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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

A BUDGET WORKSESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING B ROOM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Budget Work Session at 10:00 am, Friday, **September 7, 2007**, Municipal Plaza Building, with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **ABSENT**: None.

Item 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. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT**
- B. ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**
- C. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

Mr. David Garza outlined the 20 programs and services administered by the Neighborhood Services Department. In the Code Enforcement Division, seven new Code Enforcement positions and equipment are being proposed. This will increase proactive inspections and lessen closure time on cases. Mr. Garza provided an overview on the Graffiti Ordinance. Seven new positions are being added to assist with 311 and Council Action Team calls and to increase the amount of graffiti abated. Mr. Garza mentioned that this year's Annual Graffiti Wipeout Day will be held on September 29, 2007. Councilmember McNeil asked about historic preservation rather than demolition. Councilmembers Cibrian and Clamp agreed that the city should focus efforts on revitalization and rehabilitation. Councilmember Rodriguez asked about alternative methods of graffiti abatements such as baking soda blasters. It was noted that there are two blasters in the Parks and Recreation Department and staff will explore this method as well as others. Councilmember Cortez referenced state law on holding parents accountable for their children's action on graffiti. Mr. Garza stated he would have something more concrete in approximately six months. Councilmember Cisneros discussed her recent experience with the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program and partnership with CitiGroup. Councilmembers Galvan and Herrera complimented the Code Enforcement Officers for their responsiveness.

Mr. Jeff Hale presented an overview on the Animal Care Services Department and highlighted FY 2007 achievements. Thus far, the number of animals impounded and euthanized has been significantly reduced. Numerous spay/neuter events and vaccination clinics have been held, and key partnerships have been established. In FY 2008, the department proposes to increase owner retention and owner reclaim, develop and implement educational programs, and expand a Trap Neuter Return Program (TNR) for feral cats. Mr. Hale stated that their goal is to implement a "No Kill" Policy by 2012. He mentioned that the new Animal Care Services Facility would be

open on October 24, 2007. The Councilmembers complimented Mr. Hale on the Animal Care efforts.

Deputy City Manager Jelynn Burley provided an overview of the Capital Improvements Program. She outlined the proposed Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, various revenue sources, planned expenditures, and recommended capital budget amendments. The Six-Year Plan includes 426 projects and totals \$1.7 billion dollars. For FY 2008, the projects programmed a total of \$609 million. Revenue sources include Storm Water Revenue Bonds, Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Revenue Bonds, Storm Water Facilities Fund, Previous General Obligation Bonds, and the Hotel Renewal Improvement Contingency Fund. Councilmember Cisneros thanked staff for their work on Stinson Airfield and asked staff to brief her on the CDBG Funding. She also asked that staff work on adding direct flights to and from San Antonio. Councilmember Wolff agreed. Mayor Hardberger added that although many direct flights have been added, the City needs to continue to add more.

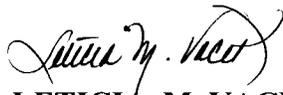
There being no further discussion, Mayor Hardberger adjourned at meeting at 12:20 pm.

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PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

ATTEST:



LETICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk