
The City Council convened at 8:00 A.M. in a Special Called Meeting in the Municipal Plaza Building “B” Room.

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Edward D. Garza, with the following members present: Flores, Segovia, Perez, Radle, Castro, Hall, Schubert, Haass. ABSENT: Williams, Barrera.

The City Council recessed its special session in order to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

Deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives related to economic development negotiations with a business prospect the City Council seeks to have locate in or near San Antonio, including the possible acquisition and disposition of an interest in real property, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property); and discuss related legal issues, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Deliberate the duties, appointment, and employment of the City Manager, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters), and discuss related legal issues, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

The City Council adjourned the Executive Session at 10:53 A.M. at which time Mayor Garza stated the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters and had given staff direction, but had taken no official action.

The City Council reconvened its Special “B” Session at 10:55 A.M. for the purpose of:

Briefing by the San Antonio Water System on the Proposed 2005 Budget, additional revenue requirements, and corresponding rate adjustments required for the Water Delivery, Wastewater, and Water Supply core Businesses. (Introduced by Ben Gorzell
Mr. Alex Briseno, Interim President/Chief Executive Officer of San Antonio Water System (SAWS), narrated a slide presentation regarding the 3rd quarter 2004 report on water resources, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the City Clerk. He discussed the fifty (50) year supply and demand during critical period, and presented a financial summary for water supply projects. He recapped the 2004 multi-year financing plan, and the budgeted costs for 2005. He spoke to the 2005 capital improvement project schedule, the original water supply fee plan, projected 2005 flow of funds and the computation of the rate. He further spoke to the water supply and the water resources development plan, and discussed water supply projects. He discussed infrastructure improvement and acknowledged pipes crumble and fail over time. He noted 40% of pipes will be 50 years old by 2010. He also discussed corrosion failure and its implications, and cited the 2002-2004 emergency repairs. He amplified on the 2005 budget goals and budget assumptions, and delineated the budget process. He spoke to the source and use of funds, and the 2005 debt assumptions. He expounded on the rate increases for 2005, and the impact they would have on water bills. He then presented a bill comparison of the top ten Texas utilities.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.