

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A Session**

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

2023 – 2025 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Dr. Sukh Kaur, 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
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

Thursday, March 7, 2024

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 9:10 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 11 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: None

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Joseph Garrett of Woodlawn Pointe Church, guest of Councilmember Alderete Gavito, Council District 7.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of February 14, 2024, February 15, 2024, February 21, 2024, and February 22, 2024.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024, February 15, 2024, February 21, 2024 and February 22, 2024 City Council meetings. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg thanked Deborah Omawale, Executive Director of the San Antonio African American Community Archives & Museum (SAACAM), for coordinating Black Artists to participate in the ceremonials at City Council A Sessions during Black History Month; the month of February.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 7, 2024 to be International Women's Day and the month of March as Women's History Month and invited Vanessa Martinez, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women to speak.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia spoke in support of Women's History Month and recognized the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame inviting Doris Slay-Barber, Trustee and Chairman to speak. Seniors at the Young Women's Leadership Academy spoke. Councilmember Alderete Gavito, who was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in 2023, spoke in support of women's empowerment.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 9, 2024 as San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame 40th Anniversary Day in San Antonio and recognized Councilmember Cabello Havrda who was expected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda recognized San Antonio Women who were Judges, noting that the first woman Judge in San Antonio was appointed in 1989.

Councilmember Castillo called for a cease fire in Gaza noting that women were suffering greatly due to the war between Israel and Hamas.

Councilmembers Viagran, Kaur, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of women.

Councilmember Pelaez recognized Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzalez and his team of Prosecutors for clearing 6,000 backlogged cases.

Councilmember Kaur recognized the work of the Centro San Antonio Ambassadors.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the Project Worth Teen Ambassadors and the San Antonio Youth Commission (SAYC) for their work on the Teen Mental Health Survey. Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Alderete Gavito, and Courage spoke in support of the work of SAYC.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 11, 2024 to be Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas 100th Anniversary Day. Councilmembers Kaur, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of the Girl Scouts.

Councilmember Castillo recognized the month of March as Contemporary Arts Month and invited everyone to visit the Lone Star Arts District in Council District 5 for the Second Saturday Arts Fair.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 8, 2024 to be San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Emergency Medical System Division 50th Anniversary Day, and invited Interim Chief Chris Monastier to speak.

Councilmembers Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, and Whyte spoke in support of the Proclamation and the work of SAFD EMS Division.

STAFF BRIEFING

4. Update on the Migrant Resource Center operations. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Assistant City Manager Lori Houston reported that since January 2021, more than 600,000 asylum seekers were processed and legally released from the border and traveled through San Antonio as San Antonio was the nearest transportation hub for border cities and Federal detention facilities. Assistant City Manager Houston stated that the majority of migrants (93.4%) were from the following countries: Venezuela (32.3%), Nicaragua (14.4%), Cuba (13.9%), Honduras (9.5%), Columbia (7.8%), and Ecuador (5.6%).

Assistant City Manager Houston stated that in 2016, the City experienced limited communication on 500 arrivals from Federal detention facilities that were sent to a local Mennonite Church emergency shelter. She noted that however, the shelter lacked adequate resources, staffing, and overnight shelter space, so the City of San Antonio provided support and there was an agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Regional Office.

Between March and November of 2019, the City of San Antonio operated a Resource Center on St. Mary's Street, according to Assistant City Manager Houston. City staff from all departments supported the operations with coordination with community partners for services and volunteers with overnight shelter provided by Travis Park Methodist Church to 100-300 daily arrivals serving 32,000 individuals.

Assistant City Manager Houston reported that before the Migrant Resource Center (MRC) was opened on San Pedro there was a community led response and in 2021 and 2022 there was a decentralized model with border drop-offs at the Airport and the Greyhound bus station. She stated that the City, Catholic Charities, and the International Welcome Committee (IWC) provided hotel, case management, travel navigation as daily arrivals significantly increased. Assistant City Manager Houston noted that up to 500 individuals spent the night at the airport on any given night and migrants were sleeping in Travis Park waiting for busses to depart.

Assistant City Manager Houston reported that the MRC on San Pedro Avenue opened on July 7, 2022 in an effort to streamline City of San Antonio and partner agency efforts which provided a single point of entry for service, minimized disruption and congestion at the San Antonio International Airport (SAIA), and downtown. She stated that the MRC operations were transitioned to Catholic Charities on October 1, 2022. Assistant City Manager Houston noted

that over 280,222 migrants had been served at the MRC through February 2024. The Airport Transfer Center (ATC) opened in anticipation of the end of Title 42 and provided a waiting area for asylum seekers with flights for onward travel through SAIA, and relieved airport overcrowding through a multi-department operation (Human Services, Aviation, Fire, Police).

She reported that thus far, over \$121 million in Federal funds had supported the migrant effort in San Antonio with over 30% reimbursing the City of San Antonio and the rest going to MRC Partners including Catholic Charities, the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB), IWC, United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, Corazon Ministries, Travis Park Methodist Church, and the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Assistant City Manager Houston stated that operational challenges included funding uncertainty for the City of San Antonio and partners beyond current allocations and she stated that of the \$14.9 million that was allocated to the City, \$10.5 million remained according to Assistant City Manager Houston. She noted that at the current spending rate, the City's funding was expected to be exhausted by September 2024 and Catholic Charities was expected to exhaust funding by December 2024. She stated that the anticipated number of arrivals was unpredictable which caused challenges with operations. In addition, Assistant City Manager Houston stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program rules that reduced funding allowed for onward travel tickets and hotels and restricted assistance to migrants to a maximum of 45 days from the day they entered the United States. She warned that limited ability to assist migrants with onward travel could lead to increased numbers choosing to remain in San Antonio that did not have sponsors or the ability to work.

Assistant City Manager Houston stated that staff had been in communication with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Congressional Delegation requesting an additional \$57.5 million to continue humanitarian assistance to migrants through December 2024 which included: \$54.5 million for Catholic Charities for travel tickets, case management, and private security; \$3 million for City of San Antonio for the MRC lease, janitorial services, police overtime, and local transportation; changes to Federal grant rules, allowing Catholic Charities to purchase travel tickets and rent hotel nights for migrants with special needs or needing temporary medical care which would allow the City to continue to transport individuals to the airport and local bus stations at less than 75% capacity of vehicles

Assistant City Manager Houston listed the funding contingencies as: 1. Reducing MRC and the Air Transit Center (ATC) operations costs; 2. Canceling and reallocating ARPA funding for programs and projects; 3. Funding from FEMA Reserve; or 4. City's Operating Budget General Fund.

San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Chief William McManus, provided an overview of the public safety and quality of life around the MRC which he stated had relatively few incidents and low crime.

City Manager Erik Walsh closed the presentation by noting that the second, third, or fourth funding contingencies would require City Council action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the MRC.

Rosemary Guevara who lived near the MRC commented that there were people hanging around and trespassing on her property. She also mentioned that there were traffic and safety issues with pedestrians crossing San Pedro and Oblate Streets and not paying attention.

Jennifer Neal, resident of the Shearer Hills/Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, commented that residents near the MRC were blindsided by the opening of the center and were negatively affected by the MRC but expressed compassion for the migrants.

Linda Taylor, long-time resident of Ridgewood, commented that her neighborhood felt dangerous because the migrants were everywhere asking for money. She requested that the City move the MRC to a business park.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nirenberg thanked residents for sharing their stories. However, Mayor Nirenberg commented that the situation was not unique as there were millions of people displaced around the world due to war, political persecution, economic instability, and climate change. He stated that the City of San Antonio did not control who came across the U.S. Border or who came to our city, but we could control the impacts.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the City had three responsibilities to its community: maintain public safety, maintain order, and treat each other with dignity and compassion. He continued stating that these responsibilities had been met with regard to the MRC through partnerships and a community that cared but also because the Federal Government had supported the effort with resources.

Mayor Nirenberg's concern was that the City needed to deal with the issue in a compassionate and dignified way if those resources continued to be withheld by the Federal Government because of political pressures. He predicted that people would continue to come so long as those with control of the U.S. immigration system did not deal with the issue in a meaningful way. Mayor Nirenberg urged creation of a model that helped our community and created an example for the rest of the country.

Councilmember Whyte thanked Mayor Nirenberg for bringing the conversation to the City Council noting that this was a problem created by the Federal Government because of an inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform including securing our borders. He felt that the U.S. and Mexico needed to come together to create a solution. As a city only three hours from the border, Whyte stated that San Antonio was significantly impacted. Councilmember Whyte adamantly opposed spending San Antonio tax dollars on the migrant situation contending that City of San Antonio funds should be spent on San Antonio residents. He understood that 98% of migrants were just looking for a better life but there were 2% that were up to no good.

Councilmember Whyte would rather spend money on streets, sidewalks, and public safety for our local residents noting that the City was short 260 Police Officers and some cruisers. He added that the City had made a commitment to clean up homeless encampments within two weeks of identifying them but did not have the resources to meet that goal. He recommended helping small

businesses and subsidizing CPS Energy rather than cutting city services to pay for the migrant crisis.

Councilmember Whyte cited the challenges facing other cities like Denver, Colorado who had spent their own money on migrants and had come to a breaking point. He recommended following the lead from two other Colorado Cities (Aurora and Colorado Springs) that passed Resolutions reaffirming their non-sanctuary city status and asserting that they would not fund the migrant crisis. He suggested that opening the MRC caused more migrants to come to our community and recommended closure if Federal funding was not available.

Councilmember Kaur told her own personal story of being politically oppressed in her home country and how she and her family fled in fear to the United States to seek asylum which is why she felt that the work at the MRC was so important to help asylum seekers make it to their final destination. Councilmember Kaur thanked the non-profit organizations for their work and the neighbors for being supportive, noting that trash and safety had been a concern, so she had worked to secure more garbage pickup and police presence. Councilmember Kaur recognized that residents wanted to help commenting that her team block walked the area and obtained mixed results from the neighbors of the residents, although many were very supportive, yet overwhelmed.

Councilmember Kaur reiterated that no General Fund dollars had been spent thus far on the MRC as all the funding had been reimbursed by the Federal Government. She called for the Federal Government to continue funding the MRC and congress to adopt an immigration reform bill to improve the outdated laws that were no longer working. She proposed a Resolution to ask the Federal Government to continue to fund the MRC.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda's concern was that there needed to be a Plan B in the event that the City was unable to secure Federal funding. She commented that the migrants were legal travelers seeking asylum and added that San Antonio was a compassionate and generous city and noted that the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) and other partners had provided resources. Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted that the City was currently at the mercy of the Federal Government for funding and our compassion needed to be smart. She asked how much money could be saved by reducing MRC and ATC operations costs and why we were not already doing so. Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez stated that the City was already reducing staff and expenses at the facilities which was a result of the lower level of migrants coming to San Antonio.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked how much funding the City would have to replace if the City no longer received Federal funds. Deputy City Manager Villagomez stated that the highest operating cost of the MRC was \$1 million per month but it fluctuated based on the number of migrants. Councilmember Cabello Havrda expressed concern with using City funds and wanted to see more detailed numbers, but stated that the City was obligated to help because spending money on the MRC helped our residents by providing services to them because they would be here anyway so at least the area around the MRC was cleaned up and had police services focused on the area. McManus stated that SAPD had not received very many complaints from the neighborhood near the MRC.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda agreed that there needed to be Federal immigration reform and

asked if staff had communicated to the border communities that we could not take more migrants. Deputy City Manager Villagomez stated that the City's Department of Human Services (DHS) coordinated with the non-profits at the border but we were beginning to see more migrants coming on their own without assistance from the non-profits which was more unpredictable.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda commented that our compassion did not expire but a real solution was needed and she requested a more concrete plan to move forward. City Manager Walsh reiterated that the San Antonio community partners had spent \$121 Million and the City of San Antonio had spent \$35 million and noted that there was a much larger cost than just the City of San Antonio's share. Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if there were State funds available. City Manager Walsh stated that because of the conflict between the State and Federal Government, there was no State funding, only busses to send the migrants north.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia commented that the City Council represented the residents of the City and the issue of immigration was important to them. She mentioned that there was a migrant dashboard which showed where they were coming from, noting that it was not Mexico. Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked Catholic Charities for their work and appreciated that the U.S. was comprised of immigrants.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted that the City of Denver was scaling back noting that they only had 40,000 migrants and had funded busses to destination communities, work permit clinics, and provided housing in hotel rooms. She asked how many migrants stayed in San Antonio. Assistant City Manager Houston stated that only 1% of those coming through the MRC were staying in San Antonio but she could not report how many were coming outside the MRC.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked if the City had looked into other less expensive alternatives such as city-owned facilities. City Manager Walsh stated that the alternative was a tent, not a city building. Councilmember Rocha Garcia suggested that there needed to be more exploration of other creative options and noted that most of the funding was for travel. Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that her Housing Crisis Council Consideration Request (CCR) was intended to address this issue as people could become homeless if there were no resources for them. Jessica Dovalina, Assistant DHS Director, stated that the model was built on best practices from other cities. City Manager Walsh added that there were other partners reviewing models and options. Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended that the City engage with residents and businesses for creative solutions.

Councilmember Pelaez mentioned that his parents were immigrants who fled South America to the United States to raise children without fear of murder. He expressed frustration with the rhetoric that the migrants were here illegally and were not asylum seekers. He asked the City Attorney to confirm that San Antonio was not a sanctuary city.

Councilmember Pelaez commented that migrants coming through the MRC were not here to break into or steal cars, assault residents, rob or steal packages, and commit rapes or other crimes. McManus confirmed that they were not causing much trouble. Councilmember Pelaez stated that agents of chaos in our country were stoking fears and wrapped the bigoted xenophobic argument in the American Flag and Christian Values.

Councilmember Pelaez warned that there was a real threat that the Federal government was going

to make the City pay for their lack of ability to pass immigration reform and added that the City did not have enough money to feed, clothe, and house these people seeking asylum in San Antonio. He recommended that the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee be reinstated so there could be one voice to State and Federal leaders.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito agreed that there needed to be a plan and thanked Councilmember Kaur for sharing her story. She asked how the City could get the Federal Government to step up and do their part to fix the problem they created. City Manager Walsh stated that the local elected official should speak to Federal leaders and provide them with accurate information on the costs adding that cities across the country were doing this.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito asked what other cities like Houston, Dallas, and Austin were responding to the migrant crisis. Dovalina stated that direct migrant arrivals from the border were coming to San Antonio, but the Cities of Houston and Dallas were destination cities, not pass through cities like San Antonio. City Manager Walsh stated that a lot of airports were dealing with this issue but not as much as San Antonio because SAIA was the closest major airport hub to the border which made it a default for those migrants passing through.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito stated that the City needed to prioritize its funds as there was so much need since a great number of our own residents lived at or below the poverty line. She did not support cancelling ARPA programs and projects because it was not fair to backtrack on promises already made to our residents and asked how much money might be available in the FEMA reserve. Deputy City Manager Villagomez stated that the FEMA reserve contained \$14 million that was put in place in case the City was not reimbursed for Winter Storm Uri.

Councilmember Viagran recommended to continue monitoring the political rhetoric moving forward because our community had many Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigrants living here and other persons seeking citizenship from Mexico whom she did not want to get caught up in the fray. She agreed with the City Manager that while the City of San Antonio could do its part, without cooperation from the State or Federal Government, we could not succeed.

Councilmember Viagran stated that not having an MRC was not an option because it would negatively impact City homelessness, increase encampments, result in poor living conditions, and further code enforcement actions against exploitative landlords. Councilmember Viagran stated that the City of San Antonio had been accepting refugees and asylum seekers for many years and while nobody wanted to use the City's General Fund, there still needed to be a plan. She recommended coordination with border cities and destination cities to help develop the plan.

Councilmember Courage did not want City of San Antonio taxpayers to pay the Federal Government's obligations and that they needed to solve the immigration problem. Public safety was the number one issue of local government and Councilman Courage expressed concerns raised by Councilmember Whyte that more Police Officers and vehicles were needed. Deputy City Manager Villagomez explained that there was a plan to add 260 Officers over the next few years, however, current positions were being filled. She noted that additional vehicles were needed and there was a supply chain issue but those vehicles had been ordered. McManus stated that the MRC area was safe and not having the 260 Officers was not making our community unsafe.

