
The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 2:00 pm Wednesday, October 7, 2009, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. ABSENT: Rodriguez.

1. DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT.

City Attorney Michael Bernard provided a memo to the City Council in which it stated that the City Council had scheduled a meeting, including an Executive Session, to deliberate on competitive matters regarding the South Texas Nuclear Project. Additionally, that the matters affect decisions that would be made by the City Council regarding issuing bonds and revenue obligations necessary for the operation of CPS Energy. Lastly, the memo stated that the discussions, deliberations and ultimate decisions pertained to energy supply options that would directly affect the rates paid by CPS Energy customers.

The memo explains that CPS Energy is an electric and gas utility owned by the City of San Antonio. Its Board of Trustees is appointed by the San Antonio City Council; the City’s Mayor serves as an ex-officio member of the Board. The CPS Energy Board of Trustees has been vested by the City of San Antonio City Council with the authority to manage the daily operations of the utility systems, including the management of all revenues. The City of San Antonio through its City Council retains final authority to approve certain matters including issuing bonds, setting rates, and establishing policy directives.

Mr. Bernard’s memo also explains that Section 551.086(c) of the Open Meetings Act provides that a public power utility governing body could recess into closed session to deliberate on any competitive matter. Section 552.086(b)(2) provides that “public power utility governing body” means the board of trustees or other applicable governing body, including a City Council, of a public power utility. The City Council is a governing body of this utility and is accordingly entitled to consider and deliberate competitive matters in closed session under Section 551.086(c).

Mr. Bernard stated that he had met with CPS Energy and that only those matters clearly sensitive would be discussed in closed session. He added that the information did not relate to the issuance of bonds and recommended that the City Council recess into Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 2:20 pm to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:
A. DELIBERATE COMPETITIVE MATTERS REGARDING THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT AND DISCUSS RELATED LEGAL ISSUES PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.086 (COMPETITIVE MATTERS) AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 3:55 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matter but took no action.

Steve Bartley, Interim General Manager of CPS Energy stated that they were committed to public dialogue regarding the South Texas Nuclear Project and would share as much information as possible. He spoke of the public awareness process, noting that they had conducted “Neighbor Nights Out” throughout the community over the summer. He explained that “Neighbor Nights Out” were informational sessions in which numerous energy options were discussed and that Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) were provided free of charge. He noted that CPS Energy staff had made themselves available to any groups that requested their presence to provide information and answer questions. He reported that the majority of the concerns expressed from the public were in regard to cost, safety and carbon emissions.

Mr. Bartley stated that CPS Energy conducted surveys to determine satisfaction with customer service and communication and had learned that there was strong support for conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy. He outlined CPS Energy’s commitment toward sustainability and noted the goal of 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy by 2020. He reported that although they were important; conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy would not be sufficient to meet the future energy needs of the community. He spoke of the need to identify storage for renewable energy so that it could be utilized 24 hours a day seven days a week. He stated that CPS Energy staff recommendation was to move forward to maximize the value of STP Units 1 and 2 and develop Units 3 and 4. He noted that it was in the best interest to target an ultimate equity ownership in the range of 20-25% for Units 3 and 4. He mentioned that based on the research and analysis conducted, nuclear was the best long-term solution for the community.

Mr. Bartley reported that the amount of ownership should be based on what could be afforded, thus; the recommendation to decrease from the 40% ownership originally proposed. He stated that circumstances had changed their financial outlook and they continued to experience the effects of the recession on business. He mentioned that wholesale sales were a function of natural gas prices that were very volatile. He noted that they would be cutting their investment in STP 3 and 4 in half over the next two to three years. He spoke of the Citizens Advisory Committee, noting that they had passed a Resolution to support the expansion of STP 3 and 4.

Mr. Bartley stated that it was important for CPS Energy to maintain a certain level of control over the project. He noted that they had 40% ownership in STP 1 and 2 and therefore; had veto power. He mentioned that he was leading an integral team to move forward with the idea of a possible sale and would engage the assistance of outside firms to implement their strategies. He stated that they continued to receive new information on the project and stressed the importance of affordability and flexibility. He introduced Paula Gold-Williams, CPS Energy Chief Financial Officer.
Ms. Gold-Williams stated that CPS Energy had financially assessed multiple options associated with the next generation resource decision. She noted that Management, the CPS Energy Board and the City Council had received input from the public and would continue to do so. She mentioned that information was also being assessed from multiple perspectives including City Staff, Third-Party Consultants, and other interested stakeholders. She provided a comparative spending view based on various levels of ownership and sell down percentages.

Ms. Gold-Williams spoke of the debt financing transactions that would be required for nuclear energy, noting that staff was proposing $400 million in variable-rate demand obligations. She stated that most of the transactions would be tax-exempt but a portion would be taxable in an effort to lessen unfavorable IRS private use restrictions that were applicable to certain sell down scenarios. She noted that they would continue to utilize Commercial Paper capacity of $115 million and that another financing transaction would be necessary in the Fall of 2010 or early 2011. She reported that management would proceed to retire debt after the project interest was sold and that in the next fiscal year, other financing transactions would be proposed for non-nuclear expenditures.

Ms. Gold-Williams outlined the debt instruments, noting that they would consider the $400 million as interim financing that could be refunded with long-term debt in 2012. She stated that the variable-rate demand obligations would be structured for 10 years and mature on December 3, 2019. She explained that interest rates would be flexible and could utilize daily, weekly, term, and fixed rates for a period of three years. She noted that they would issue $380.4 million in Junior Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds at a true interest cost ranging from 2.30%-3.50%. She mentioned that under the current Reimbursement Resolution, they would reimburse cash for approximately $100 million and the remainder of the $300 million would be utilized for project expenses.

Ms. Gold-Williams spoke of the 2003 Remarketing Agreement in which Barclay’s Capital Inc. was the remarketing agent and was not associated with nuclear. She stated that under their new agreement, the principal was unchanged and that slightly higher fees were in line with current market rates. She noted that CPS Energy and its financial advisors concurred with the increase. In regard to affordability and financial strength, she reported that the rate plan that had been announced earlier in the Summer targeted an approximate incremental five percent bill impact every other year. She noted that after the plan was released, the market price of gas declined below expectation and that current economic pressures had unfavorably affected wholesale revenues.

Ms. Gold-Williams stated that the rate plan would be implemented via direct changes to base rates and offset by estimated decreases in fuel costs brought on by infrastructure improvements. She provided an example of a five percent bill impact to the average residential electric bill, noting an increase of 9.5% to the base rate in the Spring, but a fuel savings decrease in the Fall. She noted that ratepayers were affected by the price of natural gas and would experience an increase in their bill whether or not nuclear was implemented. She reported that it would be increasingly difficult to maintain their financial plans if the five percent bill impact every other year was treated as a cap. She added that CPS Energy would continue to enhance low income discount programs and increase contributions to REAP. She mentioned that CPS Energy had an option to lower increases by implementing slightly larger effective rates early on that would achieve a better balance of customer affordability and financial strength.
Ben Gorzell, Finance Director, stated that city staff had been engaged in the review of the expansion of STP Units 3 and 4 since 2007 and had utilized internal resources and outside consultants. He noted that The Brattle Group had been hired by the City to evaluate CPS Energy's resource planning assumptions and methods; assess the value of STP 3 and 4 from an investment perspective; and examine the terms and conditions of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract. He outlined the conclusions of the studies, noting that the updated demand and sales forecast reflected an energy shortfall in 2020. He stated that this was due to growth in the CPS System and aging natural gas plants that were scheduled for decommissioning. He added that a significant need for generation existed between 2020 and 2030.

Mr. Gorzell reported of the Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan (STEP) and noted that it was projected to achieve 771 megawatts of energy savings by 2020. He stated that funding had been approved for the program in May, 2009 and would be phased-in over time. He reported that the consultants had described it as an aggressive energy conservation program. He spoke of the Nexant Study in which it was noted that 1,332 megawatts of total peak reduction was possible by 2020 but would only shift additional generation requirements by two years. He stated that the opportunity existed to do more energy conservation but should not be relied upon to meet the projected energy shortfall.

Mr. Gorzell added that renewable technologies continued to advance but issues remained related to shortfalls in output attributable to weather and other factors. He noted that renewable technologies were not currently sufficient to replace base generation needs and should not be solely relied upon to meet energy needs. He mentioned that investment in renewable energy sources would continue to be important. He spoke of Base Load Generation, noting that it consisted of nuclear, natural gas, or coal. He reported that based on multiple modeling scenarios, nuclear appeared to be the best base load generation option.

Mr. Gorzell stated that the $10 billion Overnight Cost Estimate relied upon by CPS Energy was credible. He noted that the EPC Contract was a strong agreement that offered significant protection against several nuclear development risks. He mentioned that STP may have significant non-repeatable advantages and was a high quality site for nuclear expansion. He reported that city staff supported the CPS Energy recommendation to continue development of STP Units 3 and 4 to optimize value and maintain flexibility and should target an equity ownership of 20-25% in Units 3 and 4. He mentioned that the CPS Bond Indenture established that funds from operations in the General Account should be pledged to the following uses in the order of priority as listed: 1) System Operations and Maintenance; 2-5) System Debt Service; 6) Six percent of the gross revenues of the system to be deposited in the Repair and Replacement (R&R) Account; 7) Transfer of funds to the City General Fund; and 8) Remaining net revenues of the system to the R&R Account. He stated that R&R Account funds must be used for operation, maintenance or improvements to the utility system and that the transfer of funds to the City, not to exceed 14% of gross revenues, must be made on a monthly basis.

Councilmember Williams asked of the contract. Mr. Bartley stated that they would be taking the contract to the CPS Energy Board for approval on October 13, 2009. Councilmember Cortez asked of the impact of the lack of nuclear sales to ratepayers. Mr. Bartley stated that based on the value of the project and the valuable attributes, there was a market for nuclear sales and should not be a concern. Councilmember Cortez asked when ratepayers would realize the benefits of the STEP Program on their bills. Mr. Bartley reported that savings would be realized between year 2017 and
2018. Councilmember Cortez asked of the policy of investing one dollar in renewable energy for every three dollars spent on nuclear. Mr. Bartley confirmed that CPS Energy staff was committed to same.

Councilmember Cisneros recognized the Citizens Advisory Committee for their work and asked of the solar project that had recently been contracted. Cris Eugster, CPS Energy Chief Sustainability Officer reported that 150,000 solar panels would be installed and the project would be completed by the end of 2010. Councilmember Cisneros asked of the estimated impact of nuclear energy to the average ratepayer. Mr. Bartley referenced Slide 18 in which it listed a 10-year projection of the average residential bill from year 2011-2020. He added that the average ratepayer would pay $103.02 in 2011 and $137.63 in 2020. Councilmember Cisneros asked how cost overruns would be addressed. Mr. Bartley replied that there would be three or four designs for the nuclear reactors that were proven technologies and had been certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). He further stated that the engineering work would be 95% complete in the next two to three years and that CPS Energy would do whatever necessary to mitigate risk. He added that they would receive a fixed price contract in 2012 and could decide to accept or reject the project at that time.

Councilmember Cisneros asked of the Mission Verde Plan and the idea that nuclear energy would contradict the principles of the Plan. Mr. Bartley stated that there was no inconsistency between the two and that the STEP Plan and other renewable energy efforts were part of a distributed energy generation model to address the goals of Mission Verde. Councilmember Cisneros asked of the REAP and WARM Programs. Mr. Bartley stated that they were reviewing options to enhance the programs to ensure that low-income ratepayers were assisted with the rate increase. Councilmember Ramos asked of the cost of the project based on a 20% versus 25% ownership. Mr. Bartley responded that at a 20% ownership, the investment would be $2.6 billion and at 25% ownership, the investment would be approximately $3.25 billion. Councilmember Ramos asked of the same investment in renewable energy sources. Mr. Eugster stated that the cost of solar was $4 per watt and that the issue was that solar energy was only available 20% of the time. He noted that with nuclear energy, the baseload generation capacity was available 85-90% of the time.

Councilmember Ramos asked of the future technology for energy storage. Mr. Eugster stated that it was unknown and that current models were predicting that the cost of renewable energy would remain high compared to conventional energy sources. Mr. Bartley added that they were hopeful that the cost for renewable energy would decrease and that the energy storage issue could be resolved. Councilmember Ramos asked of the possibility of decreasing the amount of debt issued based on the decrease in ownership. Mr. Bartley noted that there was a need to invest $400 million at this time regardless of the percentage of ownership and must continue to invest in the project to enhance its value to potential buyers. Councilmember Ramos requested information regarding the impact to District 3 ratepayers before and after the last rate increase of 3.5%.

Councilmember Clamp asked if analysis had been conducted regarding future rate increases. Ms. Gold-Williams stated that future rate increases would be necessary and that more rate support would allow CPS Energy to increase renewable efforts. Councilmember Clamp asked of the value of the 20-25% ownership level. Ms. Gold-Williams reported that it would be market-driven based on the interest received from potential buyers but could not provide an actual profit margin. Mr. Bartley noted that it was a moving target and they were trying to make the best decisions based on the information available at this time. Mr. Bartley mentioned that they were not opposed to
Purchase Power Agreements, leases or sales, but were concerned with not adhering to affordability limits and ensuring that financial integrity was maintained.

Councilmember Clamp asked of the impact of the City’s decision regarding nuclear energy to the Department of Energy (DOE). Mr. Bartley stated that they were in constant contact with the DOE and that their advisors would help them with the sale. Councilmember Clamp asked if the rate increase was included in the 14% payment to the City. Ms. Gold-Williams confirmed that it was. Councilmember Clamp expressed concern that customers were paying for an investment and the City would be receiving a percentage of that. He stated that long-term financial projections should be locked in and spoke of the importance of having an exit strategy. Councilmember Chan asked of the Reimbursement Resolution. Ms. Gold-Williams stated that they kept at least one Reimbursement Resolution open at all times and would renew the current resolution by initiating one for nuclear and one for non-nuclear.

Councilmember Chan asked of a fixed number relating to the rate increase. Ms. Gold-Williams replied that they did not have an exact number but would be approximately 9.5% and applied on the base rate total. Mr. Bartley expressed concern with locking in a fixed amount due to the volatility of gas prices. Councilmember Chan stated that she understood the need for flexibility but stressed the importance of cost control. Mr. Bartley noted that a discussion should be held regarding affordability tolerance. Councilmember Chan asked of the commitment to invest in renewable energy sources. Mr. Bartley reported that the amount committed between now and 2020 was included in the rate projections. He added that it was critical to retain the right of first refusal as they negotiated the sale of equity.

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 6:32 pm for a short break. Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 6:45 pm and continued with Council discussion.

Councilmember Medina expressed concern with the impact of rate increases to senior citizens and individuals on a fixed income. Mr. Bartley mentioned that staff was working to enhance the low income discount programs and an increase to the contribution for REAP. He noted that they would like to bring options to the City Council within one week. Mr. Bartley reported that 32,000 homeowners utilized the low income discount program and $1.5 million was available. Mayor Castro stated that an investment of at least $1-2 million should be made available for these programs.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the governance structure based on percentage of ownership of the project. Mr. Bartley stated that they were currently at 50% and had agreed with NINA that it was in the best interest to sell down 10%. He added that the ability to sell down any percentage was in their control. Councilmember Lopez asked of the oversight structure. Mr. Bartley noted that the best way to exercise control was through ownership or partnerships with entities that had similar views regarding project management. In response to Councilmember Lopez, Mr. Bartley stated that in order to mitigate risk, it was important to maintain a high level of control and assure a favorable position with the Department of Energy. Councilmember Lopez asked of the number associated with the 5% rate increase every other year and the amount allocated to nuclear. Ms. Gold-Williams stated that they did not have the specific allocation but had an estimated impact to the average ratepayer. Councilmember Williams asked of the annual capital investment not including nuclear. Ms. Gold-Williams stated that it was between $480-520 million. Mayor Castro stated that they
were closer to making a decision and asked that CPS Energy provide all of the information that had been requested.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

**Item 1.** The Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Richard C. Poole, USAF, Lackland Air Force Base, guest of Mayor Julián Castro.

**Item 2.** Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro.

**Item 3. MINUTES**

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Budget Work Session and Public Hearing of September 1, 2009 and the Regular City Council Meeting of September 3, 2009. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Items 4-18**

Consent Agenda Items 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, and 14 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Mayor Castro called on the individuals registered to speak.

Samuel Rodriguez expressed concern with the location of the Senior Multi-Service Center in Item 7. He stated that it would be a burden for him to travel to the south side of the District since he rides the bus and asked that another location be identified.

Maria del Rosario Lopez stated that she had been a volunteer in District 5 for over 10 years working with senior citizens. She expressed concern with the location of the proposed Senior Multi-Service Center, noting that seniors would not have transportation to the facility. She mentioned that there was a great need for senior services within the district and that more time should be taken to consider a better location.
The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

### 2009-10-08-0806

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO E-Z BEL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,025,218.40, OF WHICH $480,213.49 WILL BE REIMBURSED BY SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEMS (SAWS) AND $132,944.00 WILL BE REIMBURSED BY CPS ENERGY, TO CONSTRUCT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HAMILTON WOLFE ROAD AND FLOYD CURL DRIVE AS PART THE MEDICAL CENTER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PHASE VI PROJECT, AN AUTHORIZED 2007-2012 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BOND AND CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDED PROJECT LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, FROM A TOTAL AUTHORIZED PROJECT AMOUNT OF $6,082,514.26.

### 2009-10-08-0810

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONDEMNATION OF ONE PARCEL OF PRIVATELY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WESTOVER HILLS BLVD. AND HUNT LANE IN NCB 18820 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 FOR THE DISTRICT 6 AREA PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT; DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $16,100.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION, AVAILABLE FROM AUTHORIZED 2007-2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

### 2009-10-08-0811

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A LEASE FROM TCP LAS PALMAS PARTNERS, LTD TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY PAY $48,000.00 FOR FINISH-OUT FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVICE/311 LINK CENTER LOCATED WITHIN THE LAS PALMAS SHOPPING CENTER AT 803 CASTROVILLE ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

### 2009-10-08-0813

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A RIVERWALK PATIO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN JAZZ, INC. D/B/A JIM CULLUM’S LANDING TO MR. CHRISTOPHER ERCK D/B/A RIVER BANK, LTD.

### 2009-10-08-0814

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 2-YEAR CONTRACT WITH HUMANA HEALTH PLAN OF TEXAS INC. THAT WILL GENERATE UP TO $10,000.00 FOR SEASONAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO INSURANCE ENROLLEES COVERED BY HUMANA HEALTH PLAN OF TEXAS, INC. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 29, 2009.

### 2009-10-08-0816

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD OF AN ADDITIONAL $319,500.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT GRANT.
WITH AN IN-KIND MATCH OF 10%, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CAMP BULLIS JOINT LAND USE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.

PULLED BY CITY STAFF

Item 16. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO APPLICABLE TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, INCLUDING REVISIONS TO THE RECEPTACLE PLACEMENT, REMOVAL AND COLLECTION TIMES, MANDATORY RECEPTACLE IDENTIFICATION, ELIMINATING BAGS AS ‘SEALED’ RECEPTACLES, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Item 17. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, OR, IN THE EVENT EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NOT RECEIVED, TEN DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT:

A. REAPPOINTING CRESTON C. HUTCHINSON (DISTRICT 8) TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO COMMENCE DECEMBER 1, 2009, AND EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30, 2011.

B. REAPPOINTING SONIA M. RODRIGUEZ (MAYORAL) TO THE MAYOR’S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

C. APPOINTING DANIEL T. ZIMMERMANN (DISTRICT 9, CATEGORY: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER) TO THE MECHANICAL APPEALS AND ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

D. APPOINTING KIMBERLY A. HERNANDEZ (DISTRICT 7) TO THE SAN ANTONIO YOUTH COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

E. APPOINTING NORA L. MURDOCK (DISTRICT 7) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

F. REAPPOINTING DAVID D. GARZA (MAYORAL, CATEGORY: CITY OFFICIAL) TO THE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

G. REAPPOINTING GENE CAMARGO (MAYORAL) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

H. REAPPOINTING EMILY D. THUSS (MAYORAL, CATEGORY: CONSUMER OF HANDICAPPED SERVICES) TO THE DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
I. REAPPOINTING THOMAS LARRALDE (MAYORAL) TO THE ETHICS REVIEW BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE APRIL 25, 2010.

J. REAPPOINTING STERLING S. NEUMAN (MAYORAL) TO THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

K. REAPPOINTING HOWARD W. PEAK (MAYORAL) TO THE LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

L. REAPPOINTING ALVARO D. SAENZ, JR. (MAYORAL) TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

2009-10-08-0817

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FOR THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 SEASON OF EVENTS, THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH COMPARABLE CONTRACTORS IN THE EVENT OF NON-PERFORMANCE BY AN INTENDED PERFORMER; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REVENUE FUNDS THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER TRUST FUND TO THE CARVER ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $73,448.00, AND ACCEPTANCE OF $15,000.00 FROM THE CARVER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AUTHORIZING LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR USE OF THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER; APPROVING REVISED LICENSE FEES AND CARVER FACILITY USE POLICIES; AND ADOPTING ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT OF FOUR POSITIONS.

[CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-10-08-0805

Item 4. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $446,000.00: (A) TOYOTA LIFT OF SOUTH TEXAS FOR JOHN DEERE INDUSTRIAL PARTS & SERVICE; (B) RELIANCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, LTD. FOR RECYCLING TRUCKS BODY PARTS & SERVICES; (C) ADA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR PEDESTRIAN RAMP MATERIAL AND (D) CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION FOR BUSINESS OBJECTS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT.

Councilmember Ramos asked of the bid process and asked if there were any local bidders. Janie Cantu stated that it was a low bid process and based solely on price. She noted that one of the five bidders was a local company. Councilmember Ramos suggested that more outreach be provided to
local companies and requested additional information regarding the various types of bids. Michael Bernard stated that the draft Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance would address the issue of local participation. He noted that there were substantial legal limitations to select a bidder based on locality but would continue to review options.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2009-10-08-0807**

Item 6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF $323,377.00 TO THE $3,454,631.70 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK PROJECT ON JACKSON-KELLER (VANCE JACKSON TO BLANCO ROAD), LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1, FUNDED BY FY 2010 ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (ATD) FUNDS.

Councilmember Cisneros requested additional information on the project. Majed Al-Ghafry stated that said item was a change order that would utilize an existing contract to perform additional work in FY 2010. He reported that the project would create continuous sidewalk along Jackson-Keller from Vance Jackson to Blanco Road. He noted that the funds were budgeted and that the contractor had already been mobilized to perform other work in the area. Councilmember Cisneros spoke of the collaboration on the project and expressed her support.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2009-10-08-0808**

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 10-YEAR LEASE FROM CVC PROPERTIES, LLC, FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 2701 S. PRESA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5, FOR A SENIOR MULTI-SERVICES CENTER FOR A MONTHLY RENTAL RATE OF $16,034.17 FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS AND INCREASING TO $17,163.33 FOR YEARS SIX THROUGH TEN.

Assistant City Manager Frances Gonzalez stated that staff identified a site for the Senior Multi-Services Center and recommended the site due to the bus stop located directly in front of the facility. She mentioned that they would serve 8,500 seniors within a two-mile radius and others
throughout the district would also utilize the facility. She spoke of the case management; health and wellness; and other activities that would be offered.

Councilmember Medina stated that many individuals had expressed the need for a Senior Center within the area and that the majority of the Senior Centers were located further north. He noted that the needed infrastructure was in place to include a bus route and signage. He read a letter of support from the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association, noting that the proposed Senior Multi-Services Center would complement the services provided at other Senior Centers. He mentioned that the developer would provide a small grocery store in the area and that it was a win-win situation for the entire community.

Mayor Castro called on the individuals registered to speak.

John Carlos Garcia thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak and stated that there was a great need for a Senior Multi-Services Center. He expressed concern with the rental fees, noting that the cost was more than three times the amount spent on other Senior Centers. He noted that there were other Senior Centers nearby and that seniors would have to travel longer distances by bus or shuttle to reach the proposed Multi-Services Center. He mentioned that the site was not easily accessible and requested additional time to identify a more suitable location.

George Alejos stated that he was speaking on behalf of LULAC Council 4383 in opposition to said item. He noted that an article had been published in the Express News with conflicting information on the deadline for use of the funds and asked for additional time to gather community input on a desired location. He expressed concern with the campaign contributions provided to the Council by Ken Brown, lobbyist for the property owner.

Fernando Velasquez, Marty Montez and Maria Velasquez of the Palm Heights Neighborhood Association spoke in opposition to said item. Mr. Velasquez stated that he was the President of the Association and supported a Senior Multi-Services Center but not at the proposed location. He asked that the community be allowed to provide input and requested additional time to make a decision. He expressed concern with the associated costs and the lack of infrastructure in the area. He suggested utilizing schools within the district that are being closed instead of the proposed location.

Susan Powers stated that she was a member of the Lone Star Neighborhood Association in support of the Senior Multi-Services Center. She noted that their neighborhood had been overlooked for too long and that their residents deserved the same services that were provided elsewhere.

Candie Beltran stated that she was the President of the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association in favor of the Senior Multi-Services Center. She thanked the President of the Palm Heights Neighborhood Association for recognizing the need for improved infrastructure in the area and a deteriorating environment due to many years of neglect. She recognized Former Councilmember Patti Radle for her work on the Roosevelt Park Community Center. She expressed concern that there was not a grocery store in the area and spoke in support of the services that would be provided.
Ms. Vacek read written testimony from Deborah Ann Estrada in opposition to Item 7. Ms. Estrada wrote that she was thankful to Councilmember Medina for his efforts to secure a Multi-Service Health and Resource Center. She expressed concern with the location and cost. She wrote that there should be additional time to make the decision about the location and to include public input.

Councilmember Medina asked of the services that would be provided at the facility. Ms. Gonzalez stated that services included health screening; nutrition education; computer classes; exercise and fitness activities; case management; and nutritious meals. She noted that activities such as arts and crafts and table games would also be provided. Councilmember Medina confirmed that there would be an area outside the facility where seniors could congregate. In regard to transportation, Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that there was a van assigned to the site that would pick up and drop off senior citizens.

Councilmember Medina asked of the infrastructure. Chris Kurzon of the CIMS Department stated that the property owner would restore the façade to complement existing architecture. The property owner also will make site improvements to the parking lot. He noted that the owner had agreed to make $500,000 worth of improvements and that no issues had been identified regarding vehicle access from Presa Street onto the property. Councilmember Lopez recognized Councilmember Medina for his efforts and spoke of the City’s commitment to senior citizens. He stated that case management was critical and was pleased to see that it would be offered at the center. Councilmember Ramos asked of the grocery store for the area. Chris Cox, Property Owner, stated that the other half of the building would be a 2,500 square-foot Dollar General Grocery Store. He noted that the opening of the Dollar General was not contingent on the opening of the Senior Multi-Services Center.

Councilmember Ramos asked of the abatement needed. Mr. Cox stated that minor abatement would be completed at his expense and confirmed that there was adequate parking. Councilmember Ramos expressed concern with the short distance between the proposed Senior Multi-Services Center and the Presa Community Center and noted duplication of services. Ms. Gonzalez replied that they had looked at many properties in the area and wanted to stay within major thoroughfares to ensure adequate parking. She provided examples of nutrition centers within close proximity that had maintained attendance and had not been impacted due to the additional site. She also confirmed that the Presa Community Center received quarterly medical screenings from WellMed and would continue to do so. Councilmember Ramos expressed concern with the possible decrease in funding for the Presa Community Center due to a decrease in the amount of meals served. Dennis Campa reiterated that they had not seen a great decrease due to the opening of other nutrition centers in close proximity.

Councilmember Cortez spoke of the commitment to senior citizens and asked of the cost of the lease. Ms. Gonzalez stated that it would cost $1.9 million over the length of the ten-year contract. Councilmember Cortez asked if the contract cost would impact the services provided to seniors. Ms. Gonzalez stated that there would not be an impact to the services offered to seniors and noted the ability to provide services through their delegate agency contracts. Councilmember Cortez expressed concern with the high cost of the lease. Ms. Gonzalez reported that they had looked at numerous sites based on various criteria and felt that the recommended site was the best option. Councilmember Cortez asked of the long-term plan for comprehensive Senior Centers. Sheryl Seulley stated that a further policy discussion would be held with the City Council regarding Senior
She noted that the Elderly Affairs Commission had recommended that four comprehensive Senior Centers be opened in each of the quadrants of the City and that staff would work on an overall strategic plan to address the needs of seniors in the community.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked of partnerships with school districts or non-profits for the lease agreement. Ms. Gonzalez stated that they usually partnered with outside entities on the programming side but would consider a co-tenant or sub-lease if it would complement the services being provided to seniors. Councilmember Rodriguez stated that the Senior Multi-Services Center would be a great asset to the community and transform the Presa corridor. Councilmember Clamp asked of the number of Senior Multi-Service Centers. Mr. Campa stated that there were four and this would be the fifth one. He added that the FY 2010 Budget included funding for Senior Centers in Districts 2 and 6 for a total of seven. Councilmember Clamp expressed his support for the location of said center and stated that he looked forward to the policy discussion and strategic plan regarding Senior Centers. Councilmember Cisneros expressed her support for the Senior Multi-Services Center and commended Councilmember Medina for his leadership.

Councilmember Taylor expressed her support for the Senior Center and spoke of the great need for senior services in the community. Councilmember Ramos stated that she was in support but wanted to ensure that the concerns expressed by the Presa Community Center were addressed. She asked that staff continue to work with them to ensure that they were not negatively impacted. Mayor Castro thanked everyone that spoke on said item and expressed his support for the center. He commended Councilmember Medina for taking a proactive approach in providing services to an underserved area.

Councilmember Medina moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-10-08-0809

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONDEMNATION OF A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON ONE PARCEL OF PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE INDIAN CREEK CHANNEL, NCB 15250, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 FOR THE INDIAN CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT; DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $54,750.00, AVAILABLE FROM 2007-2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS.

Councilmember Cortez asked of the project scope. Mike Frisbie stated that the project would authorize the purchase of drainage easements along the Indian Creek Channel. He noted that it was a 2007 Bond Project that would address the drainage issues in the area and that construction would begin in January, 2010. He mentioned that they would combine HUD 108 funding that was allocated toward the War Cloud Project with the Indian Creek Channel Improvements Project to make a greater impact. Councilmember Cortez expressed his commitment to the residents of the
Councilmember Clamp asked of the availability of long-term programs or funding to address drainage issues throughout the city. Mr. Frisbie replied that they could look at potential funding sources through the Public Works Department but funds were limited.

Councilmember Cortez moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-10-08-0812

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AQUIFER-PROTECTION CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE SAATHOFF RANCH, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS FOR $576,223.95 AS PART OF THE PROPOSITION ONE EDWARDS AQUIFER PROTECTION VENUE PROJECT.

Councilmember Cortez highlighted said item noting that additional land was being purchased to protect the recharge zone. He stated that he looked forward to discussion regarding the continuation of Proposition One to continue to invest in land acquisition to protect the aquifer. Kristyl Smith, Project Manager of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program stated that the Conservation Advisory Board was in support of the item being placed on the ballot for continuation and that staff would work with the City Manager's Office to ensure that the requests of the City Council were included in the initiative. She noted that she had previously reported that all of the monies had been allocated but had subsequently learned that $1.3 million was still available. She added that the Conservation Advisory Board would be identifying properties for purchase and bring forward for Council consideration. Councilmember Williams expressed his support and thanked everyone for their work.

Written Testimony was received from the Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas (AGUA) in favor of Item 11. They wrote that they were in support of the acquisition of the conservation easement on the Saathoff Ranch and had been advocates of Propositions One and Three to fund protected land over the Edwards Recharge Zone. They wrote that the conservation of natural open spaces was the safest way to ensure pure water recharges in the aquifer and thanked the City Council for their support.

Councilmember Cortez moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: None.
Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $48,000.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN CHARLES GONZALEZ FOR THE 2009 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS) CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED GRANT TO ENHANCE THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY’S TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES.

Councilmember Ramos recognized Congressman Charles Gonzalez for his work and advocacy of libraries. She asked staff how the funds would be spent. Kendra Trachta stated that the funds would be utilized to replace the computer registration and printing software throughout the library system. Councilmember Medina also recognized Congressman Gonzalez for the grant award and spoke of the importance of libraries to the community.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**Item 19. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

A. Federal Stimulus – Police Academy Class

Ms. Sculley reported that 30 of the 50 Police Officers funded through the Stimulus Program had been hired and were participating in the training academy. She stated that they would graduate in May and be policing the streets in early Summer. She noted that the remaining 20 Police Officers would begin training in December.

B. Officer of the Year Award - Officer Pedro Garcia

Ms. Sculley stated that Officer Pedro Garcia had received the 2009 Officer of the Year Award by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Parade Magazine. Officer Garcia was recognized by his peers for an act of valor that he displayed on September 28, 2008 in which he was able to get wounded Officer Brandy Roell to safety. It was noted that Officer Garcia had served in the Police Department for six years and was assigned to the Special Weapons and Tactics Division. Ms. Sculley thanked Officer Garcia for his commitment to the community and the department.

Mayor Castro expressed his gratitude to Officer Garcia for his service to the San Antonio community and congratulated him on the recognition. Councilmember Cortez congratulated Officer Garcia on his award and thanked him for his service to the community. Councilmember Ramos recognized the Police Department for their work on Presa and Roosevelt in addressing drug activity and prostitution.

Mayor Castro recognized City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek who will be named the 2009 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year at an Awards Banquet tonight at the Menger Hotel. He thanked Ms. Vacek for her excellent work and professionalism and presented her with a Certificate of Official Congratulations signed by the City Council commemorating the honor.
Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 11:30 am and noted that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for Citizens to be Heard.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Councilmember Clamp reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and called on the individuals registered to speak.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of the seven-headed dragon and cited various biblical verses.

Gerardo Renteria expressed concern with the eviction of a woman and her three children from a downtown shelter. He spoke of human rights and read a statement regarding the incident that occurred. He encouraged city staff to continue to help those in need.

Bill Rasco requested funding to support “Red Ribbon Week” that encourages students to say no to drugs and stay in school. He spoke of the efforts of the Greater San Antonio Hospital Council noting that they worked closely with the San Antonio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council. He reported that 9,600 students from 74 elementary schools would be participating in a concert the following week at Laurie Auditorium and encouraged the City Council to attend.

Councilmember Cortez thanked Mr. Rasco for attending the Council Meeting and noted that he had provided funding for the program. He encouraged his colleagues to donate toward the effort.

Damon Mason stated that he had arrived in San Antonio in May, 2001 to participate in a Residential Rehabilitation Program. He spoke of the great amount of crime and traffic in the City and asked the City Council to address said issues. He referenced a book called “The Projects” and added that he would provide a copy to the Mayor, Councilmember Taylor and the Police Chief.

Nick Calzoncit spoke of the alleged incidents occurring in Central America by individuals trained at the School of the Americas and encouraged the City Council to support the closure of the facility. He noted the importance of peace initiatives.

Julie Iris Oldham spoke of the American with Disabilities Act and expressed concern with the distance between the parking lot and the entrance to the City Council Chambers. She spoke of the poor quality of food and other issues that she encountered at the Bob Ross Senior Center.

Jose I. Lopez stated that he was the President of the Jose M. Lopez Congressional Medal of Honor GI Forum Local Chapter and asked that the City Council support a resolution declaring October 12, 2009 as Nemo Herrera Day. He indicated that Mr. Herrera was a former coach at Lanier High School and cited his many contributions to the community.

Faris Hodge, Jr. spoke in support of the review that would be conducted of the San Antonio Police Department. He expressed concern with the proposed rate increase for the San Antonio Water System as well as with the Council outcome of the Crosspoint Zoning Case in District 2. He also spoke of the importance of literacy. He requested that the Fire Department regularly inspect fire...
extinguishers in schools. He spoke in opposition to nuclear energy and expressed support for solar energy. He asked the Council to address issues with pit bulls in the community.

Rhett Smith stated that he had met with the American Civil Liberties Union and discussed issues within the Police Department. He spoke of the recommendations of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and asked that they be documented in future collective bargaining contracts. He referenced an incident that occurred on April 28, 2009 involving the violation of civil rights by San Antonio Police Officer Simpkins. He spoke in opposition to Federal Law 287-G regarding the tracking of undocumented persons because it violated civil rights.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the waiver of Unified Development Code regulations by Planning and Development Services Staff for the facilities located at 4702 Goldfield, 4728 Goldfield, and 3410 E. Houston Street. He cited City Code regulations and noted that Kimberly-Clark and Tetco had not followed the required procedures for operating a business. He expressed concern with the hazardous materials being stored at said facilities.

Alice Canestaro-Garcia spoke in opposition to nuclear energy and encouraged the City Council to consider alternative energy sources. She referenced the Mission Verde Plan and asked that more green jobs be made available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Clamp adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

APPROVED

JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

Attest:

LEICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk