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, May 19, 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 9:19 AM. Interim City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT:	8 –	Nirent	berg, i	Pelaez,	Courage,	Bravo,	McKee-Re	odriguez,	Viagran,	Castillo,
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ABSENT: 3 - Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation

Daniel Garcia, Pastor of the Lord's House Christian Church, guest of Councilmember Castillo led the Invocation.

2. Mayor Nirenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of May 4, 2022 and May 5, 2022.

Councilmember Viagran moved to Approve the minutes for the City Council meetings of May 4, 2022 and May 5, 2022. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Bravo, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg recognized Memorial Day and stated that Military City USA honored those fallen in service of our Country and led a moment of silence for Gold Star Families.

Councilmember Castillo thanked Councilmember Rocha Garcia for joining her in honoring the scholarship recipients of Cesar E. Chavez Legacy & Educational Foundation and provided background information on the Foundation and the Cesar E. Chavez March. Councilmember Castillo invited Foundation Chair Ernest Martinez and Scholarship Committee Chair Dr. Karla Duran to speak. The Mayor and Councilmember Castillo provided certificates to the students. Councilmembers Pelaez, Viagran, Sandoval, Courage and McKee-Rodriguez spoke in support of the Foundation, its work and congratulated the scholarship recipients.

Mayor Nirenberg welcomed the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community and proclaimed May AANHPI Heritage Month and invited members of the AANHPI community leaders, restaurant and business owners to speak. Councilmembers Viagran, Castillo, Pelaez, Courage and McKee-Rodriguez spoke in support of the AANHPI community.

Councilmember Viagran recognized the organization Moms on the Move and announced a walk and a health fair in Council District 3 this weekend.

Councilmember Viagran recognized May 21, 2022 as Armed Forces Day which was created by President Truman in 1949.

Councilmember Castillo announced a newspaper drive hosted by City Council District 5 to collect old newspapers for Animal Care Services.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez announced a Crime Summit to be held in Council District 2 on Thursday May 26, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING

2022-05-19-0345

4. Ordinance confirming the appointment of Debbie Racca-Sittre as City Clerk for the City of San Antonio. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Renee Frieda, Director, Human Resources]

Mayor Nirenberg and all councilmembers present spoke in support of the appointment.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

5.

2022-05-19-0346

Ordinance approving a contract with Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc., to provide the Public Works Department with a Foxboro System Upgrade for a total cost of \$208,640.04. Funding is available from the FY 2022 Storm Water Operations Fund budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye:	Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez,
	Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

6.

2022-05-19-0347

Ordinance approving a contract with Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, LLC, to provide the City of San Antonio Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management with one Hazmat Spill Response Vehicle for a total cost of \$226,960.00. Funding is available from the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Law Enforcement Regional Response Project, Homeland Security Grant Program awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

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

2022-05-19-0348

7.

Ordinance approving a contract with Standard Fusee Corporation to provide red burning flares for the San Antonio Police Department and the San Antonio Fire Department for an estimated annual cost of \$300,321.00, included in the respective department's FY 2022 Adopted Budget. [Ben

Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

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

8.

2022-05-19-0349

Ordinance approving a contract with Silsbee Toyota to provide 17 minivan vehicles for the Building and Equipment Services, Human Services and Police departments for a total cost of \$595,832.50. Funding is available from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund, the General Fund, and the Police Department Confiscated Property Fund. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye:	Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez,
	Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

Capital Improvements

9.

2022-05-19-0350

Ordinance approving a contract amendment to the Skanska Nunnelly, a joint venture, design build services agreement in an amount up to \$5,008,974, to allow for the build-out of an additional floor in City Tower for Metro Health, and appropriates \$5,897,583 from the Health Implementation Plan to the City Tower Renovation project. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

10.

2022-05-19-0351

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to R.E.C. Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$597,900.00 for the Alamodome West Water Loop project located in Council District 2. Funds

are available from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Redemption and Capital Fund included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye:	Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez,
	Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

11.

2022-05-19-0352

Ordinance amending the ten (10) 2021 On-Call Civil Engineering Services for the Infrastructure Management Program and Neighborhood Access Mobility Program Contracts with AJL Engineering, Bain Medina Bain, Inc., Gonzalez, Kypuros and White, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Lockwood Andrews & Newman, Inc., Maestas & Associates, LLC, Mendez Engineering, PLLC, Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., RPS Infrastructure, Inc. and Unitech Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the increased amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to each of the ten (10) 2021 On-Call Civil Engineering Services, for a total revised amount of \$1,000,000.00 per contract to provide on-call engineering services, program management services, construction inspections services, construction engineering services, expanded construction management services and training services for projects located citywide. Funds are available from the FY 2022 Infrastructure Management Program and Neighborhood Access Mobility Programs. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

12.

2022-05-19-0353

Ordinance amending the On-Call Architectural Services Agreement capacity with Beaty Palmer Architects in the increased amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for a total revised amount of \$1,500,000.00 for additional architectural design services for the Tower of America's Structural Improvements. Funds are available from the General Fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

13.

2022-05-19-0354

Ordinance amending a Design-Build Services Agreement with F.A. Nunnelly Company in the increased total amount not to exceed \$3,521,294.00 for a total amount of \$14,071,294 for escalated construction material and labor costs related to the San Antonio Police Station at St. Mary's project, a 2017 – 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and Certificates of Obligation funded project, located in Council District 1; and, authorizes the reallocation and amending of the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program with funds in the total amount of \$3,600,000.00 of which \$1,400,000.00 is from the General Fund and \$2,200,000.00 from the Reserve for Capital Projects to the San Antonio Police Station at St. Mary's project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

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

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

14.

2022-05-19-0355

Ordinance approving a five-year lease renewal with Catholic Life Insurance, at 1635 NE Loop 410, Suite 510, for the City Council District 10 Constituent Office, for the initial annual rental amount of \$25,272.00 and \$28,304.00 for improvements and expansion Funding is available in the City's General Fund. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

15.

2022-05-19-0356

Ordinance approving a five-year lease renewal with Callaghan Square Investments, at 4412 Callaghan Road, for continued use by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic for the annual rental amount of \$81,884.88. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Page 6 of 12 Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

Grant Applications and Awards

16.

2022-05-19-0357

Ordinance authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for expansion of the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Unit for the Period of May, 2022 through August, 2023, and establishing a budget for the grant. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

17.

2022-05-19-0358

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds, not to exceed \$35,000.00, from the Texas Department of Transportation and an in-kind match not to exceed \$8,768.00 for the "Click It Or Ticket" Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant program and establishing a budget for the grant which will run from May 23, 2022, through June 5, 2022. [Maria Villagomez, City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Viagran highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye:	Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez,
	Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

18.

2022-05-19-0359

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$6,251.00 for the "Operation Slowdown" grant program, and establishing a budget for the grant which will run from June 7, 2022 through June 21, 2022. [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P.

McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Viagran highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

19.

2022-05-19-0360

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a contribution from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$79,878.00, approves a program budget and appropriates funds to be used by the San Antonio Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit to improve overdose prevention and crisis response of residents that have suffered alcohol and other Substance Use Disorders. Funding is for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

20. Reappointing Roy Schauffele (District 10) to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Committee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2023 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

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

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

Miscellaneous

21.

2022-05-19-0361

Ordinance amending the FY 2022 Annual Operating and Capital Budget based on actual revenues and expenditures for the first six months of FY 2022 (October 2021 to March 2022) and projections for the remaining six months of FY 2022 (April 2022 to September 2022) in the General Fund and various Restricted Funds; including an increase in the number of full-time equivalents for the Mayor and City Council Aides from seven and one-half (7.5) to eight (8). [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager, Justina Tate, Director, Management and Budget].

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

22.

2022-05-19-0362

Ordinance approving the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2023 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$52,912,591.00, and personnel complement as adopted by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on April 5, 2022. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO, Pre-K 4 SA]

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

Aye:	Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez,
	Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

23.

2022-05-19-0363

Ordinance approving the SA: Ready to Work FY 2023 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$46,732,521.00, and personnel complement as adopted by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on May 10, 2022. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Ramsey, Executive Director, Workforce Development Office]

Councilmember Bravo requested information about wrap around services for SA Ready to Work participants. Director of Workforce Development Michael Ramsey provided information about all services provided including childcare and the option for online courses. Councilmember Bravo recommended a dashboard of metrics and updates to City Council. Ramsey explained the work of the advisory board and stated that the Economic and Workforce Development Committee would be briefed regularly.

Councilmember Pelaez commented on the speed of Ramsey's assistance when the Councilmember's

Doctor's Office needed an employee.

Councilmember Courage asked if subcontractors could provide financial assistance to participants to find childcare services. Workforce Solutions Alamo Director Adrian Lopez described the organization's childcare assistance program.

Councilmember Viagran concurred that childcare was a significant barrier for women to participate and recommended collaboration between the various childcare programs.

Councilmember Sandoval requested clarification on the eligibility for childcare through Workforce Solutions Alamo. Director Lopez explained that there was a waiting list but that all SA Ready to Work participants were eligible for the subsidized slots. Councilmember Sandoval requested childcare to be tracked as a key metric on the dashboard.

City Manager Erik Walsh noted that the program was intended to help the applicants with any barriers.

City Attorney Andy Segovia emphasized that childcare was important and noted that the equity tool looked at gender, however, it needed to be handled in a non-discriminatory manner.

Councilmember Pelaez recommended commissioning UTSA to study the need for childcare, the service delivery and economic impacts and requested a separate meeting with Ramsey.

Councilmember Courage noted that SA Ready to Work and Pre K 4 SA all fell under the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation and recommended close coordination between the two programs to offer more childcare assistance and overcome the shortage of childcare centers created by the pandemic. Assistant City Manager Alex Lopez responded that the recommendation was included in the PreK 4 SA budget.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed concern that the lack of childcare could create an adverse impact on women and recommended including a mother or single mother to be appointed to the SA Ready to Work Board.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the SA Ready to Work Program had the challenge of tackling obstacles such as the lack of equity and economic opportunities but that the Program had evolved and would continue to navigate the needs and develop in a positive way.

Councilmember Bravo moved to approve. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

24.

2022-05-19-0364

Ordinance approving amendments to five existing agreements to increase funding available for media purchases and emergency services and approving two new agreements to provide high school equivalency support services in connection with the SA: Ready to Work Education and Job Placement Program. Funding for the first year of the five amended agreements is available through the FY 2022 SA: Ready to Work Budget. Funding for new agreements is available through the FY 2022 General Fund. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Ramsey, Executive Director, Workforce Development Office]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Perry

City Manager's Report

25. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh announced this weekend's San Antonio Book Festival and recognized the 860 employees of the Public Works Department for National Public Works Week. City Manager Walsh played an Employee Spotlight video of SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Unit Officers Erica Theriot and Joel Zuliaca and several Officers from the San Antonio Police Department and thanked the organization Rising Stars for creating a community event in Council District 2 with the intent of bringing police and community youth together.

ADJOURNMENT

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 11:01 AM to consult with the City Attorney's Office pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and to deliberate or discuss the following items:

- A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).
- **B.** THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 (REAL PROPERTY).
- C. LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).
- **D.** LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CITY PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

E. LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULATION WITH ATTORNEY).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting at 12:07 PM and announced that no official action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Approved

Ron Nirenberg Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Racca-Sittre City Clerk