Councilmember Courage commented on what was happening in Colorado noting that every city had its own way of dealing with immigration and San Antonio's way was working so far because of the community, partnerships, and Federal funding. He was optimistic that the process would continue to work since this was about helping human beings. Councilmember Courage noted that the City spent \$75 million per year to support 3,000 homeless people and without the MRC, we would have even more homeless and a bigger problem than the investment in helping migrants move through our city would be.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that the opposite of chaos was stabilization, not peace and the agents of hate were oppressing and suppressing. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that most people accepted that we needed the MRC, the question was how to pay for it. He rejected the idea that if someone was not born in the United States, any use of public funds should be off the table and cited the bible stating "God loves the foreigner among you and you should treat them as your own." Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez commented that if we did nothing, the issue would still exist and people would be sleeping in the streets and at the airport with nowhere to go.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that the City had spent millions of tax dollars to make developers and businesses richer so why not spend money on people. He did not think it would be a bad thing if the City spent General Fund dollars to help our fellow human beings and be compassionate. He recognized that the concerns of the neighbors who spoke today were valid and stated that the City had dropped the ball on preparing the neighborhood for the MRC adding that it could be scary to not understand people that did not speak our language. He noted that often Black and Brown people that spoke another language faced other discrimination. He recommended finding efficiencies with the largest portion of the City's budget – public safety and requested exploration of other facilities and how to make the MRC as effective and efficient as the community wanted it to be. City Manager Walsh stated that he was seeking direction from the full City Council and would provide future updates once he received that direction. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez outlined three options: 1) Close the MRC, 2) Maintain the MRC and make it more effective, or 3) Look for a new facility, so he needed to know what the cost might be.

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff for providing the update and commented that the alternative to the MRC was that folks would be wandering around looking for help to navigate paperwork in English and get to their destination where their court cases were held. She recognized that basic infrastructure investment was needed in our City, but lamented that both political parties in U.S. Congress preferred to invest in wars in Ukraine and Israel rather than solving our own issues. She asked what Bexar County was doing to help sustain the MRC. City Manager Walsh stated that Bexar County had not participated in any of these efforts.

Councilmember Castillo declared that international foreign issues were also local issues noting that the mass displacement of individuals in other countries was causing the migrant problem, therefore, not funding the MRC was not an option.

Councilmember Whyte requested clarification on the need for more police. McManus stated that vacancies were being filled and there were planned increases in Police Officer positions in future fiscal years. Councilmember Whyte agreed with Councilmember Castillo that the Federal Government should not focus worldwide, but rather, spend their money here. He noted that President Biden had considered stopping folks coming across the border illegally from claiming

asylum. Councilmember Whyte pondered how we could know whether they were really seeking asylum or really needed to come to San Antonio but might just be coming here because we had an MRC and were providing help. He stated that clarity and transparency was critical.

Councilmember Kaur echoed Councilmember Rocha Garcia's comment about the MRC dashboard which provided responsive information and transparency. She requested concrete numbers on costs, options, and additional funding sources to keep the MRC open.

Mayor Nirenberg closed the discussion by declaring that he was proud of the way San Antonio had handled the issue because we had a responsibility to deal with the impacts of people coming into our city. He noted that it was important to come up with real solutions and the xenophobic rhetoric undermined our community and our democracy. He reiterated that the people at the MRC were not illegal aliens, they were entitled to be here due to the laws that the U.S. Congress refused to change. City Attorney Andy Segovia confirmed that the migrants at the MRC were here legally.

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

5. 2024-03-07-0140

Ordinance approving a contract with Automated Logic Contracting Services, Inc., for replacement of the existing pneumatic control system with an Automated Logic WebCTRL Building Automation System for the Frank D. Wing Municipal Court Building for a total cost of \$510,600, a Building and Equipment Services Deferred Maintenance project. Funding is from Tax Notes and included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 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 Kaur seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

6. 2024-03-07-0141

Ordinance ratifying payment for \$13,290 and extending the contract with Bloomberg Finance L.P., for a two-year term beginning December 13, 2023, to December 12, 2025, in the amount of \$106,320 for subscription services to Bloomberg Anywhere for the Finance Department. Funding is from the General 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 Kaur seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

7. 2024-03-07-0142

Ordinance approving a contract with Booker's Tree Service, LLC, and Burkett Arbor Care, LLC, for general tree and palm maintenance and removal services for several City departments for an estimated cost of \$1,151,200 annually and an estimated total cost of \$5,756,000 over the contract term. Funding is from the respective department's adopted budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

8. 2024-03-07-0143

Ordinance approving a contract with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, to provide a foam enhanced pumper truck for the San Antonio Fire Department for a total cost of \$1,269,900. Funding is from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement 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 Kaur seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

9. 2024-03-07-0144

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated cost of \$363,548 annually, included in the respective department's FY 2024 Adopted Budget: (A) Archie Supply, LLC for Decorative Metal Picnic Tables for the Parks and Recreation Department; (B) Gear Cleaning Solutions, LLC for Bunker Gear Maintenance & Repair for the San Antonio Fire Department; (C) Auto Chlor Services, LLC for Extractors and Dryers for the San Antonio Fire Department. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Capital Improvements

10. 2024-03-07-0145

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to D&S Concrete Contractors LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,493,251 of which \$115,004 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for channel and roadway improvements related to the Churchill Avenue Area Drainage Improvements project. Funding is from the Storm Water Operating Fund included in the FY 2024 - FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi

Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

11. 2024-03-07-0146

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,723,902 for the 2024-2026 Traffic Signal Installation Task Order Contract Package 4 for projects located Citywide. Funding of \$2,361,951 is from the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund, and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program, and \$2,361,951 in remaining contract capacity will be contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

12. 2024-03-07-0147

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,119,897 for the 2024 - 2026 Traffic Signal Installation Task Order Contract Package 5 for projects located Citywide. Funding of \$2,559,948.50 is from the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund, and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program, and \$2,559,948.50 in remaining contract capacity will be contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

13. 2024-03-07-0148

Ordinance awarding 2024 – 2025 Task Order Contract for Rehabilitation of Underground Corrugated Metal Pipe contract to Lewis Concrete Restoration Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$5,096,337. Funding of \$2,548,169 is from Storm Water Operating Funds with \$2,000,000 included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program, and \$548,168 included in the FY 2024 Storm Water Operating budget. A total of \$2,548,168 is contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Proposed Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Kaur

seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

14. 2024-03-07-0149

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Rucoba & Maya Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$449,869.08, of which \$12,500 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure related to the construction of Quentin Drive Alley Interim Improvements (Kampmann Boulevard to Detention Pond). Funding is from the 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond Program and included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Alderete Gavito highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

15. 2024-03-07-0150

Ordinance approving an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$1,675,600 from TxDOT for the Pinn Road Shared Use Path project for construction-related expenses. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

16. 2024-03-07-0151

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Guardrail and Handrail Maintenance Task Order Contract Package 1 to Above All Contracting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$536,000. Funding is from the General Fund included in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

17. 2024-03-07-0152

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Task Order Contract for Flatwork and Street Improvements Package 3 to F.D. Concrete, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$4,810,777 of which \$249,950 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding of \$1,548,206.87 is from the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program, and \$3,012,620.13 is contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

18. 2024-03-07-0153

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Task Order Contract for Flatwork and Street Improvements Package 4 to H. L. Zumwalt Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,997,776 of which \$156,000 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding of \$1,220,888 is from the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program, and \$1,620,888 is contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

19. 2024-03-07-0154

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Task Order Contract for Flatwork and Street Improvements Package 5 to San Antonio Concepts Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,097,445.75 of which \$255,580 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding of \$1,220,932.87 is from the General Fund, the Advanced Transportation District Fund and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program, and \$1,620,932.88 in remaining contract capacity will be contingent upon City Council approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

20. 2024-03-07-0155

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Street Rehabilitation Task Order Contract Package 12 to Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,602,834.50, of which \$126,400 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$9,000 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, 2022 General Obligation Bond Program, debt proceeds, and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

21. 2024-03-07-0156

Ordinance awarding the 2024 Street Rehabilitation Task Order Contract Package 13 to J&P Paving Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,575,617.07, of which \$128,187 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$11,250 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, Advanced Transportation District Fund, 2022 General Obligation Bond Program, debt proceeds, and other funding sources included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

