

# City of San Antonio



## Minutes Intergovernmental Relations 2021 – 2023 Council Members

Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8, Chair  
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4 | Teri Castillo, Dist. 5  
Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6 | Ana Sandoval, District 7

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

10:00 AM

Council Briefing Room

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee convened a regular meeting in City Hall at 9:11 AM. Deputy City Clerk Aurora Perkins took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

**Members Present:** Manny Pelaez, *Chair*  
Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Member*  
Ana Sandoval, *Member*

**Members Absent:** Teri Castillo, *Member*  
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, *Member*

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. Approval of minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to Approve the minutes from the November 28, 2022 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Pelaez, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval  
**Absent:** Castillo, Rocha Garcia, Barnard, Rodriguez

### Briefing and Possible Action on

#### 2. Briefing on the 88th State Legislative Session. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto,

Director, Government Affairs]

Governmental Relations Director Sally Basurto provided an overview of the 88<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Session and noted that budget consideration for the session was estimated at \$149 billion which included \$27 billion in surplus funds. She noted State leadership priorities which included property tax relief, electric grid and border security.

Basurto spoke to the City of San Antonio field legislative review efforts of 1051 House and 251 Senate proposed bills. She reviewed the structure of the 88<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Program four pillars of 1)Protection of Community Interests, 2)Economic Development, 3) Public Health & Safety, and 4) Infrastructure & Resiliency. She covered a variety of House and Senate bills for each category which were of specific interest to the City of San Antonio and the impact of each bill to the City and its residents.

## DISCUSSION

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if school safety was one of the priorities for State Leadership. Governmental Affairs staffer Nadia Islam provided specifics on the school safety specifics associated with school safety. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle stated that the State Lieutenant Governor had not provided specifics on any items just general topics that he would like to be brought forward. Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked if any mental health bills had been brought forward. Basurto stated that there were general bills at this time and would be briefed to the Committee.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for more details on bills for transparency on hiring lobbyists. Basurto stated that there were bills that addressed transparency but no great specifics were on the bills currently. Councilmember Sandoval also asked specifics on bills addressing commercial activity with municipalities. Coyle stated that SB 49 addressed this issue and that the City would be following this bill closely.

Chair Pelaez noted that City Leadership and Staff presented these items to local legislative representatives to gain feedback on City priorities and issues addressed during the Legislative Session. He stated that the meetings went well and that they would work closely with the local delegation on these issues. Chair Pelaez stated that the City's Legislative document was a living document and subject to change based on bills moving forward. Coyle stated that the Legislative Team worked closely with their contracted legislative contractors/groups to bring forward City identified issues.

No action was required for Item 2.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at

**Approved**

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***Councilmember Manny Pelaez, Chairman***

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***Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk***