

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex
114 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the "B" Room of the Municipal Plaza Building at 2:00 pm with the following Councilmembers present:

Present 9 - Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

Items 1 and 2 were addressed jointly.

1. Interview of Applicants and Selection of up to 3 Finalists for the District 2 City Council Vacancy. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]
2. Interview of Applicants and Selection of up to 3 Finalists for the District 7 Temporary City Council Vacancy. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

Mayor Taylor welcomed the District 2 and District 7 Applicants and thanked them for submitting their application to serve on the City Council. She asked the Applicants to make a statement on their background and qualifications, vision for the District, and what makes them able to represent the District effectively. She stated that the City Council may ask questions following their individual statements. She noted that in an effort to be fair,

Applicants for Districts 2 and 7 would be seated in a separate room until they were called.

City Clerk Vacek stated that applications, letters of interest, resumes, and Financial Disclosure Reports were received for D2 and D7 Vacancies for the period of July 28, 2014 through August 8, 2014.

City Clerk Vacek noted that the applicants would be interviewed by Mayor Taylor and the City Council in the order that their applications were received. It was noted that Kathleen Farmer had withdrawn her application for District 7 and would not be interviewed.

District 2 Applicants

- 1) Lester Bryant
- 2) Linn Waiters
- 3) Courtney Ellis
- 4) Dori Brown
- 5) Antonio Diaz
- 6) Keith Toney
- 7) Juan Garcia
- 8) Norris T. Darden
- 9) Alan Warrick II
- 10) Debra Eaton
- 11) Sonia E. Shipp
- 12) Andrew Vicencio
- 13) Wayne Harper

District 7 Applicants

- 1) Stephen Walker
- 2) Ted Guerra
- 3) Mari Aguirre-Rodriguez
- 4) Chris Alderete
- 5) Michele Dalbis-Robledo
- 6) John E. Foddrill Sr.
- 7) Melanie A. Tawil
- 8) Yolanda N. Arellano
- 9) Donald Nance
- 10) Elena Guajardo
- 11) Julie Iris Oldham
- 12) Fred A. Rangel

Following the interviews of the D2 and D7 Applicants, Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:45 pm to discuss the Applicants and Selection for the District 2 and District 7 City Council Vacancies pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:32 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Viagran moved to interview Lester Bryant, Keith Toney, and Alan Warrick II for District 2 at the City Council Meeting of August 14, 2014. Additionally, to interview Michele Dalbis-Robledo, Mari Aguirre-Rodriguez, and Yolanda N. Arrellano for District 7 at the City Council Meeting of August 14, 2014. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier, Gallagher

RECESSED

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 5:35 pm and announced that the Parks and Recreation Budget would be presented on August 14, 2014 following the Regular City Council Meeting. She stated that the remaining Executive Session Items would not be discussed. Mayor Taylor announced that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for Citizens to be Heard.

3. Staff presentation on the FY 2015 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to the following Department. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Maria Villagomez, Director, Management and Budget]

A. Parks

Item 3 was not addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following Executive Session Items were not held.

- A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic

development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- B. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and addressed Citizens to be Heard.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Taylor called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Mark Perez expressed concern with Public Safety noting that many businesses in San Antonio were operating without the proper permits. He mentioned Raba Kistner and asked that City Ordinances be enforced.

George Benavides stated that there was a new crime that had gone undetected called Satellite Terrorism. He expressed concern that satellites could be manipulated and that nothing could be done to deter the crime.

Julie Iris Oldham stated that the Federal Government investigated incidents that occurred in the City of San Antonio. She expressed concern with conflicts of interest and asked why her vehicle had been impounded.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of the restoration occurring at Kelly Air Force Base and stated that he was in support of the Streetcar Project.

Rudolph Wratten expressed concern with Public Safety Issues in the City of San Antonio. He stated that the Park Police and Police Chief were being investigated by the Federal Government. He requested a Non-Law Enforcement Mechanism to provide information that does not violate the National Security Act of 1947.

Antonio Diaz requested that the same requirements of Taxi Cab Drivers be enforced for Uber and Lyft. He asked for a Proclamation recognizing the Indigenous Dignity Human

Rights March that would be held in October. He expressed concern that the working class was not represented on the City Council.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony requesting that Non-Union Employees receive an increase in pay and benefits. He asked that there be filters on all computers at City Libraries to keep children from accessing inappropriate material. He wrote of the agreement with the San Antonio Housing Authority and Haven for Hope for the Homeless Services Program. He highlighted the expanded San Antonio Food Bank Facility and the appointment of the Fire Chief to the National Foundation Board of Directors.

RECESSED

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 6:20 pm in order to address the Parks and Recreation Budget Presentation on August 14, 2014.

APPROVED



IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:



LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMO/MMC
CITY CLERK