22. 2024-03-07-0157

Ordinance approving a lease agreement with PC Aviation, LLC for two buildings and ground space at the San Antonio International Airport for a term of five years with an annual rent of \$242,934.24 which will be deposited into the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

23. 2024-03-07-0158

Ordinance approving the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone on a 112.11-acre tract of land known as the Sycamore Springs Ranch property located in Uvalde County, Texas from Quiollow, L.L.C., and authorizing payment to Mission Title Company as escrow agent in the amount of \$420,403.36 from the San Antonio Municipal

Facilities Corporation fund, which is included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 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 Kaur seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

24. 2024-03-07-0159

Ordinance authorizing the closure, vacation and abandonment of a 0.825 acre (35,937 square feet) unimproved portion of Petite Avenue Public Right-of-Way adjacent to New City Blocks 14731 and 14733, as requested by Moonlight Way Properties, LLC, for a fee of \$135,100. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

25. 2024-03-07-0160

Ordinance extending the lease with Riverbend Garage LLC for a term of five years for store front space at 412 East Commerce Street for the annual rental amount of \$10,284 plus estimated operating expenses of \$16,440 annually. Funding is from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent fiscal years is contingent upon City council approval of the annual budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge A. Perez, Director, Building and Equipment Services]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Grant Applications and Awards

26. 2024-03-07-0161

Ordinance approving the submission of a Truancy Intervention and Prevention grant application and acceptance of funds, upon award, of up to \$355,823, from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office, for the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025, and authorizing five staff positions. [Carla Obledo, Presiding Judge]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

27. 2024-03-07-0162

Ordinance approving the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds upon award from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program Grant as part of the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in the amount of up to \$3,255,000 for the revitalization and development at Woodlawn Lake Park. This grant requires a one-to-one in-kind match with funding of \$2,020,000 from the 2022-2027 Bond Program, reallocation of \$900,000 from the FY 2024 Tree Planting Project, reallocation of \$250,000 from the Council Infrastructure Program, and a \$85,000 in-kind contribution from the San Antonio River Authority. This ordinance also authorizes the Parks and Recreation Director to execute any and all related documents as well as the acceptance of additional grant funds if awarded, in an amount up to 20% of the total amount listed above. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

28. 2024-03-07-0163

Ordinance accepting a supplemental grant award in an amount not to exceed \$357,000 for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

29. 2024-03-07-0164

Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets for All Grant Program in the amount of \$4,400,000 to fund pedestrian safety improvements along Zarzamora Street and safety campaigns along 10 High Injury Network corridors. A match for this program in the amount of \$1,100,000 will be funded from previously authorized General Funds appropriated for Vision Zero projects. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Catherine Hernandez, Director, Transportation]

Councilmember Courage highlighted his support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

30. Approving the following board, commission, and committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing Sydney Knowles (District 6) and reappointing Mary “Leslie” Palmer (District 8) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being
- B. Appointing Armando Rivera Jr. (District 5) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board
- C. Appointing Kaitlin “Katie” Sirakos (District 1) and April Mae Monterrosa (District 4) and reappointing Jane S. Gonzalez (District 3) to the Small Business Advisory Commission
- D. Appointing Luis L. Gomez (District 6) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Councilmembers Kaur, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, and Alderete Gavito highlighted their support for their council district board appointments.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

31. Approving the following board, commission, and committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing George Grimes Jr. (District 2) to the Building Standards Board
- B. Appointing Rebekah Solis (District 5) to the City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board
- C. Appointing Yvette Hardin (District 2) to the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women
- D. Appointing Mary Ayala-Sandoval (District 5) to the San Antonio Arts Commission
- E. Appointing Samuel Stevens (District 2) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez and Castillo highlighted their support for their council district board appointments.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

32. Approving the appointment of Mary Ann Valdez Hernandez (District 5) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of a term of office to expire on September 30, 2024

[Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the board appointment.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

33. 2024-03-07-0165

Ordinance approving the following At-Large Appointees to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees for the remainder of the term of office as indicate below. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Reappointing Laura Cabanilla for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- B. Reappointing Javier Paredes for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- C. Reappointing Melanie Tawill for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- D. Reappointing Athalie Malone to the Representative of Transportation Disadvantaged seat for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2025

Councilmembers Kaur and Courage highlighted their support for the VIA reappointments.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Miscellaneous

34. 2024-03-07-0166

Ordinance approving the settlement of a motor vehicle lawsuit styled Jan Carl Evans, Jr. and Kimberly Evans, Individually and as Next Friends of Darby Holliday and Emma Holliday, Minors v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2022CI07467 in the 407th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, for the total amount of \$145,000 to Jan Carl Evans Jr. and \$200,000 to Kimberly Evans. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

35. 2024-03-07-0167

Ordinance approving three on-call professional services agreements with Professional Service Industries, Inc., Raba Kistner, Inc., and Terracon Consultants, Inc., to provide as-needed construction material testing services for the San Antonio Airport System. Each agreement is for an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for two, additional one-year periods for an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million per contract. Funding is from various funding sources. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

36. 2024-03-07-0168

Ordinance authorizing the renaming of Nationwide Drive to Westover Place, located between State Highway 151 and Rogers Road, as requested by Jackson Frederick on behalf of Reserve Capital Partners. Funding of \$2,000 to manufacture and install new signage is from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget, and will be reimbursed by the applicant with revenue being deposited into the General Fund. Revenues from these fees in the amount of \$1,414.50 will be deposited into the Development Services Fund. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

37. 2024-03-07-0169

Ordinance approving a Services Agreement and Operations Plan with greater: SATX for an amount up to \$635,000 and a Foreign Direct Investment Attraction Plan in an amount up to \$194,250 for a one-year term with two, one-year renewal options for a total amount up to \$829,250. Funding for the first year is from the FY 2024 General Fund Adopted Budget. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director, Economic Development]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

Councilmember Kaur highlighted her support for the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

38. 2024-03-07-0170

Ordinance approving Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Fund award recommendations for the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Matching Grant Program and Phase Zero (0) SBIR/STTR Grant Program in the amount of \$581,000; and authorizing the execution of contracts. Funding is from the Economic Development Incentive Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Alejandra Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director, Economic Development]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

39. 2024-03-07-0171

Ordinance approving an agreement with KGBTexas Marketing/Public Relations Inc. dba KGBTexas Communications for communications and marketing campaign services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District in an amount up to \$247,893 for the term March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount up to \$991,572. Funding is from the CDC Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

40. 2024-03-07-0172

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with Tuition.io, Inc. to administer the City's Student Loan Repayment program for Civilian employees and City of San Antonio Council Aides Corporation staff for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2024, with the option to renew for two, additional one-year periods for a total contract value of \$231,000. Funding is from the Employee Benefits Insurance Fund. [Ben Gorzell, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Renee Frieda, Director, Human Resources]

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

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

41. 2024-03-07-0173

Ordinance approving an agreement with Lustrous Public Relations LLC, to continue development and implementation of the SA Climate Ready Public Engagement & Communications Initiative for

a three-year term with two, one-year renewal options for a total contract value of \$700,000. Funding is from the Resiliency, Energy Efficiency, Sustainability (REES) Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Councilmember Whyte did not support \$700,000 being spent on a marketing initiative from the REES Fund and suggested that the funding could be better spent on the green alleyways or the Cool Pavement Program, therefore, he did not support the Item.

Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of the Item noting that it was important to get the message out to really make an impact on climate change.

Councilmember Pelaez opposed the Item noting that in-house staff could do a better job with outreach and engagement.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito advocated for the small local advertising firm that would do the work on the contract and noted that everyone played a role in climate change.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked the Southside based small women-owned business that was being recommended for the contract and supported the work they would perform.

Mayor Nirenberg commented that the REES Fund was intended to be driven by community engagement and the five year expense of roughly \$140,000 per year was in line with the priorities of the plan, and therefore, he supported the contract.

Councilmember Courage moved to Approve. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:	Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage
No:	Pelaez, Whyte

City Manager's Report

42. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Video highlighting the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Leadership Mentoring Program.

Mayor Nirenberg Recessed the meeting at 1:54 p.m. so that the Zoning Session meeting could begin at 2:00 p.m. following the Zoning Session meeting, Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the A Session meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Executive Session

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. to discuss the following:

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 litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
 - D.** Legal issues related to emergency preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
 - E.** Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 4:01 p.m. and stated that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**