

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Briefing Room

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee convened a regular meeting in City Hall at 10:08 AM. Deputy City Clerk Aurora Perkins took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Manny Pelaez, *Chair*
Teri Castillo, *Member*
Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Member*

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to Approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Pelaez, Castillo, Cabello Havrda
Absent: Rocha Garcia

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Briefing on grant opportunities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other Federal funding programs. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Sally Basurto provided an update on the Building a Better America Program and associated grants. She spoke to the recent City of San Antonio grant applications and noted that the Transportation Department had been awarded a grant under the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and that Bexar County had also received notice on a grant award. Chair Pelaez and Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle recognized Transportation Director Tomika Monterville on the grant award.

Basurto provided an update on various grant applications and pending timelines for grant award announcements. She spoke to upcoming grant application submissions in the areas of Historic Preservation, RAISE Grant for the Culebra Corridor, energy efficiency and conservation and green and retrofit categories.

Basurto provided a RAISE Grant overview under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and explained how projects would be evaluated under the Program.

Public Works Director Razi Hosseini provided an overview of the 2023 RAISE Grant submission for the Culebra Corridor and associated distinct corridor segments. He noted that the corridor would cover 13 miles and had a total grant submission for \$7.6 million and would complement Bond Grants already earmarked for the project. He stated that the project deadline was set for February 2023. Assistant City Manager Coyle clarified that this was for the RAISE Planning grant submission.

Basurto provided an overview of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant update and of the two grants submitted for terminal improvements. She reviewed the grant timeline and stated that award notification was expected in September 2023. She noted that the grant applications were for Terminal A roof renovations and other terminal improvements.

Councilmember Castillo congratulated the Transportation Team grant award for the Culebra Corridor. She stated that she was pleased that grant opportunities were being tracked and that Port San Antonio was working in partnership with the City to identify grant project opportunities. She noted that she was pleased that VIA and the City also continued to work in partnership for grant opportunities.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted her support of funding for the Culebra Corridor and that additional funding was needed to address the entire span of Culebra Road up to Loop 1604. Hosseini stated that additional grants would be sought for funding of the entire Culebra corridor. Councilmember Cabello Havrda also noted her support for projects in partnership with Brooks City Base and Port San Antonio.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda noted her support of the Reconnecting Communities Grant submission with UTSA.

Chair Pelaez noted his support of the Culebra Corridor grant proposal and its need to address transportation concerns and challenges which resulted in transportation related deaths. He thanked the Public Works and Transportation Departments work on identifying grant opportunities to address the Culebra Corridor.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on the 88th State Legislative Session. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Sally Basurto provided an overview of the 88th State Legislative Session activity and State and House Bills which were of particular interest to the City of San Antonio. She provided a general update on the Senate Committee assignments to include local legislature assignments. She stated that the bill filing deadline was March 10, 2023 and that leadership priority legislation had yet to be filed.

Basurto stated that both the House and Senate had submitted their Budget Proposals (HB1 and SB1). She noted that both bills address personnel funding, property tax relief, border security and mental health along with other topics.

Basurto reviewed particular bills of note to include SB 369 submitted by Senator Campbell that addressed automatic de-annexation. She stated that the City did not support this bill. She reviewed SB 491 submitted by Senator Hughes which addressed limitations on building height regulations which impacted mission protection and view sheds associated with military installations and the Alamo. She stated that the bill could negatively impact the City missions, military installations and other historic districts.

Basurto spoke to property tax bills and noted that the leadership's priority legislation had yet to be filed and that staff would continue to track activity on property tax. Basurto reviewed local government bills associated with noise permits and restrictions (HB 1247) and bills addressing family violence protection and remote participation (HB 698).

Chair Pelaez expressed his concern of Senator Campbell's bill on annexation.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked of the City's relationship with Senator Campbell. Basurto stated that the City's staff relation with Senator Campbell was good and she anticipated good conversation with her offices to address the City's concerns. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle spoke to Senator Campbell's Office and he anticipated good discussions with the delegation that did not support this bill. He spoke to the impact of automatic de-annexation and reversal of current State Law implications and expressed the City's concern of the Bill. Military Affairs Director Juan Ayala spoke to current meetings with Senator Campbell's office and he anticipated continued good discussions.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked how the City coordinated discussions in areas where the City did not have delegation representation. Basurto stated that the City worked closely with all delegations and coordination was constant to address City concerns. Councilmember Cabello Havrda expressed concern for continued addressing of mental health issues.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on the noise regulation legislation and asked for a meeting to learn more on the proposed legislation. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle provided clarification on the noise ordinances at the State and local level.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Approved

Councilmember Manny Pelaez, Chairman

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk