections will result in significant harm to San Antonio families. And as we approach that time of the year where record breaking freezes loom over the state, it would be unconscionable for city council to allow these disconnections, especially as a result of voting yes on this rate increase. CPS Energy claims the money taken by this increase will be used to modern

Name: Brittany Sharp

Comment - 01/12/2022 04:25 PM: (No Vote)

Do not vote in favor of the rate increase for CPS. CPS has not looked into a restructure of how they charge and negotiate with large businesses. CPS should look to restructure and reform their deals with large business before looking to increase rates on working class people. This rate increase will cause more disconnections for people who cannot pay.

Name: Patty Gibbons

Comment - 01/12/2022 08:04 PM: (No Vote)

CPS Energy is owned by the tax payer of this city and should not be taxing the owners until it has shown significant cuts in areas of waste, abuse, or overages. CPS also shut down a money making power plant called the Deeley plant with the help of those sitting on city council today leaving us without the money it generated, Showing irresponsible management of our resource and here we are today in need of money to pay the bill. Find it by making significant cuts in your budget before you tax it on the back of our senior citizens and young families struggling from job losses and and property tax increases.

Name: Will McLeod

Comment - 01/13/2022 03:05 AM: (No Vote)

It is imperative that City Council tables this item and brings this up to a later date. With the omicron cases rising it is uncertain right now if Texas will be open or under a new stay and home order. Should a new stay at home order be issued, non essential workers will be furloughed and thus confined mostly to their homes. Now is not the time for such an increase. Plus the ongoing litigation with CPS doesn't help matters. Bring this back in October. By October, we will know where the litigation that CPS Energy is involved in will either be settled, or all pre trial dispositive motions are exhausted in the courts pursuant to the scheduling order agreed to by the trial courts. Table this item and revisit this item in October 2022. Or amend this item to half of what they are requesting with caveats in place, 1. Seniors and vulnerable citizens are informed about CPS programs such as critical care, and affordability discount programs. 2. 30 percent of streetlights will be repaired that are currently burned out throughout the city. Once those 2 conditions are met, then CPS Energy should receive the remaining increase of what they are asking. WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR PUBLIC UTILITY!!! Also \$18 an hour wage increase is too exorbitant of an amount. HEB employees start off with only \$15 an hour. Plus CPS energy employees are public servants, so therefore, they need to make sacrifices. Their wage increase should be no more than \$15 an hour. Most of San Antonio's workforce typically makes \$10 an hour, less in the tipped/Restaurant industry. Amend this ordinance at once for a more equitable San Antonio! Equity? Practice what you preach!!!

Name: Katy Murdza

Comment - 01/13/2022 08:13 AM: (No Vote)

I ask Council not to approve a CPS rate increase until CPS has conducted a Rate Allocation Review and adopted a progressive rate structure, including ending subsidies to the heaviest users and special negotiated rates for industrial customers. This approach would promote energy efficiency and economic equity. Many households in our community were struggling to make ends meet even before the pandemic, and cannot afford to subsidize CPS' past mistakes, including irresponsible perks for executives. City Council should also call for the shut down of the Spruce Coal Plant by 2030.

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

7. Ordinance approving a contract with Noble Texas Builders, LLC, for the Lila Cockrell Theatre Arcade Roof Replacement project at a cost of \$532,198.07 funded from previously authorized 2019 Certificates of Obligation and included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]
8. Ordinance approving a contract with Silsbee Ford, Inc., for two special service vehicles for the San Antonio Police Department at a cost of \$83,661.44, funded from the FY 2022 General Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]
9. Ordinance approving a contract with Atlantic Diving Supply, Inc., for mail screening equipment and maintenance and support for a total cost of \$96,208.44 for the Finance Department, Print and Mail Operations Division. Funding for the mail screening equipment in the amount of \$67,201.84 and first year of maintenance and support in the amount of \$5,801.32 is available from and included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. Funding for maintenance and support for years 2 through 5 is subject to the appropriation of subsequent annual funding. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]
10. Ordinance approving a contract with Alterman, Inc., for Citywide vertical and horizontal micro scale cabling services for the Information Technology Services Department for an estimated total cost of \$3,100,00.00 over a five-year period. Funding for this ordinance will be identified when work orders are issued. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]
11. Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated

annual cost of \$226,000.00, included in the respective department's FY 2022 Adopted Budget: (A) Superior Collision Center, LLC, for Emergency Medical Service vehicle collision body repair services; (B) S&S Worldwide, Inc., for arts and crafts supplies; and (C) Hill's Pet Nutrition Sales, Inc., for dog and cat food. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Capital Improvements

12. Ordinance approving a Job Order Contract in an amount not to exceed \$698,114.68 payable to Amstar, Inc for general renovations at the Roosevelt Park Swimming Pool. Funding in the amount of \$480,000.00 is available from the FY 2022 Deferred Maintenance Program and included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. This ordinance also authorizes the appropriation and amending of the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program with funding in the amount of \$218,114.68 available from the FY 2022 Parks and Recreation Adopted General Fund Budget. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager, Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

13. WITHDRAWN – Ordinance approving Job Order Contracts with Alpha Building Corporation, Amstar, Inc., Belt Built Contracting, LLC., Con-Cor, Inc., HJD Capital Electric, Inc., Lee Construction and Maintenance Company (dba LMC), Tejas Premier Building Contractor, Inc., and The Sabinal Group, LLC., for the provision of Job Order Contracting program as an alternative project delivery method for incidental demolition, construction, repair, rehabilitation, alteration and deferred maintenance on City-owned and leased buildings, parks and other facilities of interest to the City. Each contract is for an initial term of two years with an option to renew for two additional one-year extensions at the City's discretion in an amount of \$3,000,000.00 annually for a total amount of \$12,000,000.00 per contract; and approving the recommendation to increase the task order amount threshold issued under the JOC program requiring City Council approval from \$100,000.00 to \$250,000.00. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

14. Ordinance renewing a five-year River Walk Patio and Balcony Lease with Landry's Seafood Inn and Oyster Bar – San Antonio, Inc. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

Street Closures and Traffic Control Procedures

Grant Applications and Awards

15. Ordinance approving the request and acceptance of reimbursement funding from the National Board of Emergency Food and Shelter Program reimbursement funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by adding an amount of \$1,002,500 for a total amount up to \$1,957,888, for qualifying migrant services expenses through March 31, 2022 and amending a professional services agreement with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. in an amount up to \$500,000, for a total contract value of \$700,000, for a term through March 31, 2022. Funding for reimbursement will be requested through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

City Code Amendments

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

16. Ordinance approving the following Board Appointments and Reappointments to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2023 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]:

A) Reappointing Jeffrey Beyer (HVAC Contractor- Open Shop, Primary), Scott E. Burger (HVAC Contractor – Open Shop, Alternate), John Martin (Master Electrician – Union, Alternate), Max Hosford (Commercial Building, Alternate), George Saliba (Master Plumber – Open Shop, Alternate), Gary Kuentz (Master Electrician – Open Shop,

Primary), William Burrus (Fire Protection Engineer, Primary), and Karen Carpenter (Fire Protection Engineer, Alternate);

B) Appointing Greg McFarland (Mechanical/Plumbing Engineer, Primary), Adrian Contreras (Commercial Building Owner/Representative, Primary), Edward Del Toro (Master Electrician – Open Shop, Alternate), Lon Culbertson (Electrical Engineer, Alternate), Marc Ross (Residential Multi-Family Building Owner/Manager/Representative, Alternate), and M) Pete Sitterle, Jr. (Master Sign Electrician, Alternate); and

C) Waiving the City Code Residency Requirements for appointees Scott Burger, Max Hosford, Karen Carpenter, Gary Kuentz, and Arthur “Pete” Sitterle.

17. Approving the following appointments to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees, the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation, and the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation for the terms as shown below [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

A) Antoinette Brumfield (Housing Expert), Eric Cooper (Community Representative) and Jane Paccione (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2023

B) Marinella Murillo (Housing Expert), Rachell Hathaway (Housing Expert) and Jordan Ghawi (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025

18. Approving the following Board, Commission, and Committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2023 or for the terms shown below [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

A) Reappointing Heriberto Gutierrez and William McManus to the Bexar Metro 911 Network Board of Directors for the remainder of unexpired terms ending February 28, 2022

B) Appointing Philip Beekley (District 7) to the City Commission on Veterans Affairs

C) Appointing Clarissa Esparza Tejeda (District 3) to the SA 2020 Commission on Education

D) Appointing Venus Vela (District 3) to the SA 2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being

E) Appointing Katherine Sanchez Rocha (District 7) to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Committee

F) Reappointing Donald Orion (District 8) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Miscellaneous

19. Ordinance approving a contract with Paslay Management Group, L.P. to provide an on-call organizational strategy consulting services for the Aviation Department in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 over a five-year period. The initial cost of \$30,000.00 is available from FY 2022 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

20. Ordinance approving a professional services agreement with Kaepfel Consulting, LLC to provide on-call performance management consulting services for the Aviation Department in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The initial term is for three years with the option to extend for a two-year period. The initial cost of \$30,000.00 is available from FY 2022 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

21. Ordinance approving the issuance by the Arizona Industrial Development Authority of the portion of its Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A-1 and Series 2021A-2 (QCF/I Facilities) (the “Bonds”) allocable to the San Antonio Hospital Acquisition Project for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

22. Ordinance approving the issuance by the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation of its “Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Loma Vista Lofts Apartments) Series 2022” (the “Bonds”) and for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code and in order to comply with the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation’s organizational documents [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

23. Ordinance approving the issuance by the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation of its “Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Crosswinds Apartments) Series 2022” (the “Bonds”) and for purposes of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code and in order to comply with the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation’s organizational documents [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].

24. Ordinance consenting to the issuance of revenue bonds by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (the "Issuer") to finance and refinance retirement facilities on behalf of the Borrower (as defined below), including Morningside at The Meadows located at the 600 and 700 blocks of Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas 78201 and Morningside at The Chandler Estate located at 1502 and 1510 Howard Street and 135 and 137 West French Place, San Antonio, Texas 78202 (collectively, the "San Antonio Project"), for purposes of complying with Section 147(f) of the Code [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer].
25. Ordinance approving amendments to agreements with Jennifer Bankler, DDS, and Jackson David Singleton, DDS to increase compensation for professional clinical and consultation services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health program for terms ending on September 30, 2022 and during the renewal period for a total amount of up to \$57,000.00 and \$51,300.00 inclusive of renewals, respectively. Funding for the agreements is available in the FY22 Medicaid 1115 Waiver Oral Health and General Fund budgets. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]
26. Resolution initiating historic landmark designation for 117 Burbank Street and waive application fees. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Shanon Shea Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation]
27. Ordinance accepting \$3,000,000 from the Inner City TIRZ and Midtown TIRZ for affordable housing projects and programs located in or out of the zones and allocate and authorize the expense of funds to the Demolition Diversion Pilot Program and the Under 1 Roof Program as outlined in the City's adopted FY2022 Budget. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]
28. **WITHDRAWN** – A Resolution granting the City of San Antonio's consent to the creation by Bexar County of a proposed Public Improvement District, to later be named the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District, generally located south of Potranco Road and North of US Highway 90 West in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, subject to the execution of a Development Agreement with the Owner of the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]
29. **WITHDRAWN** – Ordinance approving a Development Agreement with Briggs Ranch Management, LLC, owners of approximately 384.35 acres of land generally located south of Potranco Road and north of US Highway 90 West in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, setting forth terms and conditions to the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Briggs Ranch II Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]
30. A Resolution granting the City's consent to the creation by Bexar County of a proposed Public Improvement District (PID), to later be named the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District, generally located northwest of the intersection of State Highway 211 and West US Highway 90 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, and setting forth terms and conditions to the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]
31. Ordinance approving a Development Agreement with Medina Stonehill, LLC, owners of approximately 568.3 acres of land generally located northwest of the intersection of State Highway 211 and West US Highway 90 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, setting forth terms and conditions to the City of San Antonio's Consent to the Creation of the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]
32. Resolution initiating a rezoning of property, known as South Park Mall, on 58.1 acres out of NCB 12328, located at 2310 SW Military Drive, and waiving application fees. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services]
33. Ordinance rescheduling City Council Meetings in January 2022. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

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City Council A Session

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5. Ordinance authorizing CPS Energy to establish a Regulatory Asset for its 2021 Winter Weather fuel costs to be amortized over a maximum of 25 years and recovered through a Retail Bill Adjustment; and authorizing CPS Energy to recover the financing, legal and other allowable costs related to the Regulatory Asset. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Tomas Guadiano Jr.

January 13th 2022, 10:11 am

I don't think it is wise to rate increase since we all are still feel effects of

Will McLeod

January 13th 2022, 2:57 am

It is imperative that City Council tables this item and brings this up to a later date. With the omicron cases rising it is uncertain right now if Texas will be open or under a new stay and home order. Should a new stay at home order be issued, non essential workers will be furloughed and thus confined mostly to their homes. Now is not the time for such an increase. Plus the ongoing litigation with CPS doesn't help matters. Bring this back in October. By October, we will know where the litigation that CPS Energy is involved in will either be settled, or all pre trial dispositive motions are exhausted in the courts pursuant to the scheduling order agreed to by the trial courts. Table this item and revisit this item in October 2022.

Scott Kanski

January 12th 2022, 3:36 pm

As city council discusses a potential rate increase for CPS Energy customers and San Antonians, let's not forget the ongoing failures of our public utility. Why should we pay more for electricity, when we're not even guaranteed it during harsh weather conditions, such as last year's freeze? Which, unfortunately, will more than likely happen again this year is San Antonio and Texas as a whole will continue to feel the consequences of climate change. While CPS Energy is looking for more ways to capitalize on San Antonio's lack of control over our public utility, families still have their power disconnected for late payments. I cannot fathom the cruelty it would take to consciously take away one's only source of energy during the unprecedented and extreme weather events we can expect in the coming years. There can be no rate increase until we have a fair and just rate structure that does not put the financial burden of CPS Energy's lack of preparedness during last winter's freeze or other missteps on the ratepayers. Not only do residents and small businesses pay proportionally more for energy than big businesses, who often fail to conserve said electricity, they are also much more likely to fall into utility debt, despite the fact that CPS Energy has some of the cheapest utility rates in the country for big businesses. If council decided to vote YES on this it would undoubtedly increase the number of disconnections, causing San Antonio's working-class community to suffer unduly. In this third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, where the only truly safe place is home, this rate increase and the subsequent disconnections will result in significant harm to San Antonio families. And as we approach that time of the year where record breaking freezes loom over the state, it would be unconscionable for city council to allow these disconnections, especially as a result of voting yes on this rate increase.

Araceli Garcia

January 11th 2022, 4:15 pm

My name is Araceli Garcia, and I am a resident of District 4. I hope the city council will listen to community members who do not want to see a bill increase from CPS. CPS has been irresponsible to the community and to the environment, and they should incur the burden, not community members. While their CEO and top administrators earn hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, they hope to pass on these mismanagement costs to everyday consumers who are often struggling to make ends meet - especially in the midst of a pandemic and the economic ramifications it has already had on our community. I hope the council will do the right thing and vote AGAINST the rate increase. Thank you.

Chelsea Sanchez

January 11th 2022, 2:59 pm

I am writing to express my disapproval of CPS Energy's rate increase. I understand their arguments for its necessity and agree that there is need, but there are other ways to meet that need workout putting an additional burden, however small, on San Antonio residents, especially because the expense of the 2021

winter weather in terms of fuel costs was doubled due to the negligence of CPS leadership. Ideally, costs would be recouped from those individuals responsible for CPS's lack of a qualified meteorologist on staff at the time, lack of appropriate risk management strategies for emergency winter weather, and lack of sufficient reliable and renewable alternative energy sources. These costs may also be obtained by decreasing, or better yet, eliminating the incentives they give to large energy consumers. Tiered rates should encourage more sustainable practices for individuals and businesses and move the burden of the expenses onto larger companies that have more budget flexibility. Finally, as noted by St. Mary's professor Cody Cox, a reduction of the six-figure salaries enjoyed by CPS Energy executives would not only show solidarity with suffering San Antonio residents but would also free up the company's budget for fair compensation to attract the employees they seek. In terms of raising costs, I am far happier paying higher taxes to the city or to CPS to fund renewable energy projects than to pay for the completely unavoidable and tragic mistakes perpetrated by known individuals making ten times what I make as a teacher and with a documented history of leeching off the people by charging personal expenses to the company account. If anything, CPS owes San Antonio residents and business owners for years of mismanagement and fraud.

6. Ordinance approving an increase of 3.85 percent to the CPS Energy Electric and Gas Base Rates (System Average) effective March 1, 2022; Tariff Amendments to implement the rate adjustments; and amendments to the Affordability Discount Program for Qualifying Low-Income Customers. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Katy Murdza

January 13th 2022, 8:13 am

I ask Council not to approve a CPS rate increase until CPS has conducted a Rate Allocation Review and adopted a progressive rate structure, including ending subsidies to the heaviest users and special negotiated rates for industrial customers. This approach would promote energy efficiency and economic equity. Many households in our community were struggling to make ends meet even before the pandemic, and cannot afford to subsidize CPS' past mistakes, including irresponsible perks for executives. City Council should also call for the shut down of the Spruce Coal Plant by 2030.

Will McLeod

January 13th 2022, 3:05 am

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Patty Gibbons

January 12th 2022, 8:04 pm

CPS Energy is owned by the tax payer of this city and should not be taxing the owners until it has shown significant cuts in areas of waste, abuse, or overages. CPS also shut down a money making power plant called the Deeley plant with the help of those sitting on city council today leaving us without the money it generated, Showing irresponsible management of our resource and here we are today in need of money to pay the bill. Find it by making significant cuts in your budget before you tax it on the back of our senior citizens and young families struggling from job losses and and property tax increases.

Brittany Sharp

January 12th 2022, 4:25 pm

Do not vote in favor of the rate increase for CPS. CPS has not looked into a restructure of how they charge and negotiate with large businesses. CPS should look to restructure and reform their deals with large business before looking to increase rates on working class people. This rate increase will cause more disconnections for people who cannot pay.

Scott Kanski

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Sarah Mock

January 11th 2022, 3:02 pm

Hello, I live in Terrel Hills and I am commenting to ask the council to vote against the proposed utility rate increase. This rate increase would create an undue burden on the citizens of San Antonio and reinforce unfair and undemocratic rate structures, as well as continue the practice of making citizens pay for our energy company's costly and negligent mistakes. voting against the rate increase would signal a step in the direction of accountability, sustainability, and equality for the city. Thank you

Diana Davila Elizondo

January 10th 2022, 5:48 pm

No to rate hikes. Yes to accountability.

Terry Burns, M.D.

January 8th 2022, 8:09 pm

I urge a NO vote until CPS agrees to the outside audit and managerial review called for by CD6 Cabello Havrda. CPS has lied and misrepresented itself to CC and ratepayers for years. Its BOT has completely failed in its fiduciary responsibilities. If CPS must have this money, it must also be willing to change its behavior, starting with agreeing to an audit, and providing usable data and real transparency to its RAC, the MUC and the public.

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Tomas Guadiano Jr.

January 13th 2022, 10:17 am

Strongly disagree on CPS increase due to COVID mutations on citizens either not working, elderly,

Rachel Cywinski

January 13th 2022, 10:00 am

REGARDING RENAMING OF CITY FACILITIES: No City facilities should be named or renamed for any one person before the naming of every known tribe of Bative Americans who lived in this area before colonialism. There are more than 40 tribal names that are known, and they should have first priority of human namings; priority should also be given to native Nature to recognize the Earth's richness here.

RL

January 12th 2022, 10:39 pm

How many council members have requested feedback from their constituents regarding this proposed rate increase? Why is CPS funded and a subsidiary of the city NOT asking the city for this 3.85% increase? Why try to recover lost vs adjusting expenditures; such as employees or operating costs? The proposed average costs highlighted is a median NOT actual. With more than a million customers, make your hike \$60 for all customers. Case in point; my average CPS bill is \$200 a month, therefore my projected rate hike is \$92 a year NOT \$60 a year. In a time of high inflation, supply chain shortages and business impact; I am encouraging the mayor and all city council members to reject this proposal.

Denise Ojeda

January 12th 2022, 9:42 pm

"I am only a mouthpiece through which to tell the story of lynching and I have told it so often that I know it by heart. I do not have to embellish; it makes its own way." Ida B. Wells Ida Bell Wells-Barnett (July 16, 1862 – March 25, 1931) was an American investigative journalist, educator, and early leader in the civil rights movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).[1] Over the course of a lifetime dedicated to combating prejudice and violence, and the fight for African-American equality, especially that of women, Wells arguably became the most famous Black woman in America. https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ida_B._Wells

Diana Davila Elizondo

January 10th 2022, 5:46 pm

No rate hikes. Yes to accountability and closing the coal plant.

Terry Burns

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