

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING,
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007 AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007**

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 3:00 pm Tuesday, August 21, 2007, in the Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, McNeil, Cortez, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. ABSENT: Gutierrez, Galvan, and Wolff.

**1. CITY STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET,
FOCUSING ON ENHANCEMENTS TO IDENTIFIED CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. Streets, Alleys & Traffic Signal System**
- B. Storm Water Enhancements**

City Manager Sheryl Sculley provided the Council with information relating to the availability of the FY 2008 Proposed Budget. She noted that the Proposed Budget was posted on-line as well as was available at City Libraries.

Councilmember McNeil requested publication of the Budget Information in other local newspapers in addition to the Express News and La Prensa.

Mr. Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director, presented information relating to the FY 2008 Proposed Budget for Streets Maintenance and the Five-Year Rolling Infrastructure Management Program (IMP). He noted that the Five-Year Rolling Infrastructure Management Program was adopted in February 2007 and outlined Projects in each Council District to be completed by 2012. Mr. Wendorf noted that funding for the IMP would be adopted annually and as one year was completed another year of Projects would be added. Projects funded by the IMP include Street and Drainage Maintenance, Sidewalks, and Traffic Signals. He outlined criteria utilized in identifying Projects to be undertaken for each of the Programs as well as coordination efforts with other entities to complete the Projects.

Ms. Sculley noted that when studies are undertaken the funding for the identified Projects would be allocated in the next Budget year. She also stated that it was being recommended that developers incur costs associated with the installation of traffic signals, drainage, and sidewalks in new developments. Ms. Sculley noted that she would come back at a later time with more details.

Mr. Wendorf stated the FY 2008 funding amounts for each of the Projects outlined in the IMP and the scope of work to be completed with the funds allocated. As it relates to Traffic Signal Enhancements, he noted that funds were allocated to conduct nine warranted traffic signal

studies and warranted traffic signals would be funded within 2 years once identified as being warranted.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested that quality also be identified as a priority when completing Street Enhancements. Mr. Wendorf stated that the City was in the process of increasing asphalt specifications to obtain a better product and was also increasing Project Inspections. He also noted other processes that the City was no longer utilizing in order to ensure quality.

Councilmember Rodriguez also requested clarification on Alley Enhancements. Mr. Wendorf stated that the department would be conducting an Alley Condition Inventory which was expected to be completed by November 2008. He also noted that the department was collaborating with other entities that utilize alleys in order to develop a Joint Maintenance Agreement.

Ms. Sculley added that a Community Alley Maintenance Plan was being proposed in the FY 2008 Budget. She noted that the Plan entailed a community desiring to be financially responsible for the maintenance of an abutting alley paying 50% of maintenance costs associated with alley resurfacing and the City paying the remaining 50%.

Mr. Wendorf noted that with the FY 2008 Proposed funding amount of \$1 million; the City could only afford to maintain 2% to 3% of the total alleys in the City. In previous Budgets, the City spent \$100,000 annually. Councilmember McNeil suggested that Neighborhood Access Mobility Program (NAMP) funds be used for alley maintenance.

Mr. Jason Cosby, Public Works Assistant Director, highlighted information relating to the Traffic Signal System Modernization and Synchronization Program to include funding, goals and benefits of the Program, and the scope of work to be undertaken. He noted that in order to have the Project completed within four years, the Program would focus on network communications, traffic signal controls, and traffic signal coordination concurrently.

Councilmember Cibrian requested information related to Project deadlines. Mr. Cosby noted that the City would begin work on 6 identified Corridors on September 30, 2008. Ms. Sculley noted that installation details are still pending and she would update the Council as more information becomes available.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested that the Texas Department of Transportation look into the synchronization of traffic signals in District 7 along Bandera Road between the Cities of San Antonio and Leon Valley. Mr. Cosby noted that the City of San Antonio and the Metropolitan Planning Organization were collaborating to see that traffic signals were synchronized within the identified area.

As it relates to Storm Water Enhancements, Mr. Wendorf presented information noting the history of Storm Water Fees and rate increases. He noted that the FY 2008 Proposed Budget included increasing Storm Water fees for all customers by an average of 8.24% and that the increase would generate an additional \$5 million. Mr. Wendorf highlighted proposed Storm

Water Enhancements Projects that the City was expected to complete in FY 2008. He spoke on Infrastructure Projects to be completed utilizing Storm Water Revenue Bonds and that the FY 2008 Proposed Budget included establishing a new Storm Water Revenue Bond Program for FY 2009.

Lastly, Mr. Wendorf addressed concerns relating to Creekway and Drainage Channel Maintenance.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 22, 2007, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger.

1. City Staff presentation on the FY 2008 Proposed Budget, focusing on enhancements to identified City Council priorities including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Police protection**
- B. Fire services**
- C. Municipal Court enhancements**

Fire Services

Fire Chief Hood highlighted the Department's proposed FY 2008 Budget which focused on Departmental Operations, Budget Goals, Program Changes, and Initiatives. He stated that the FY 2008 Budget addresses safety of firefighters, decreases workload, and improves response time. As a result, the Budget included funding for Enhancements in the amount of \$4.5 million with another \$55.8 million allocated for Fire Protection Projects as part of the Six-Year Capital Budget. Chief Hood addressed Equipment that would be purchased and other Improvements that would be made in order to decrease response time by an average of 9 seconds within one year. He noted that the Budget also included 27 Firefighters added over 3 years as well as the creation of a Safety and Wellness Program. Lastly, Chief Hood spoke on the Department's Organizational Chart and Committee Structure.

Chief Hood clarified that neither positions nor shifts would be eliminated. Additionally, he spoke on the training of Firefighters and certification of EMTs as noted in the Safety and Wellness Program.

Police Protection

Police Chief McManus presented the Department's proposed FY 2008 Budget which addressed Departmental Operations, Departmental Organizational Structure, Program Changes, and Initiatives. He noted that the FY 2008 Budget included \$5.5 million in Improvements. Such enhancements include the addition of 50 new Officers, full funding of the Tactical Response Unit, and Collective Bargaining wage adjustments. Chief McManus noted that an additional \$21.9 million was being allocated as part of the Six-Year Capital Budget for Improvements to existing Police Substations as well as the development of new Police Substations and a new

Public Safety Headquarters. He spoke on the history of Police Officers being added per fiscal over the last ten years as well as the number of Police Officers per 1,000 citizens. As it relates to Budget redirections, Chief McManus stated that the privatization of the Growden Storage Facility would result in an approximate revenue increase of \$60,000.

Ms. Sculley noted that the Council would be presented with a proposal to privatize the Growden Storage Facility in September.

Chief McManus spoke on the Communications Component of the Police Department including the number of calls received and staffing. He highlighted Initiatives scheduled to commence in FY 2008. Such enhancements include staff increases, establishment of an Inventory Control System in the Property Room, participation in the Regional Informational Management System, utilization of an Automatic License Plate Recognition System, and development of new facilities.

Municipal Court Enhancements

Mr. Fred Garcia, Municipal Court Clerk, presented the Municipal Courts Budget for FY 2008. He highlighted Departmental Operations and Program Changes. As it relates to Program Changes, Mr. Garcia stated that it was being proposed to add new Bailiffs, Deputy Marshals, and streamline Court Services. He stated that the City had entered into a Local Agreement with Bexar County to share financial responsibilities associated with Operating and Managing the Court as well as providing Inebriation Services.

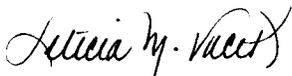
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

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PHIL HARDBERGER
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Attest:


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City Clerk