

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



**Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council B 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

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**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 2:15PM. Interim City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 8** – Nirenberg, Pelaez, Courage, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Sandoval

**ABSENT: 3** - Perry, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda

**ITEMS**

**1. 2022-05-18-0344**

Ordinance canvassing the May 7, 2022 election results for the City of San Antonio's 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond Program. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk, provided the results of the City of San Antonio 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond Program Election. Racca-Sittre reported the final results of votes cast for Proposition A Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks: 71% For and 29% Against; Proposition B Drainage and Flood Control: 72% For and 28% Against; Proposition C Parks, Recreation and Open Space Improvements: 65% For and 35% Against; Proposition D Library and Cultural Facilities: 65% For and 35% Against; Proposition E Public Safety Facilities: 65% For and 35% Against; and Proposition F: 60% For and 40% Against and stated that all propositions were carried by voters and recommended that the results be canvassed.

Mayor Nirenberg thanked the Voters, City Clerk and Bexar County Elections Department. City Manager Erik Walsh provided a timeline for implementation of the Bond and next steps.

Councilmember Courage moved to Canvass the 2022 General Obligation Bond Election. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Perry, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda

2. Briefing on the implementation of the Terminal Development Program for the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

City Manager Erik Walsh introduced the Item and the Aviation Department Director Jesus Saenz who presented an update on the San Antonio International Airport (SAIA) System capital projects, the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Grants and the Terminal Development Program. Saenz provided several pre-solicitation briefings for various planning, design, program/project management, construction related services, systems, and marketing/advertising.

Mayor Nirenberg noted that the timeline had been accelerated by two years over the schedule provided in a previous presentation. Mayor Nirenberg stated that the vision for upgrading the SAIA was a community vision, not just one of City Leaders and should be prioritized. Mayor Nirenberg requested that the department continue to apply for more Federal Grants and seek all available funding.

Councilmember Courage noted that none of the funding would come from General Fund of the City. Saenz explained that the Airport funding came from users of the Airport. Councilmember Courage requested clarification on the cost for the plan. Councilmember Courage noted that the contracts were more related to soft costs of the project rather than construction and requested regular tracking of the expenditures. Saenz committed to returning to City Council at least three times per year to provide updates. Councilmember Courage asked if parking fees were expected to increase. Saenz stated that after a comparative analysis, the Airport would ensure it was cost competitive and that City Council would need to approve any increase in fees. Councilmember Courage requested an update on the DHL Lease. Saenz stated that negotiations were underway

with DHL and he would provide a timeline to the Councilmember.

Councilmember Viagran recommended that accessibility be considered for senior citizens and all persons with disabilities, not only mobility impaired individuals. Councilmember Viagran requested evaluating more innovation and award winning criteria to the solicitations.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the difference between the Disadvantaged Business Program and the Small Business Advocacy Development Program. City Manager Walsh stated that a written comparison would be provided. Councilmember Sandoval requested information on the type of solicitations for Architectural and Design-Build. Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, stated that all pre-solicitation briefings were for discretionary contracts. Saenz explained that some of the design would result in plans that would be bid out to contractors once designed by the Architects or Engineers. Councilmember Sandoval asked about expansion of service into Mexico. Saenz stated that the Airport was exploring flights to all cities in Mexico.

Councilmember Pelaez challenged Saenz to find local companies to help execute the plan and asked if there were any local companies that could serve as a prime contractor. Saenz committed to including locals as much as possible and would research the local availability of construction contractors. Councilmember Pelaez suggested demand for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations was increasing and recommended including EV capacity within the plan. Councilmember Pelaez recommended matching the efforts at the airport with the legislative agenda. Councilmember Pelaez asked how the plan would keep San Antonio unique and authentic. Saenz stated that authenticity and sense of place would be included in the design standard.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Nirenberg announced that Executive Session would not be held. He stated that Executive Session Items that were posted for today would be carried over to the Thursday, May 19, 2022 meeting and may be considered at any time during tomorrow's meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed at 3:25 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

**Debbie Racca-Sittre**  
**Interim City Clerk**