

City of San Antonio



Minutes

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Manny Pelaez,

Dist.8

Justin Rodriguez,

Commissioner, Precinct 2

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4

Marialyn Barnard, Commissioner, Precinct 3 | Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Friday, April 22, 2022

1:30 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

Members Present: Manny Pelaez, *Chair*
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Member*
Marialyn Barnard, *Member*
Clayton Perry, *Member*

Members Absent: Justin Rodriguez, *Co-Chair*
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, *Member*

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Councilmember moved to Approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Councilmember seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McKee-Rodriguez, Perry, Barnard, Pelaez

Absent: Rocha Garcia, Rodriguez

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Briefing on the 2022 San Antonio Chamber of Commerce SAtoDC advocacy visit. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Department of Government Affairs]

Government Affairs Director Sally Basurto introduced the item and provided a briefing on the SAtoDC advocacy visit and introduced Cacie Madrid with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to provide the overview. Madrid provided an overview of the 2022 Leadership Team that participated in the SAtoDC visit and reviewed their areas of expertise which were addressed during the visit. She noted that the visit included members of various City Chambers, Military and Community partners.

Commissioner Barnard stated that she looked forward to future meetings and was pleased with the meeting results.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that he was pleased with the notes from the visit and asked that additional Chambers of Commerce be included in the future.

Councilmember Perry stated that he was pleased to have participated in the visits and looked forward to the next visit.

Chair Pelaez thanked the Intergovernmental Team for their work on the visit and noted that he also looked forward to the visit.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on the State's 87th Legislature Interim Activity. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Department of Government Affairs]

Government Affairs Director Sally Basurto provided an overview of the 87th State Legislative Program activity and provided a recap of items covered. She reviewed the development timeline of the City's State Legislative Program and the City related interim charges to be addressed in the 87th Legislative Session to include the City's related Senate and House Bill items. Basurto noted that City related interim charges would cover several areas to include election legislation, economic development incentives, municipal fees, annexation, local use of Federal funds and impact of inflation on local use of government's revenue collections. She noted that additional charges of interest included Veteran affairs, affordable housing, workforce/workforce entry issues, and domestic violence. Basurto reviewed the items coordinated that would be conducted with City stakeholders and reviewed issues covered in past State hearings and the timeline for future scheduled hearings.

Councilmember Perry asked when additional items could be added to the agenda. Basurto

stated that meetings with Councilmembers could be conducted and identified future meetings to identify these items. Councilmember Perry stated that he was interested in adding housing and other tax credits for consideration.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez stated that he looked forward to identifying additional issues. He asked if additional representation at the State level for the membership of the Committee would be included. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle stated that staff and Bexar County partners worked closely to coordinate all

Chair Pelaez noted that the State Legislature would be highly stressed to address property tax reform and it was important for the City to provide input on the subject. He noted the importance of working closely with CPS Energy and VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority in identifying legislative issues to be addressed and partnering with them to bring issues to the State level.

Councilmember Perry stated that it was important for the City to also be able to gain information from State legislators to gain their perspective on issues. Assistant City Manager Coyle stated that communications would be coordinated.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing on the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the City of San Antonio's federal efforts. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Department of Government Affairs]

Government Affairs Director Sally Basurto provided an overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) opportunities and FY2023 Community Project Funding. Basurto reviewed BIL grant opportunities under the MEGA, INFRA and rural projects and noted the grant opportunity deadlines. She also reviewed BIL opportunities for Safe Streets and Roads for all programs under transportation improvements and other City program areas. Basurto provided an overview of the next steps in the BIL opportunities process and stated that staff would be seeking City Council input through various Council Committees and the expanded City Council. Basurto reviewed the upcoming grant forecast of various grants under the Build a Better America Program and guidelines for FY2023 community project funding. Basurto stated that community project areas to be considered by the City included the SA Ready to Work Program, Military Community Expansion initiatives, SA International Airport electric buses and infrastructure and the Domestic Violence Triple P Parenting Program. Basurto noted that CPS Energy and SAWS were community project funding partners and reviewed projects identified by the partners to be included in grant submissions.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked if there were opportunities to leverage funds for street improvements and street lighting. Tomika Monterville stated that staff had conducted surveys to identify pedestrian street crossings and other pedestrian safety issues within all City corridors.

McKee-Rodriguez asked for a meeting to discuss the identified hot spots and proposed improvements.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked if San Antonio was identified as needing weatherization. Assistant City Manager Coyle stated that AACOG managed a weatherization Assistance Program. Diane Rath, Executive Director of the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) stated that the program was standard and was conducted all of the time. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked if funds from the Bridge Investment Program could be utilized to build an overpass or bridge over a railroad crossing. Basurto stated that a bridge identified for renovation or rehabilitation would have to be on the National Registry list.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested a meeting to discuss the issue. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked where in the City were the largest wait times and road closures due to railroad activity. Monterville stated that the data was available and would be shared with Committee Members.

Commissioner Barnard asked if the weatherization requests were a City staff request or from CPS Energy. Jesse Rodriguez with CPS Energy confirmed that the request was one that their organization had requested.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on the identification of MEGA/INFRA/Rural projects to be included in grant submissions. Basurto stated that projects were identified by TxDot and that the City, the MPO and other community partner entities were not able to identify projects.

Councilmember Perry expressed his concern regarding the lack of projects identified in the San Antonio region area and stressed the importance of identifying projects for consideration by TxDOT for Federal funding. Assistant City Manager Coyle stated that staff would work to identify projects and agreed that it was important to develop a strategy to submit projects for consideration.

Chair Pelaez reiterated the importance of the City identifying projects for consideration for funding and to work closely with community partners to push projects to consideration level. Basurto committed to conduct the necessary analysis for identifying projects for submission.

No action was required for Item 4.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Councilmember Manny Pelaez, Co-Chairman

Respectfully Submitted

*County Commissioner Justin
Rodrigues, Co-Chairman*

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk