

**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

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**Thursday, August 11, 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 9:26 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. Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by the Reverend Andries Coetzee of University Presbyterian

Church, guest of Councilmember Bravo, District 1.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg recognized certificate of official congratulation in celebration of 40-year partnership between the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County and the San Antonio Chapter of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez honored the life of James Joseph Devno.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda honored the life of Kenneth Platt, survivor of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor with a moment of silence. Councilmember Cabello Havrda also mentioned that August 7 was Purple Heart Day.

Councilmember Pelaez, recognized August 10 as Agent Orange Awareness Day and told the story of the United States military spraying the defoliant on both Laotian people and U.S. service members during the Vietnam war.

## **ITEM FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

### **3. Presentation of the City of San Antonio 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and approving the following related Ordinances: [Erik Walsh, City Manager]**

City Manager Erik Walsh presented his proposed FY 2023 Budget noting the work by staff. Walsh reported the results of the community survey, townhall / community meetings, and employee survey. Walsh said that the proposed budget was built on City Council priorities, gave money back to residents, invested in the retention and recruitment of employees, made significant investments in infrastructure and major City facilities and also invested in the community.

City Manager Walsh said the Total FY 2023 Proposed City Budget was 3.4 billion which was 10.1% higher than FY 2022 and included Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds in addition to City Funds. He provided a chart of the FY 2023 proposed budgeted revenues and expenditures by type.

City Manager Walsh noted that there was \$72.5 million in relief to residents: \$22.5 million in property tax relief through homestead, disabled and over 65 exemptions on property taxes and an overall property tax rate reduction of 1.67 cents per \$100 valuation; and \$50 million return to CPS ratepayers with \$45 million being utilized for credits to all CPS Energy customers and \$5 million to assist eligible low-income residential customers.

City Manager Walsh described the current job market and its impact on recruitment and retention of City employees. He outlined investment in employees that included a 5% across the board pay increase, a market adjustment of at least 2% and higher for certain positions, increase the entry level wage from \$15.60 to \$17.50 per hour, and a 20% reduction in healthcare premiums.

City Manager Walsh listed the following budget items: \$154.4 million in infrastructure maintenance which was a \$13 million increase from the prior fiscal year, \$5.8 million to implement the SA Forward Plan for public health, \$2 million for mental health multidisciplinary team response to 911 calls 12-month pilot program, \$136 million for affordable housing, \$19.6 million for Parks & Recreation improvements, \$13 million for San Antonio Police Department programs, \$9 million for San Antonio Fire Department improvements and collective bargaining, \$4.7 million for Library services, \$3.9 million in improvements for the human services including homeless programs and programs for seniors, \$10 million for economic development opportunities, \$2.4 million for Animal Care Services.

Additionally, City Manager Walsh outlined a \$137.1 million total budget for San Antonio International Airport, \$35.3 million improvements for the Convention Center and Alamodome buildings, Arts Agency funding of \$7.2 million and capital project funding for public art, \$48.6 million total budget for Development Services Department, \$143.7 million for Solid Waste Management Department, \$3.4 million for Sustainability. For the Capital Budget, Walsh said there was \$641 million in capital budget funds planned to be spent in FY 2023 and provided a 5 year spending plan for the \$1.2 Billion 2022 Bond Program.

City Manager Walsh provided a timeline which included 10 budget work sessions, community input budget townhalls, two public hearings and budget adoption on September 15, 2022. Walsh said the budget continued the commitment to Alamo Promise, language access plan, hiring military spouse fellowship program, enhancing on-the-ground traffic technicians, adding another project delivery team in Public works. Walsh closed with results of the city survey which indicated that this year had the highest overall satisfaction rate and increases in satisfaction across the board. Walsh closed with a heartfelt thanks to all City employees.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the work of the budget team and agreed that the budget was a testament to teamwork.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT INCLUDED COMMENTS FOR ITEMS 3, 4 & 5:

Jack Finger commented on the proposed rebate to CPS Energy customers, noting the rebate was one time and requested a full lowering of energy bills. Finger also listed some areas that could be reduced in the budget.

#### DISCUSSION INCLUDED COMMENTS FOR ITEMS 3, 4 & 5:

Mayor Nirenberg opened the discussion by noting the summer heatwave led to record energy costs.

He added that global instability and recovery from the pandemic resulted in high inflation, all of which harmed our community. He stated that this was a back-to-basics budget that provided services and investments using an equity framework. Mayor Nirenberg looked forward to the budget work sessions and public meetings as well as a policy discussion about extreme weather events and recommended a focus on resilience within every area of the budget in the same way that equity had become a foundation for the budget.

Councilmember Bravo recognized that the only reason the City had such high revenues this year from CPS Energy was because of the extreme temperatures this summer noting that the Texas energy grid broke its peak demand record eleven times this year and added that weather extremes was the “new normal.” Councilmember Bravo stated that outdoor workers were strained and projects were being delayed because of the heat. Councilmember Bravo said that natural gas was being used locally to create electricity but also to heat our homes and cook, noting that with the war in Ukraine, Europeans were hoarding gas, all of which made the cost rise.

Instead of a rebate to customers, Councilmember Bravo recommended the \$50 million from CPS Energy be used to permanently reduce the urban heat island effect, help alleviate poverty by investing in weatherization for low-income residents, reduce violent crime, and develop a focus on reducing our energy consumption to become more resilient.

Councilmember Bravo proposed adding solar panels and onsite solar storage to resiliency hubs, including \$20 million in energy efficiency upgrades, expedite Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for contractors to weatherize homes, use funding for home repairs to bring homes up to a standard where they could be weatherized, spend \$20 million on a tree planting campaign to help reduce the urban heat island and concluded that his proposal would be a long-term approach to invest in the City’s future.

Councilmember Pelaez requested that community surveys be conducted to small business owners in addition to residents. Allana Reed, Director of Communications & Engagement confirmed small business owners received the survey. Councilmember Pelaez supported the investment in UT Health and suggested that they could help partner to assist in fighting dementia by investing in senior programs such as Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) and supported the skills track for BMX Track and Mountain Bikers in parks.

Councilmember Pelaez recommended instead of using the \$50 million from CPS Energy for rebates or to fight climate change, \$25 million should be used for transitional housing for Domestic Violence Victims, \$10 million for mental health crisis response, \$2 million for a Domestic Violence public education campaign targeting children, \$2 million to support victims of Domestic Violence and \$1 million for faith based communities to assist with identification of, and assistance for, victims of Domestic Violence.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted results of a District 6 resident survey which prioritized improvements in transportation such as wider bike lanes and access to more robust transportation options for persons with special needs. She stated that many residents told her that the minimal dollar amount of rebates to the CPS ratepayers would receive could be better spent on improving their lives in other ways noting that the winter and summer weather would continue to

be extreme and supported directing some of the funding toward weatherization and increasing trees and greenspaces which was also priority for her residents.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda recommended \$60,000 for the SAPD Explorer's after-school program which helped kids build discipline and learn about the work of law enforcement. Councilmember Cabello Havrda said she appreciated improvements for employees, parks, aquifer, mental health response teams, and recommended more innovation and creativity at the airport.

Councilmember Courage congratulated all city staff members who worked hard to put together the proposed budget document but requested more focus on the requests of citizens through the surveys, townhalls and other meetings. Councilmember Courage pointed out that the FY 2023 Proposed Budget included the regular funding sources but also ARPA, Bond Funding and FY 2022 revenue carry forwards which made the budget much higher than expected.

Councilmember Courage requested a comparison of the FY 2022 versus the FY 2023 capital budget. Justina Tate, Director of OMB stated the increase was approximately \$50 million or 8.2%. Councilmember Courage requested a comparison of the FY 2022 versus the FY 2023 civilian compensation budget. Tate responded that the increase was approximately \$53 million.

Councilmember Courage asked what was reduced from the prior budget. Walsh said that not much was cut because there had been severe cuts over the past couple of years. Councilmember Courage asked if the \$10 million transfer to VIA was included in the budget and Walsh confirmed that it was included in the Public Works budget to increase bus route frequency and provided some background on the funding.

Councilmember Courage proposed increasing the utilization of senior centers, particularly the District 9 Senior Center to help make the facilities more accessible to the community. Councilmember Courage asked if the increased revenue from all sources was planned to be spent. City Manager Walsh replied that it would be either spent, rebated, or put into the reserves in the two-year balanced budget.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked all staff for their work and acknowledged the ideas of other colleagues. Councilmember Rocha Garcia said that her residents usually requested additional investments in streets, sidewalks, pavement markings, guardrails, quiet zones and other infrastructure, but expressed concern that a significant number of residents from District 4 were at risk of being disconnected by CPS Energy. Councilmember Rocha Garcia suggested that CPS Energy should invest in weatherization and requested information on what CPS Energy would do with their additional funds.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia supported the visitor hosting obligations, SBEDA data management team, a grant writer for the Government Affairs Office, additional illegal dumping crew, property tax protest services, Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP) funding increase, increased staffing to work on the Climate Action Plan, but noted that the Economic Ecosystem investment was missing and should be included in the budget as it was discussed that ARPA should not be used for the Ecosystem rather it should be General Fund.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia requested a homeless outreach coordinator for District 4 and asked for clarification on the additional non-departmental position. Walsh replied that the position was for City Council. Upon review of the performance measures, Councilmember Rocha Garcia expressed concern that pet microchipping performance was below target. She recommended promoting the Good Sam app, updating the goal of decreased response times for fire and police, and wanted to see more diabetes outreach and a higher target to reduce gun violence.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern that the credit on the CPS Energy bills might not be an equitable approach and benefitted privileged residents more than those in need. Instead, he recommended investing in climate and sustainability which included using the funding for weatherization for low-income residents. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recommended more money for community health workers, animal care services, Office of Crime Recidivism Prevention, diabetes programs and funding for the MLK March to bring a well-known speaker.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that surveys could be improved by including the respondent's address on the survey to ensure accuracy of Council District identification and could be more demographically representative. He recommended a different way to reporting on the results of the survey by comparing most important versus least important and a more intentional survey and comprehensive reporting method. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle said that the survey allowed for manual entry of addresses and the survey linked to the find my council district online tool. Coyle added that the survey was voluntary which meant that it was not scientific but added that there would be a representative sample survey completed at a later date.

Councilmember Viagran said that this budget needed to lead our community out of the pandemic. She said that there needed to be more dialogue about the CPS Energy revenues but noted that a \$31 credit would not help her residents that were facing disconnections and suggested there needed to be a larger discussion on the rate structure.

Councilmember Viagran commented that the District 3 homeless outreach coordinator recently took a better paying job and recommended creativity in retaining city employees but overall supported the proposed 5% across-the-board pay increase and market adjustments.

Councilmember Viagran noted that residents wanted a focus on homeless encampments and also recommended a focus on housing security and safety for veterans and seniors. She suggested that ball fields needed better lighting and recommended more in-depth surveys for what residents wanted from their libraries and facilities.

Councilmember Sandoval commented that the CPS Energy ratepayers had been hit hard with the rate increase, inflation and weather. She thought there needed to be more discussion about the level of rebate back to customers and suggested there needed to be a policy established.

Councilmember Sandoval said there should be a long-term dedicated funding for resiliency, sustainability and energy efficiency from the CPS Energy Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan which was \$8-10 million per year. She proposed four program areas: seeking climate change grants, provide business incentives, other grants and reducing the urban heat island. She acknowledged that

weatherization was also important.

Councilmember Sandoval prioritized affordable and quality housing and recommended adding a resource to help residents deal with bad landlords. She suggested development of guidelines and regulation of fees and notices to vacate. Councilmember Sandoval recommended an increase in funding for arts agencies and suggested it be indexed against the total city budget and recommended funding for the Mexican American Civil Rights Institute. Councilmember Sandoval recommended a constituent management system solution and suggested setting aside money for voter education.

Councilmember Sandoval requested a summary of successes from last year's budget initiatives. City Manager Walsh said the departments would include the information in their presentations.

Councilmember Perry thanked all the staff for their work putting together the Proposed Budget. He noted an increase of \$200 million from the FY2022 total budget to the FY2023 total budget and wanted to ensure thorough analysis of any increases. Councilmember Perry said he was happy that the homestead exemption had been increased and the overall property tax rate was reduced but suggested that more tax reductions could have been done adding he would ask for more next year.

Councilmember Perry said that the results of the community survey were consistent with his priorities and recommended continued work toward those common goals such as better infrastructure, more public safety and security, property tax reductions, and investments in parks. He recommended rebating all of the \$75 million increase in CPS Energy revenues back to ratepayers and suggested that CPS Energy should do the same with their share of the increased revenues.

City Manager Walsh reminded City Council that the large increase in CPS Energy bills was, in large part, related to the pass-through cost of fuel and that CPS Energy had large infrastructure needs to be funded with their additional revenues, but added that CPS staff would be available for questions at the first budget work session next week.

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff for their work and noted that there was community support for more spay/neuter services. Councilmember Castillo was pleased with the increased homestead, over 65 and disabled persons exemption. She noted that the District 5 homeless outreach coordinator had also left the City and recommended a higher wage for that work.

Councilmember Castillo suggested that the CPS Energy revenues could support planting trees in drainage areas and asserted that ratepayers would save more than \$30 over the long term if the City invested in weatherization rather than a one-time rebate. She noted that some of her residents were having to choose between buying their medications and turning on their air conditioning.

Councilmember Castillo recommended increasing funding for the culturally specific arts organizations. She highlighted the proactive approach to code compliance and supported funding for: the apartment registration program, access to contraceptives and reproductive healthcare, and the Governmental Affairs grant writer, and recommended increasing funding for VIA Metropolitan

Transit (VIA).

Councilmember Castillo said that housing was vital to the overall health of the City and requested information on the amount of funds available for rental and mortgage assistance. City Manager Walsh said this detailed information would be provided in the Neighborhood Housing Services Department budget work session.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia suggested that there could be more outreach and advertising related to reducing drunk driving and other crime. She noted on the Public Works target of adding sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements, stating the Vision Zero goal of no pedestrian fatalities was a nice goal but there was an alarming number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities. She commented on the Ready to Work program metrics and noted a sustainability target that 90% of employees would complete climate training and results was only 70%.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia requested two homeless outreach coordinators for Districts 3 and 4 as they were so large geographically. City Manager Walsh stated that filling positions was a priority and hoped that the increase in employee compensation would help with recruitment and retention, especially for the outreach workers. Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked for information on the \$100,000 Biomed Contract and public art for public safety facilities.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez said that City Council staff was dissatisfied with the constituent workload and case management system and noted that the council district field offices were often overwhelmed. He invited District 2 Deputy Director of Political Advocacy and Community Engagement Denise Hernandez to speak. Hernandez shared her experiences of working with the homeless outreach coordinators who said they were underpaid for their level of work and the amount of distress they dealt with directly from not only the houseless population but also from residents.

Councilmember Pelaez asked why the Facility Services Fund contractual services budget increased by \$1.3 million. Tate stated it was an increase in the security contract. Troy Elliot, Deputy Chief Financial Officer further explained that the increased costs was related to additional security officers at City Tower and the increase price of personnel. Councilmember Pelaez recommended Cresta Bella Street bicycle lane restriping.

Councilmember Viagran asked about the details of the survey and suggested that the broad categories might not accurately reflect the desires of the community, especially when the choices were a forced ranking and there might not be consistent understanding of the components of each category.

Councilmember Castillo supported a new information technology system for constituent services, the increase in wages for City employees, an increased hourly entry wage, funding for SA Forward, homeless outreach workers, the proposed additional funding in NAMP, but added that illegal dumping enforcement should be focused on vacant lots. Councilmember Castillo requested funding for small business ecosystem to be included in the budget and also supported Councilmember Bravo's comprehensive plan to be more intentional with the CPS Energy Revenue.



Councilmember Bravo suggested that utilizing historical data to make future decisions was not always the best method since there could be a new normal related to climate change. Councilmember Bravo supported Councilmember Sandoval's proposal and suggested increasing the number of employees in the Council Offices to nine full time employees. Councilmember Bravo recommended more spay/neuter surgeries and noted that there was shortage of veterinarians and he wanted to ensure the City's compensation was competitive.

Councilmember Sandoval supported investment in parks, health, employee salary improvements, reduction in healthcare premiums, increase in the entry wage for all employees including part-time and seasonal, non-service alley improvements, multidisciplinary response team, long term investment with the school of public health, additional staff at the office of sustainability adding that the climate crisis affected all city departments.

Councilmember Perry commented that the last homeless point in time study counted 2,800 people which had not changed over time and was not going away but the new budget included increased funding for homeless which was going to \$80 million per year concluding that the problem was not changing but budgets were climbing.

Mayor Nirenberg closed the discussion by noting that the discussion was healthy and there would be a policy discussion with CPS Energy coming up next week. He acknowledged that the proposed rebate did not match the pain people have suffered due to high energy bills, and since CPS Energy was a publicly owned utility company it was reasonable for the public to expect a dividend which they would not receive from the private energy companies. Mayor Nirenberg recommended baking resiliency into all areas of the budget and liked the idea of creating a policy of dedicating CPS Energy windfall funds to resiliency.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. 2022-08-11-0569**

Ordinance setting the City's proposed maintenance and operations tax rate at 33.011 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation and the City's proposed debt service tax rate at 21.150 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation as recommended in the FY 2023 Proposed Budget. There is no increase in the city's property tax rate. [Erik Walsh, City Manager]

Councilmember Phyllis Viagran moved to Approve. 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

### **5. 2022-08-11-0570**

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

Councilmember Phyllis Viagran moved to Approve. 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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment**

**6. 2022-08-11-0571**

Ordinance approving a contract with Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc., to provide a high track slope mower for the Public Works Department for a total cost of \$64,032.00. Funding is available from the FY 2022 Storm Water Operating Fund. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**7. 2022-08-11-0572**

Ordinance approving contracts with American Material Handling, Inc., Associated Supply Company, Inc., Tom Loftus, Inc., dba Austin Turf & Tractor, H&E Equipment Services, Inc., Holt Texas Ltd., dba Holt Cat, ROMCO Equipment Co., LLC, and Harris County Rentals, LLC, dba Texas State Rentals, to provide 31 off road equipment units to the City of San Antonio for a total cost of \$1,097,328.71. Funding is available from the FY 2022 Equipment Renewal & Replacement Fund Budget in the amount of \$997,710.71, from the FY 2022 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$31,120.00, and from the FY 2022 Solid Waste Management Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$68,498. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**8. 2022-08-11-0573**

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$312,506.00, included in the respective department's FY 2022 Adopted Budget: (A) Casa Verde Farms, Inc., for bedding plants; (B) Midtex Oil, LP., Hampel Oil Distributors, Inc., and Texas Enterprise, Inc., for antifreeze coolant; and (C) Reece Supply Co. and South Texas Faucet Parts Ltd., dba Faucet Parts, for plumbing fixtures and supplies. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

## **Capital Improvements**

### **9. 2022-08-11-0574**

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Harper Brothers Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,373,704.00 of which \$549,688.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$324,910.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for adjustments to their existing infrastructure for the Breeden - W. Russell Place Area Drainage Phase 1B project located in Council District 1. Funds are available from the Stormwater Operating Fund and included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

### **10. 2022-08-11-0575**

Ordinance awarding the 2023 Pavement Preservation Package 2 - Base Repair Task Order Contract to Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,978,903.40 of which \$28,900.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$6,160.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funds are available and included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvements Program and may also be funded from various funding sources including, but not limited to, the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund, debt proceeds, or other funding sources. Funding for FY 2023 and beyond is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual operating and capital budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

### **11. 2022-08-11-0576**

Ordinance awarding the 2022-2023 Task Order Contract for Trenchless Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Rehabilitation to Lewis Concrete Restoration Corporation in the amount of

\$3,954,514.44, a Storm Water Operating Funded project, located citywide. Funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 are available from the Storm Water Operating Fund and included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. The remaining amount of \$1,954,514.44 is contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2023 Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**12. 2022-08-11-0577**

Ordinance awarding the 2023 Pavement Preservation Package 1 - Base Repair Task Order Contract to J&P Paving Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,047,077.94, of which \$20,375.00 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$4,950.00 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funds are available and included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvements Program and may also be funded from various funding sources including, but not limited to, the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund, debt proceeds, or other funding sources. Funding for FY 2023 and beyond is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual operating and capital budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property**

**13. 2022-08-11-0578**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 188.81-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 1 property located in Bandera County, Texas from Garrisons Fern Springs Ranch, LLC and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$239,928.94 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**14. 2022-08-11-0579**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 189.05-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 2 property located in Bandera County, Texas from Deborah Garrison Taylor and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$228,087.67 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**15. 2022-08-11-0580**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 191.74-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 3 property located in Bandera County, Texas from Connie Garrison Wood and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$233,091.54 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**16. 2022-08-11-0581**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 245.74-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 4 property located in Bandera County, Texas from Robert Henry Storrs, Jr. and William Garrison Storrs and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of

\$289,135.07 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**17. 2022-08-11-0582**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 245.06-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 5 property located in Bandera County, Texas from William Garrison Storrs and Robert Henry Storrs, Jr. and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$289,109.08 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**18. 2022-08-11-0583**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 223.77-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 6 property located in Bandera County, Texas from Richard Garrison File and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$268,119.30 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**19. 2022-08-11-0584**

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 228.02-acre tract of land known as the Fern Springs Ranch Division 7 property located in Bandera County, Texas from K & B File Trust dated 04/02/2015 and authorizing payment to Western Title of Bandera, Inc. as escrow agent in the amount of \$271,125.30 from Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmember Sandoval highlighted her support for the Item.

**Grant Applications and Awards**

**20. 2022-08-11-0585**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds not to exceed \$208,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the DNA testing of sexual assault kits/evidence for the grant year of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 and establishing a project budget of \$208,000.00. [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilmembers Cabello Havrda and Viagran highlighted their support for the Item.

**21. 2022-08-11-0586**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds not to exceed \$815,785.00 from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the Regional Auto Crimes Team Project for the grant period beginning September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023, and establishing a project budget of \$3,784,862.00. City match contributions subject to approval of the FY 2023 Budget. [María

Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief, Police]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to approve. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

San Antonio Police Department Chief William McManus provided an overview of the goals of the program, the 2021 program results and outlined the use of funds for 7 detectives and 2 civilians. McManus provide a comparison of recovered vehicles between 2011 and 2021 and described the work of the auto theft recovery unit.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked for clarification as to why the Bexar County Sherriff's office withdrew from the program. Chief McManus said the Sherriff withdrew from the program 6 months ago due to lack of staffing. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez expressed concern that losing Bexar County Sherriff's Office from the program would reduce the effectiveness of the program because the 10 years of data on the comparison slide also included efforts from Bexar County. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked for information on lessons learned from the program and expressed concerns about the level of match required for these police grants which increased the City's investment in police and cited a state law limiting the City's ability to reduce the police department's budget.

Councilmember Pelaez showed a photo of a stolen vehicle that was turned into an armored vehicle with a gun port and supported investing in stopping vehicle thefts to deter this type of activity.

Councilmember Castillo asked questions about the personnel complement, the work the staff performed and the number of car thefts for 2022. McManus provided a description of the work and said he would also provide the number of car thefts for 2022.

Councilmember Viagran asked about the amount of starting pay for Administrative Assistants and appreciated having non-uniform personal performing the paperwork and grant reporting duties. Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez replied that the grant funded positions were funded at the same rate as non-grant funded personnel and added that the grant funding came from a fee that people pay on their car insurance bill. Villagomez said that the value of the vehicles recovered under this program was approximately \$12 million annually.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez showed a slide of the amount of general fund in each department which indicated the police budget as the highest amount in the city and expressed



concern that the Police Department's budget kept growing.

Councilmember Bravo noted that in the first 3 years of the grant 55% of the vehicles were recovered and in the last 3 years of the 10-year comparison, 75% of the vehicles were recovered. Councilmember Bravo suggested there should be more investment crime prevention programs such as restorative justice.

### **Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments**

22. Approving the appointment of Councilmember Phyllis Viagran (District 3) and the reappointment of Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia (District 4) to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 28 – Verano for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2023. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **23. 2022-08-11-0587**

Ordinance amending the Sports License Agreement with the Northside Suburban Little League for operations, maintenance, and programming of the designated sports fields at O. P. Schnabel Park located in Council District 7. There is no fiscal impact associated with this ordinance. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

#### **24. 2022-08-11-0588**

Ordinance approving a professional services contract with Humana Insurance and DentiCare, Inc., to provide voluntary dental insurance for the City's full-time active Civilian employees, City Council Aides Local Government Corporation employees, and retired employees and their eligible dependents, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025, with two one-year renewal terms at the City's option, for an estimated annual expense of \$2,887,104. Funding is contingent on the approval of the FY 2023 Adopted Employee Benefits Fund Budget. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Renee Frieda, Human Resources Director]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**25. 2022-08-11-0589**

Ordinance authorizing the City of San Antonio's donation of the José Navarro statue to the Texas Historical Commission; and approving the Donation Agreement. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Krystal Jones, Director, Department of Arts & Culture]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**26. 2022-08-11-0590**

Ordinance approving an amendment to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) grant associated with the environmental and survey work for runway safety improvements for Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone project at Stinson Municipal Airport which will remove TXDOT as the contracting authority and allow the City of San Antonio to procure the necessary services and be reimbursed by TXDOT. The amendment does not impact the funding contribution from TXDOT in the amount of \$300,000.00 or the City's share of \$33,333.00. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. 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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**