

**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  
Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8 | John Courage, Dist. 9  
Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

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**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 9:07 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT:** 10 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry

**ABSENT:** None

**PROCEDURAL**

**1. Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Deacon Jerry Whitley, Chaplain, San Antonio Fire Department, guest of Councilmember Pelaez, Council District 8.

**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 8, 2023 and February 9, 2023.

Councilmember Perry moved to Approve the minutes for the City Council meetings of February 8, 2023 and February 9, 2023. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** None

4. Councilmember Viagran will be sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem for the period of March 16, 2023 through May 25, 2023.

City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre swore in Councilmember Phyllis Viagran as Mayor Pro-Tem for the period of March 2, 2023 through May 31, 2023 (or until new Mayor Pro-Tem schedule is updated).

## **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Nirenberg led a moment of silence in honor of the deaths of Jesse Trevino and Red McCombs.

Mayor Nirenberg read an Official Commendation of Emil Mika for being awarded the purple heart and for his service to the United States in World War II. Councilmember Rocha Garcia recognized Mika for his service in World War II in Normandy, France during D-Day and listed his award from the French Legion of Honor and showed images of his artwork as he had taught himself to paint with his left hand after losing his right hand. Councilmember Pelaez congratulated Mika and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed March 2023 to be American Red Cross Month in San Antonio.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda spoke regarding International Women's Day and noted that she was a part of the first woman-majority City Council and recognized women leaders in San Antonio. Mayor Nirenberg recognized Members of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and read a proclamation in honor of International Women's Day, March 8, 2023.

Councilmember Viagran recognized the national security and foreign policy work of information technology leader Amanda Lee Keammerer, founder and Chief Executive Officer of tech start-up Javilud.

Councilmember Castillo noted the collapse of the Pedro Romero pedestrian bridge over Old Castroville Road that was destroyed last week in a vehicle accident and thanked the Public Works Department for working quickly to clear the debris and pledging to rebuild the bridge.

Councilmember Castillo offered condolences to the Ramon Najera family. Najera was killed by stray dogs last week. She pledged to work collaboratively with Animal Care Services to improve safety and quality of life for residents.

Councilmember Courage mentioned his council district’s participatory budget process which would begin March 9, 2023 and conclude on March 18, 2023 with residents voting on their favorite projects for investment.

Councilmember Perry recognized Brandon Long, sophomore wrestler at Madison High School who earned a gold medal at the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation competition in Austin, Texas.

Councilmember Perry recognized Texas Independence Day.

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR STAFF BRIEFING**

5. Interview of candidates to fill the District 7 City Council vacancy and possible action to appoint a person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the appointment.

Former Secretary of the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development and former San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro spoke in support of the appointment of his mother.

Former City Councilmember Maria Berriozabal, author and the first Latina to serve on the San Antonio City Council, spoke in support of the appointment.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized finalist Maria del Rosario “Rosie” Castro to provide a statement addressing her qualifications for the position of Councilmember for Council District 7. She spoke of her inspiration of her mother and service of her sons Julian and Joaquin who have been dedicated to public service. Finalist Castro spoke of the many inspirational women in the community that have shared their stories of contributions to the community at the local, State and Federal level. She stressed the importance of family and noted her honor to serve as Councilmember of Council District 7.

Councilmembers Rocha Garcia, Viagran, Pelaez, Cabello Harvrda, McKee-Rodriguez, Courage, Castillo, Bravo and Perry interviewed Castro and spoke in support of her appointment. Mayor Nirenberg commented that the Council District 7 staff was a great team and spoke in support of the appointment as a privilege to serve with Castro.

Councilmember Castillo moved to appoint Maria del Rosario “Rosie” Castro to serve the remainder of the unexpired term in City Council District 7. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **6. 2023-03-02-0119**

Ordinance approving a contract with IdentiSys Incorporated to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I) cards for a cost of \$81,944.55. Funding of \$21,747.99 is from the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Fund, \$23,206.64 is from the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Fund, and \$36,989.92 is from the 2023 UASI 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 Bravo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

### **7. 2023-03-02-0120**

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$100,000 included in the Library Department's FY 2023 Adopted Budget: (A) Findaway World, LLC, for Wonderbooks; and (B) Library Ideas, LLC, for Vox books. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

## **Capital Improvements**

### **8. 2023-03-02-0121**

Ordinance awarding the 2023 Task Order Contract for Flatwork and Street Improvements Package 3 to H. L. Zumwalt Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,386,178 of which \$58,150 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System for necessary adjustments to their existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund and the Advanced Transportation District Fund included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvements Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**9. 2023-03-02-0122**

Ordinance awarding a Task Order Contract for Miscellaneous Construction Projects Package 3 to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$10,068,858, of which \$628,250 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$5,200 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for necessary utility adjustments to existing infrastructure. Funding is from the General Fund, General Obligation Bond Funds and debt proceeds included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvements Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

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

**10. 2023-03-02-0123**

Ordinance approving a food and beverage concession agreement with Paradies Lagardère at SAT, LLC to operate a Starbucks concept and Costa Coffee Kiosk at Terminal B of the San Antonio International Airport for a 10-year term starting on October 1, 2023 with an annual rental rate of \$290,000 which will be deposited into the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**Grant Applications and Awards**

**11. 2023-03-02-0124**

Ordinance approving the acceptance of additional funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant in the amount of up to \$314,370 for a total grant award of \$599,100 to support local public health MPox response efforts for the period of December 16, 2022 through January 31, 2025. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**12. 2023-03-02-0125**

Ordinance approving the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award in the amount of \$10,000 for a period beginning January 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**13. 2023-03-02-0126**

Ordinance approving the acceptance of additional funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency Grant contract in the amount of \$1,443,304 for a total grant amount of \$7,585,526 for a period starting October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**14. 2023-03-02-0127**

Ordinance approving the acceptance of additional funds in the amount of \$139,100 for a total grant award of \$412,471 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Youth Set-Aside Funds to address youth homelessness, for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda highlighted her support for the Item.

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**15. 2023-03-02-0128**

Ordinance approving contract amendments and the allocation of unspent Emergency Solutions Grant Funding by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (ESG-CV) in the amounts of \$339,309 to Corazon Ministries for homeless street outreach and \$100,000 for Catholic Charities for homeless prevention for a period ending September 30, 2023. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**16. 2023-03-02-0129**

Ordinance approving the submission of a Truancy Intervention and Prevention Program 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, 2023, to August 31, 2024, and authorizing a personnel complement of 5 positions. [Carla Obledo, Presiding Judge]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, highlighted her support for the Item.

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments**

**17. Appointing Councilmember Phyllis Viagran to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the remainder of her respective term of office. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]**

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

**Aye:** Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello  
Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Perry  
**Absent:** None

**18. Appointing Olivia Travieso (Mayoral) to the Port Authority of San Antonio for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2023 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]**

Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Castillo highlighted their support for the appointment.

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

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

**Absent:** None

**19. 2023-03-02-0130**

Ordinance appointing Richard Delgado, Melinda Pina, and Richard Ramey to the Citizen Advisory Action Board (CAAB) for a two-year term to expire on March 2, 2025. The Citizen Advisory Action Board (CAAB) is commonly referred to as the Complaint and Administrative Review Board (CARB). [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**Miscellaneous**

**20. 2023-03-02-0131**

Ordinance approving the settlement of a lawsuit styled Selika Jones and Edward Jones v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2020-CI-04454, in the 224th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, in a total amount of \$60,000. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

Tory Reese spoke in opposition to the Item.

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

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

**Absent:** None

**21. 2023-03-02-0132**

Ordinance approving the settlement of a lawsuit styled Jesse Quinones v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2018-CI-18658, in the 131st Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, in a total amount of \$150,000. [Andy Segovia, City Attorney]

Tory Reese spoke in opposition to the Item.

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



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

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

**Absent:** None

**22. 2023-03-02-0133**

Ordinance amending the concessions agreement with Jacobsen/Daniels Associates, LLC dba Fly-Away Valet to adjust the lease premises and applicable percentage fees for their operations at the San Antonio International Airport. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**23. 2023-03-02-0134**

Ordinance extending line-of-duty injury leave for San Antonio Fire Department Fire Engineer Reagan Connally. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**24. 2023-03-02-0135**

Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Northside Independent School District for the expansion and implementation of Metro Health's Project Worth Teen Ambassador program in an amount up to \$4,400 for a term ending June 30, 2024. Funding is from the FY 2023 General Fund. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude A. Jacob, Director, Health]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**25. 2023-03-02-0136**

Ordinance approving a Funding Agreement in the amount of \$42,064 with Cornerstone Christian Schools for its share of construction expenses for the purchase and installation of two advanced warning school flashing beacons near the Cornerstone Christian Schools campus; and authorizing

the appropriation of these funds to the FY 2023 School Pedestrian Safety Program included in FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**26. 2023-03-02-0137**

Ordinance amending Task Order 16 under the Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) for an increased amount not to exceed \$3,267,135 for a total amount of \$7,667,135 for the Riverwalk Gate 5 Replacement project, a Storm Water Regional Facilities funded project; and reallocating funding in the amount of \$123,509.24 from the FY 2021 Woodlawn Lake Dam Study, \$2,690,644.24 from Orsinger LWC#35, and \$452,981.52 from Quail Creek Tributary Drainage to the Riverwalk Gate 5 Replacement project for a total of \$3,267,135. Funding is from previously appropriated General Obligation Bond and Storm Water Regional Facilities funds and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

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

**Absent:** None

**City Manager's Report**

**27. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Erik Walsh announced a \$20 million Federal Aviation Administration grant award to build a new ground load facility at the San Antonio International Airport. He also announced that the San Antonio Area had been allocated \$3.8 million from the FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to support the City's efforts to make our community more safe, prepared and resilient.

City Manager Walsh spotlighted Parks & Recreation's opening of the Carmargo Park trailhead and completion of the 100<sup>th</sup> mile in the Howard Peak Greenway Trail system.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to deliberate or discuss any

of 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 relating to COVID-19 preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Deliberate and evaluate the applicants for the District 7 City Councilmember and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:33 a.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg**  
**Mayor**

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