
The San Antonio City Council convened in a Budget Work Session at 1:00 pm Wednesday, August 29, 2012, Municipal Plaza Building, with the following Councilmembers present: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. ABSENT: None.

1. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET FOCUSING ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Item B was addressed first.

B. ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Joe Angelo, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented on the Department’s FY 2013 Proposed Budget. He highlighted Departmental responsibilities to include responding to calls for service from the community, enforcing animal welfare laws, issuing permits and licenses, investigating animal cruelty and bite cases, as well as providing community outreach on responsible pet ownership, adoption services, and spay/neuter services. Mr. Angelo described the Animal Intake Process and stated that the Department was committed to reaching the goals outlined within the Revised Strategic Plan which are to enhance enforcement efforts, control the stray animal population, and increase the Live Release Rate. He referenced organizations assisting the City achieve these goals.

In the area of FY 2012 Accomplishments, Mr. Angelo noted that 2 net guns were purchased to assist Officers to capture animals. He also reported that the Department implemented the use of a Computer Aided Dispatching System to assist with call distribution and prioritization, and that the Department was completing a Comprehensive Neighborhood Sweep Initiative (CNSI). It was noted that the Department had received $2 Million in grants and donations which provides additional services to the community. For FY 2013, it was noted that the Department planned to allocate funding for Community Outreach Programs, continue administration of CNSI Plan, purchase additional supplies needed for services, and hire additional professional staff.

Mr. Angelo provided the Council with an update on the Brackenridge Facility and FY 2012 Bond Project. He noted that for efficiency purposes the City was exploring options to outsource operations at the Brackenridge Facility to a Strategic Planner and methods to effectively manage $2.2 Bond Funds.

Mayor Castro spoke of the progress made by Animal Care Services and thanked Mr. Angelo for developing partnerships with community organizations. At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Angelo
spoke on the adoption process and noted that audits were conducted on partners to ensure compliance.

Councilmember Saldaña thanked Mr. Angelo for this leadership and for successfully achieving the goals outlined within the Revised Strategic Plan. He spoke to the importance of educating the public on responsible pet ownership. At the request of Councilmember Saldaña, Mr. Angelo spoke on how outreach and enforcement efforts have resulted in the Department issuing fewer citations.

As it relates to Future Initiatives, Mr. Angelo stated that a new ACS Facility would assist the Department in holding about 3,000 more animals. It was noted that the City picked up an equal amount of dead and live animals. Councilmember Saldaña requested that the Department spend additional resources on advertising upcoming events.

Councilmember Taylor voiced her concern with stray animals and pet owners still not being responsible. She recommended that the Department enhance educational outreach efforts. Mr. Angelo stated that picking up stray animals was a priority and highlighted how the Department was changing its strategy to accomplish said goal.

Councilmember Ozuna spoke in support of the Improvements made by the Department and noted her satisfaction with the new processes being implemented.

Councilmember Williams commended the Department of a job well done.

Councilmember Soules asked how the Department coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department to pickup stray dogs at Creekway Parks. Mr. Angelo detailed how the two Departments collaborated and noted that said efforts would continue. Ms. Sculley added that Parks and Recreation intended to purchase their own net guns.

A. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Thomas Schlenker provided the Council with an overview of the Department’s FY 2013 Proposed Budget.

Dr. Schlenker noted that many of the Department’s functions were mandated by State and Federal regulations. He highlighted Programs provided by the Department and highlighted the positive impact said services had on the community. Dr. Schlenker spoke on its Strategic Priorities and noted how said Priorities were aligned to SA2020. He highlighted Community Health and Environmental Safety Accomplishments and noted that said accomplishments encouraged fitness and healthy living.

Dr. Schlenker spoke on the Department’s Performance Measures and highlighted the drop in the local teen pregnancy rate. He reported on the financial benefits to the community due to said decrease. As it relates to the FY 2013 Proposed Budget, the Department requested a Budget Allocation of $11.1 Million and a Personnel Compliment of 118 from the General Fund. Dr. Schlenker stated that the Department would be transferring the responsibilities of issuing Birth and Death Records to the City Clerk where it would be operated more efficiently. He added that they were in the process of restructuring the Vector Control Division. Dr. Schlenker detailed local
Preventative Measures being undertaken by the Department to deter the spread of the West Nile Virus. Lastly, FY 2013 Initiatives were highlighted.

Mayor Castro asked of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention curriculum. Dr. Schlenker noted how said curriculum was aligned with the one offered by Healthy Futures. He detailed the collaboration between the City and local school districts to integrate the Teen Pregnancy Prevention curriculum and spoke on the challenges encountered. As it relates to Vector Control Services, Dr. Schlenker discussed the Plan of Action for the balance of this Fiscal Year and for next.

At the request of Councilmember Bernal, Dr. Schlenker reassured the Mayor and Council that the Health Department was doing the best it could to deal with the spread of the West Nile Virus. The duties and responsibilities of the Epidemiologist were discussed. Councilmember Bernal spoke in support of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention curriculum being integrated at Tafolla Middle School. Dr. Schlenker stated that in addition to the priorities denoted in its Strategic Plan, the Department was focused on offering Oral Health and Vaccination Services as well as implementing Food Safety Initiatives. Councilmember Bernal requested that the Department enhance educational outreach efforts so that the community was informed of health care services offered by Metro Health and its partners. Dr. Schlenker briefly highlighted the 1115 Medical Waiver Program and noted how said Program would achieve this request. He noted that a formal presentation on the Program would be provided at a later time.

Councilmember C. Medina asked for clarification on efforts to restructure the Vector Control Division. It was reported that the Department planned on eliminating 3 positions but would cross train other staff and collaborate with partners in order to ensure that services continued at the same level. Councilmember C. Medina asked of reporting requirements by Doctors regarding vaccinations. Dr. Schlenker noted that Doctors were not required to provide vaccination information to the State. He spoke of an Electronic Reporting System available locally that facilitated the reporting process for those Doctors that did report.

Councilmember Taylor thanked Dr. Schlenker for reassuring the community that the City was appropriately dealing with the West Nile Virus. She recommended that the Health Department enhance educational outreach efforts on oral health services offered to the community by the Department. Dr. Schlenker highlighted Initiatives proposed which address payments for Oral Health Services.

Councilmember Soules asked for clarification on areas the City could fog in dealing with the West Nile Virus. Dr. Schlenker noted that the City was obligated to fog public areas and that private property owners were required to fog their own property. He spoke of enforcement efforts by Code Compliance to ensure owners properly manage their property.

Councilmember Soules asked how citizens could go about finding property owners. Ms. Sculley suggested that citizens call 3-1-1 as operators were trained on how to determine ownership of land and could direct callers to correct entity. Dr. Schlenker noted that said process could be different effective October 1st but would still need to identify a Plan of Action.

Councilmember Williams spoke to the type of information available on Health Department’s website and services offered. He requested that the Department enhance educational outreach.
efforts to inform the community of the services offered and initiatives planned and that the Department inspect restaurants more often.

C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION

Assistant City Manager Edward Belmares provided the Council with detailed information regarding the Department’s Mission, Personnel Compliment, Initiatives, and FY 2013 Budget Overview. In the area of Initiatives, it was noted that the Department planned to implement recommendations developed by an External Consultant, improve the Civilian Recruitment Process, and enhance the Open Enrollment Process. Mr. Belmares briefly discussed Employee Demographics; Employee Satisfaction and Engagement results; and Civilian turnover. Employee Benefits and Compensation for Civilian Employees was highlighted. It was noted that the City of San Antonio was proposing to spend an additional $25 Million for employee compensation increases in FY 2013. Mr. Belmares detailed the Compensation increases and noted that $15 Million was allocated to Fire and Police while $9.9 Million was allocated to Civilian and Retiree increases. A history of the Civilian Step Pay Plan and Civilian Compensation was highlighted. Mr. Belmares spoke of the strategies employed by the City to manage increases in Healthcare costs and noted that 4 Healthcare Plans would be available in FY 2013. A comparison of the 4 Plans was provided. It was noted that Open Enrollment would begin October 15 to November 14 and that the City would utilize this time to conduct a voluntary validation of dependents for Uniform Personnel. Mr. Belmares highlighted Employee and Retire Wellness Programs.

Mayor Castro asked of the costs associated with the Healthcare Plans. Ms. Sculley responded that the cost varied based on the Plan selected and that the cost was shared between the City and the employee. It was noted that about an equal number of employees selected the Value, Standard, and Premier Plans. Mr. Belmares noted that he would provide the Mayor and Council with a Demographic overview of employees by Healthcare Plan.

Councilmember Chan asked for clarification on allocations made for Employee Benefits. Ms. Villagomez stated that said allocation totaling $106 Million was individually represented in each Department’s line item entitled Personnel Services and was incorporated in the Employee Benefits Fund for analysis. It was noted that about 18% of an employee’s salary covered benefits to include TMRS, FICA, Medicare, Social Security, and Life Insurance. Ms. Villagomez stated that said percentage did not include Healthcare costs, flexible spending allocations, or costs associated with leave balances. Ms. Sculley stated that the Mayor and Council would be provided with a summary of Health Care overhead costs paid by Uniform and Civilian Employees. Mr. Belmares explained that the City was anticipating a $4 Million increase in Healthcare costs for FY 2013 and highlighted measures utilized by the City to offset this increase. Councilmember Chan thanked City Manager Scully for her fiscal responsibility.

Councilmember Lopez asked of outreach efforts utilized by the City to assist employees in selecting the right plan for them and their family. Mr. Belmares highlighted the various methods used to select the best plan based on need and noted that the City would aggressively communicate plan options to employees and family members. Councilmember Lopez asked of future Healthcare Plans offered to employees. Mr. Belmares stated that information was not available at this time and that every year the City looked at numerous factors such as cost of plan and plan benefits in order to select the best healthcare coverage for employees. Ms. Sculley noted that the City was currently
assessing the feasibility of local entities collaborating to secure better Healthcare options for all employees.

Councilmember Bernal highlighted the slight financial variations in the 3 Healthcare Plans currently available. He voiced his concern with the high cost implications associated with the Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) and noted the possibility of employees not seeking medical attention. Ms. Sculley stated that the intent of incorporating CDHP as a 4th Healthcare Option was to incentivize Wellness and Healthy Lifestyle Habits. Mr. Belmares described the Benefit offerings associated with CDHP and highlighted the Health Savings Account component of the Plan. Councilmember Bernal requested that the Department actively engage employees in selecting the most appropriate Health Care Plan based on need and financial stability.

Councilmember Cris Medina requested clarification on Retiree Benefits. Mr. Belmares explained that Retiree Benefits were solely based on years of service with premiums shared between the City and Retiree. Councilmember C. Medina requested that the City continue to include Retirees in Healthcare Plan discussions.

Councilmember Ozuna addressed the difficulty associated with selecting Healthcare Plans that were competitive and economical. Mr. Belmares highlighted the various factors that the City looked at when selecting Healthcare Coverage. Councilmember Ozuna requested to meet with Mr. Belmares to discuss the Prescription Options associated with each Healthcare Plan. She voiced her concern with employees paying more in 2013 for the same Healthcare coverage selected in 2012 and spoke on how viable Healthcare Plans assisted the City to recruit and retain employees.

Councilmember Saldaña requested demographic data on employees in each of the Plans offered. Mr. Belmares highlighted Coverage Options for each of the 4 Healthcare Plans.

Mayor Castro requested that the Department conduct a review to determine employee satisfaction with Healthcare Plans to be offered. Mr. Belmares stated that reviews were conducted with Administrators and would ensure that reviews were more frequent and comprehensive.

D. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
E. DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS
F. HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX RELATED DEPARTMENTS
G. AVIATION
H. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

It was noted that the Downtown Operations and Solid Waste Management Budgets were presented on August 28, 2012. Items D was addressed at the conclusion of the business meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 4:13 pm to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of:

A. DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 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. 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).

6:00 PM TIME CERTAIN ITEM

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action.

City Clerk Vacek read the following caption:

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CITY’S FY 2013 PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña welcomed everyone to the combined First Budget Public Hearing and First Tax Rate Public Hearing to be conducted by the City Council in connection with the adoption of the City’s FY 2013 Budget and the setting of the City’s Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012. He stated that the time was 6:05 pm and opened the Public Hearing.

Maria Villagomez stated that the FY 2013 Budget was balanced and that a City Property Tax Rate Increase was not proposed. She provided an overview of the General Fund Available Resources by Major Spending Area noting that Public Safety Totals 64% of the Budget. She reported that the City Property Tax Rate had been reduced three times in the past six years for a total reduction of 1.285 cents. She noted that five Area-Wide Community Budget Hearings were held between August 20-23, 2012 and had identified the top five priorities: 1) Social Service/Delegate Agencies; 2) Streets, Sidewalks and Drainage; 3) Public Safety; 4) Library Services; and 5) Animal Care Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Project Quest Alumni and COPS Metro Alliance Representatives addressed the City Council in support of funding for Project Quest. Lisa Ramirez stated that she was a participant and had recently received an Associate’s Degree from San Antonio College. She noted that she had received a job paying $21.00 per hour and would now be able to get off of Food Stamp Assistance.

Richard Saldaña stated that he was also a Project Quest Graduate and had received a great job with Holt/Caterpillar. He asked the City Council for continued funding for Project Quest. Benecia Stakes stated that she recently graduated from San Antonio College and had received a job as a Nurse earning $21.00 per hour. She thanked Project Quest for their assistance. Sonia Garza stated that she had graduated from Project Quest in 1995 and no longer received any government assistance. She noted that she had purchased a home and had worked at the same job for the past 15 years.

Natasha stated that she was a Nursing Student at San Antonio College and thanked Project Quest for the assistance they have provided her. Dorothy Wallace stated that she was representing
35 churches and institutions in support of funding for Project Quest. She noted the importance of an educated workforce and indicated that Project Quest was aligned with the goals of SA2020. She spoke of the great work of Project Quest and reported that they were working to increase the number of participants to 900 in 2015. She requested funding in the amount of $2 million from the City of San Antonio.

Richard Garcia, President of the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association expressed concern that their neighborhood has become a dumping ground. He spoke in support of funding for a Linear Park surrounding Martinez Creek to help clean up the area.

Valdemar Perez, Miriam Lopez, Jorge Alonso Perez, and Aristeo & Virginia Sul representing Dance Therapy-Dance Your Depression Away addressed the City Council. Mr. Valdemar Perez stated that he was speaking on behalf of Mr. Jorge Alonso Perez and that their organization was a small, non-profit that provided dance classes to Seniors at the Nutrition Centers. Mel Sul stated that she was a Dance Ambassador and taught Seniors to dance their depression away. Petra Chavez stated that she was a Senior that participated in the dance classes. She asked the City Council to continue funding their program noting that they greatly needed the exercise. Miriam Lopez stated that she was a Dance Ambassador that taught classes at the Nutrition Centers. She noted that Dance Therapy had saved her life and helped her battle depression after her husband passed away. Catalina Bustos stated that Dance Therapy had helped her lose 60 pounds and asked the City Council to continue funding their program. Michael Perez stated that he had been attending the classes at St. Jude’s for seven years and that the dance classes had greatly helped him. He added that he enjoys teaching Seniors and requested continued funding for their program. Donna Pacheco stated that she was the Activities Coordinator at the Good Samaritan Center and that they have 80 Seniors attending the classes daily. She requested that the City Council continue funding their program. Marie Dalley stated that her son was a Dance Ambassador and had witnessed the benefits of the program for Seniors. She commended Jorge Alonso Perez for creating Dance Therapy – Dance Your Depression Away.

Sofia Molinar-Kienlen spoke of the many individuals that are affected by a mental health disorder. She expressed concern with the limited physical activity in San Antonio and with the reduction in Parks and Recreation Programs. She requested that the city provide more indoor activities such as Art, Music and Dance Classes for the physical and mental health of individuals ages 18-59.

Pamela Taylor, Lupe Allgood, Deborah Robinson, Debra Sotack representing Dress for Success San Antonio addressed the City Council in support of funding for Dress for Success. Ms. Taylor thanked the City Council for their continued support and stated that they had received $1 million from Valero that would be used to purchase a facility located across the street from Haven for Hope. She stated that they were grateful for the $80,000 provided by the city but were in need of $150,000. Ms. Allgood stated that she was a participant and spoke of her positive experiences that Dress for Success had provided to her. She noted that she had received a job with the Bexar County Tax Assessor’s Office and was in the process of writing a book. A client named Valerie stated that she had started the program the same time as Ms. Allgood and spoke of the great affect that it had on their lives. She noted that she was proud to be a taxpayer, Texan and Peer Mentor and added that she is on her way to Law School. A client named Sheila also spoke of her great experiences with Dress for Success and noted that 60% of the clients served are homeless. She requested that the city provide their organization with $150,000 as requested.
Eliazar Falcon, Carolyn Heath, Keith McMullen representing the Each One Teach Adult and Family Literacy Program spoke in support of funding for their program. Ms. Heath stated that she was the Executive Director and noted the educational challenges in San Antonio. She commended Mayor Castro on the SA2020 Initiative and spoke of the need to address Adult Literacy. She stated that their services complemented those of the Pre-K 4 SA Initiative as learning starts in the home. She noted that they were a delegate agency of the city and leveraged their funds through the use of community volunteers. Kate Moore, Volunteer Tutor spoke of her experiences in teaching adults and the social challenges that they face. She referenced the undereducated workforce in San Antonio and the need to support lifelong learning. Mr. Falcon stated that he had attended high school through the 10th Grade without learning how to read and had eventually dropped out and joined the military. He noted that many individuals had helped him get through life without knowing how to read and thanked the adult tutors that were helping him learn to read. Mr. Manrique DeLa Garza added that he had come to the United States from Mexico and had learned to speak English thanks to the program.

Vicki Stephens-Jackson addressed the City Council and stated that she was not asking for funds but was asking the City Council not to take money from her. She expressed concern that the assessed value on her home has increased and noted the challenges with getting downtown to address the City Council.

Christine Ortega showed photos of her neighborhood and requested funding for a Linear Park in the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association. She spoke of the need for walking trails, signage, lighting and landscaping to improve the quality of life for the area. She expressed concern with the dumping occurring in the neighborhood and noted the need to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Madison Albrecht, Emily Omeise, and Rose Gonzalez-Perez representing the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas spoke in support of their funding request. Ms. Albrecht stated that she was a Board Member and that they were looking forward to the opening of the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center. She spoke of the many opportunities that the Girl Scouts provide and noted that they appreciate the support of the City Council. Ms. Omeise stated that she was a Junior in High School and excited to speak before the City Council. She noted that the vision of the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center is to provide healthy living and focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). She mentioned that the Girl Scouts help build confidence and character and thanked the city for their support. Ms. Gonzalez-Perez, CEO stated that the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas was one of the fastest growing Councils in the nation. She noted that they were proud of their initiatives and would invest $2 million over the next three years on the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center. She spoke of their partnership with Edgewood Independent School District and the City of San Antonio and thanked the City Council and City Staff for their continued support.

James Rodarte requested funding for an environmental study of the area surrounding Frio City Road and Zarzamora. He expressed concern with the train delays in the area and thanked the City Council for consideration of his request.
Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that the time was coming and spoke in support of the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. He noted that Babylon the Great would be falling and that he had been called by Yahweh to speak.

Jack M. Finger expressed concern with the delegate agency funding requests and spoke in opposition to the funding provided to the San Pedro Playhouse. He expressed concern with the content of their plays that promote homosexuality.

Written testimony was submitted by Anthony Hargrove, Executive Director of the Ella Austin Community Center in support of their funding request in the amounts of $95,000 for Early Childhood Development and $100,000 for Youth Services Programs.

Mayor Pro Tern Saldaña stated that the combined Second Budget Public Hearing and Second Tax Rate Public Hearing would be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. He further stated that the City Council would formally consider and adopt the FY 2013 Budget and vote on the Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012 at its meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2012 which begins at 9:00 am and will be held in the Council Chambers. He closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tern Saldaña called upon the individuals registered to speak under Citizens to be Heard.

Mark Perez expressed concern with the San Antonio Fire Department and the issue with roaches at San Antonio Housing Authority Homes. He spoke of the businesses operating without the proper permits including NuStar. He asked why he had not received responses from city staff from various departments and stated that the city was spending too much money on public safety.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of Elmendorf Lake at Our Lady of the Lake University and stated that he had moved into the area in 1944. He noted that Woodlawn Lake did not look anything like Elmendorf Lake and spoke of the need to clean up the area.

Ruben Torrez stated that he was a Stablewood Homeowner and expressed concern with the terrible smell in his neighborhood. He spoke of his family’s health issues that have occurred since moving into the home six years ago. He asked why DR Horton had not disclosed the fact that the homes were built over a former sewer plant and requested support from the City Council.

Linda Martinez stated that she was also a Stablewood Homeowner and spoke of the mold in her home that had caused her and her children to develop asthma. She expressed concern with the terrible smell in the neighborhood and noted that their homes were falling apart. She added that she was a single parent with five children and has no where else to go.

Genevieve Perez, Stablewood Homeowner, expressed concern with the terrible smell in her neighborhood. She noted that she would like to have peace of mind and be able to enjoy her home. She spoke of structural issues with her home and added that her driveway was cracking. She urged the City Council to assist them.
Delia Wilson, Stablewood Homeowner, stated that she had moved to San Antonio after retiring and that her home was built in 2004. She indicated that they had moved into the home in 2005 and began suffering from headaches shortly thereafter. She spoke of the sewer smell in her home and noted that she could not enjoy her backyard. She requested that the City Council hold DR Horton accountable.

Gilbert Luevano requested that the City Council assist the Stablewood Homeowners by having DR Horton buy their homes back. He noted that they had not disclosed the fact that the homes were built over a former sewer plant and expressed concern with the many illnesses that have occurred.

Gizelle Luevano spoke of a meeting held with city staff Messrs. Ellison, Shannon, and Sanchez and expressed concern that Mr. Ellison was rude to the Stablewood Homeowners. She stated that they looked forward to meeting with Mayor Castro and Ms. Sculley to address their concerns.

Charles Sanchez, Stablewood Homeowner, expressed concern that his home was built over a former sewer plant and asked why DR Horton had not disclosed that fact prior to selling the homes. He showed photos of the mold, cracks, and sinking ground and spoke of the cracks and foundation issues with his home. He noted that he would not be able to sell the home in the future.

Janet Ahmad expressed concern with the meeting held with city staff noting that they had worked hard to get a meeting with the City Manager’s Office and that Mr. Ellison had not treated them well. She mentioned the payday loan issue and stated that she was pleased that the City Council was helping with consumer protection. She asked how the Stablewood Homeowners could also receive assistance with consumer protection.

Esmeralda Perez stated that she was a Stablewood Homeowner and expressed concern with her and her family’s health issues. She spoke of the terrible smell in the neighborhood and noted that no amount of cleaning would alleviate the smell. She asked how the homes could be sold without disclosing that they were built over a former sewer plant and requested assistance from the City Council.

Raymond Zavala stated that Pre-K 4 SA was a good idea but expressed concern that there was no accountability. He asked if parents would be involved and how the Pre-K 4 SA Board Members would be selected. He asked of the success rate of Haven for Hope and requested that their funding be reduced. He noted that the funds could be used to re-open the Senior Nutrition Centers that have been closed and other delegate agencies with funding gaps. He expressed concern that he had not received a return phone call from a Code Compliance Officer when making a complaint regarding Haven for Hope. He spoke of high weeds at 1011 Morales Street and asked that the city address the issues.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony noting that the City Council approved an ordinance regulating booting of vehicles by private companies. He wrote that Apple would add 3,600 jobs in Austin and that a solar power deal approved by CPS Energy would bring 805 jobs to San Antonio. He wrote that the food trucks are no longer at the Weston Centre and that the Santa Rosa Downtown Campus is now a Children’s Hospital. He highlighted the fan assistance provided to Seniors by city agencies and the William R. Sinkin Centennial Solar Farms. He expressed concern that the libraries charge 25 cents per copy and that the train in Brackenridge Park is too small for
adults. He wrote of the proposed payday lending ordinance and requested that the Alamodome be named after him.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **August 30, 2012**, at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **ABSENT**: Williams.

**Item 1.** The Invocation was delivered by Dr. Gilbert D. Perez, Senior Pastor, Temple of Praise Church, guest of Councilmember Ray Lopez, District 6.

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

**Item 3. MINUTES**

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes for the August 1-2, 2012 City Council Meetings. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: Williams.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4-29**

Consent Agenda Items 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, and 25 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Mayor Castro announced that Item 5 was pulled from the agenda by staff.

Councilmember C. Medina moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

Mayor Castro called upon the individuals registered to speak on the Consent Agenda.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that there was only one Yahweh and spoke of the blind man who claimed he could see because he had faith. He expressed concern with the trouble occurring at Haven for Hope.

Mark Kellman stated that he believed that the firm being awarded a contract for the Public Art Master Plan for HemisFair Park, Mikyoung Kim Design, LLC, was a good firm but should have
been hired to do the Artwork and not the Master Plan. He noted that he had a team on the project and had hoped to work on the Master Plan to invite many artists to participate in the process.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the lease agreement with Texas A&M University-San Antonio for the Centro de Artes Building in Market Square (Item 11) noting that the city would be spending $455,000 in building operating costs. He referenced the acquisition of property from the former St. Paul Area Development Corporation and expressed concern with the decrease of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in favor of Items 4-8, 10-13, 19, 22, 27, and 29. He also wrote in opposition to Items 9, 18, 21, 23-25, and 28.

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Williams.

**2012-08-30-0638**

Item 4. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS ESTABLISHING UNIT PRICES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF $778,000.00: (A) AD WEAR & SPECIALTY OF TEXAS; BANKSON GROUP, LTD. D/B/A ALAMO TEES & ADVERTISING, AND EXPRESSIVE T-SHIRTS D/B/A BIG STAR BRANDING FOR PROMOTIONAL AND UNIFORMT-SHIRTS, (B) CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC. FOR SCHOOL ZONE FLASHER COMMUNICATION PROJECT AND (C) SELRICO SERVICES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY CATERING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

**PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BY STAFF**

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, WITH PROJECT CONTROL OF TEXAS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $8,000,000.00 FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM WITH TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OPTIONS, TO AUGMENT CITY STAFF, ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, ON PROGRAM, CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL ASSESSMENTS, PROJECT CONTROLS, OFFICE MANAGEMENT, MATERIAL TESTING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.

**2012-08-30-0639**

Item 6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $13,950.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF VANCE JACKSON AND LOOP 1604 LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.
Item 7. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIVE BID AND AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,139,444.00 PAYABLE TO EZ BEL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT FUNDED PROJECT, WITH A LOCAL MATCH NOT-TO-EXCEED $270,000.00 LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7; AND, AMENDING THE FY 2012 – 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET WITH THE REALLOCATION OF $270,000.00 IN 2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION FUND BALANCE FUNDS TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT.

Item 8. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS RELATED TO MARKET STREET REALIGNMENT AND HEMISFAIR PARK AREA STREETS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, A 2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDED PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.

2012-08-30-0034R
A. A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS 10.70 ACRES OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED NEAR THE IH-35 SOUTHBOUND EXIT RAMP TO CÉSAR CHAVEZ STREET AND RELEASE FROM THE TEXAS HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO BE CONVEYED TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

2012-08-30-0641
B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE, UPON RELEASE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OF 10.70 ACRES OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED NEAR THE IH-37 SOUTHBOUND EXIT RAMP TO CESAR CHAVEZ STREET.

2012-08-30-0642
C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT IN AN INCREASED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $850,000.00 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH URS CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE EXTENSION OF PROJECT LIMITS AND REALIGNMENT DESIGN OF THE IH-37 SOUTHBOUND EXIT RAMP TO CÉSAR CHAVEZ STREET AND EXTENDED COORDINATION WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

2012-08-30-0643
Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH RSV, INC. FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,258 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 3226 NOGALITOS, SUITE 102, FOR A
TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AT AN INITIAL MONTHLY RENTAL RATE OF $1,200.00 INCREASING TO $1,500.00 PER MONTH IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE RENEWAL TERM.

2012-08-30-0644
Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL EXTEND THE CITY’S USE OF A 1,955 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE SPACE THROUGH JULY 30, 2017 WITH LHT SAN ANTONIO REALTY, L.P. FOR A FACILITY LOCATED AT 343 WEST HOUSTON STREET IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 FOR USE BY THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT’S PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES DIVISION AT A RENTAL AMOUNT OF $3,152.00 PER MONTH UNTIL JUNE 30, 2013 INCREASING OVER THE TERM TO $3,616.00 PER MONTH IN THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF THE TERM.

2012-08-30-0647
Item 13. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION FROM THE FORMER ST. PAUL AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SIX PRIVATELY-OWNED REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 126 NORTH CHERRY STREET, 402 AND 406 CENTER STREET, 130, 134, AND 139 NORTH SWISS STREET IN NCB 590 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

2012-08-30-0650
Item 16. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00 PROVIDED BY THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION FOR THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY’S EVERY CHILD READY TO READ INITIATIVE.

2012-08-30-0653
Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $2,040,999.00 TO THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, UPON AWARD, FOR A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT TO FUND THE SAN ANTONIO HIDTA INITIATIVE FOR THE GRANT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

Item 20. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2013, 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; OR FOR TERMS AND EFFECTIVENESS AS OTHERWISE INDICATED BELOW:
A. APPOINTING LT. COL. KYLE TATE (MAYORAL, CATEGORY: MEMBER AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD.

B. APPOINTING VICTOR M. HELBLING (DISTRICT 10) TO THE LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD.

C. APPOINTING ANDREA N. NOCITO (MAYORAL) TO THE CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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E. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING SUSAN ALBERT (DISTRICT 3) TO REPLACE CHRISTEL VILLARREAL (DISTRICT 3) ON THE CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, APPOINTING JANE THOMAS (DISTRICT 3) TO REPLACE WILLIAM J. WHITE (DISTRICT 3) ON THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING TERRY D. BOYD (DISTRICT 3) TO REPLACE GERARD P. CLANCY (DISTRICT 3) ON THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2013, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER LETICIA OZUNA.

2012-08-30-0657

Item 22. AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND THE FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

2012-08-30-0658

Item 23. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO $88,500.00 WITH MIKYOUNG KIM DESIGN, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN FOR HEMISFAIR PARK, A 2007 BOND PROGRAM SAVINGS FUNDED PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.
2012-08-30-0659
Item 24. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINANCIAL UNDERWRITER SYNDICATE SELECTED FROM THE FINANCIAL UNDERWRITING POOL FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION FINANCING.

2012-08-30-0661
Item 26. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF $225,092.00 FY 2012 DELEGATE AGENCY FUNDS FROM SAMMINISTRIES, INC. TO HAVEN FOR HOPE OF BEXAR COUNTY FOR PROSPECTS COURTYARD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDICAL HEALTH CARE UNIT; AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SAMMINISTRIES, INC. AND A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH HAVEN FOR HOPE OF BEXAR COUNTY.

2012-08-30-0662
Item 27. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH HAY GROUP, INC., A PROVIDER OF BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES, TO REALLOCATE $87,000.00 IN AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES PLANNED FOR FY 2013 TO THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR, FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FUND.

2012-08-30-0663
Item 28. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAPE-DAWSON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE WESTOVER VALLEY AREA DETENTION BASIN PROJECT FOR THE INCREASE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF $65,000.00 FUNDED BY THE REGIONAL FACILITIES FUND AND LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6.

2012-08-30-0664
Item 29. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FUNDING AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTING $31,086.35 FROM GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SAN ANTONIO, VISTANA, LTD., AND MPL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON LAREDO STREET BETWEEN DOLOROSA STREET AND W. COMMERCE STREET LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 11:

2012-08-30-0645
Item 11. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE CENTRO DE ARTES BUILDING IN MARKET SQUARE AND A THREE YEAR SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF $455,000.00 IN BUILDING OPERATING COSTS AND PROGRAMMING WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO; AND A TERMINATION AGREEMENT WITH CENTRO ALAMEDA, INC. REGARDING THE LEASE FOR THE SAME PROPERTY.

Felix Padron stated that the city would be entering into an agreement with Texas A&M University-San Antonio (TAMU-SA) for the Centro de Artes Building located in Market Square. He noted that they would use the facility to tell the story of the Latino Experience with a focus on the history of San Antonio and South Texas. He reported that they would establish a TAMU-SA Educational and Cultural Arts Center in the heart of downtown San Antonio. He mentioned they would work to produce educational, artistic and cultural programs and establish private and foundation partnerships for funding opportunities. He stated that they would develop a K-12 Fine Arts Summer Academy, Community Fine Arts Education Program, and TAMU-SA Credit Courses for university students. He noted that TAMU-SA would rent the venue and that a dedicated staff person would be assigned to market and develop venue outreach strategies.

Mr. Padron reported that the Office of Cultural Affairs would secure the curatorial professionals to develop and design the exhibits programs. He explained that the lease with Museo Alameda is terminated and that the city would continue to designate $300,000 from the Market Square Fund for three years for building operation costs, utilities and major repairs to the building’s infrastructure. He added that the Office of Cultural Affairs will invest $150,000 for art and cultural programming and that after three years; TAMU-SA will sustain the Educational and Cultural Center.

Mayor Castro expressed his support and recognized Dr. Maria Ferrier, President of TAMU-SA.

Dr. Maria Ferrier stated that this was a wonderful day for TAMU-SA and that they were the fastest growing university in the State of Texas. She noted that the entire system was excited with having a footprint downtown and thanked the City Council for the great opportunity.

Councilmember Bernal commented that he was pleased with TAMU-SA’s willingness to partner with the city. He stated that he believed that adding an educational component with TAMU-SA’s presence would make downtown a more student-friendly place.

Councilmember D. Medina stated that this was a great partnership and thanked Dr. Ferrier for her leadership. He noted that he was pleased that TAMU-SA would have a presence downtown.

Mayor Castro commended TAMU-SA for the investment and partnership. He stated that he looked forward to a great effort and fantastic institution for the city and its visitors.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: Williams and Soules.
Item 12. AN ORDINANCE, ON BEHALF OF SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, THROUGH NEGOTIATION OR CONDEMNATION, OF NINE PERMANENT AND EIGHT TEMPORARY EASEMENT INTERESTS IN PRIVATELY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN GONZALES COUNTY FOR THE REGIONAL CARRIZO PROGRAM WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE AND BUCKHORN WELLFIELD PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT AND A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION.

Bruce Haby, Manager of SAWS Corporate Real Estate introduced Gary Guy, SAWS Project Director for the Regional Carrizo Project. Mr. Guy explained the project scope noting that the Water Supply Pipeline is located in Gonzales County. He stated that it was 7.8 miles in length and connects the SAWS Buckhorn Wellfield Collection System with the Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation Water Treatment Plant. He added that final completion was scheduled in October 2013. Councilmember Chan thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the negotiation of the property. Mr. Haby replied that they were required by law to utilize a good faith offer and were continuing to negotiate with the property owner.

Councilmember Chan moved that the City of San Antonio authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire property for the public use of permanent easements and temporary construction easements for the SAWS Regional Carrizo Program Water Supply Pipeline and Buckhorn Wellfield Project by acquiring the following property described by the City Clerk and incorporated as part of this Motion. Councilmember C. Medina seconded the motion.

City Clerk Leticia Vacek read the property description:

The properties are all located in Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas and being the following:

For the Permanent sanitary sewer easements, a 1.329 acre tract, a 1.502 acre tract, a 1.453 acre tract, and a 8.255 acre tract, all out of the Hardy W.B. Price Survey, Abstract 370; a 5.527 acre tract, and a 7.246 acre tract comprised of two parcels, all out of M. Ariola Survey, Abstract No. 88; a 6.012 acre tract, a 0.123 acre tract, and a 6.924 acre tract, all out of J.M. Whitaker Jr. Survey, Abstract No. 483; and

For the Temporary Construction Easements, a 0.859 acre tract, a 0.954 acre tract, a 1.032 acre tract, and a 5.489 acre tract, all out of Hardy W.B. Price Survey, Abstract 370; a 3.649 acre tract, and a 4.797 acre tract comprised of two parcels, all out of M. Ariola Survey, Abstract No. 88; a 3.595 acre tract, a 0.130 acre tract, all out of J.M. Whitaker Jr. Survey, Abstract No. 483, all located in Gonzales, Texas. These properties are more particularly described in Exhibits A2 through A18 attached to the ordinance and incorporated as part of this Motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: Williams and Soules.
The City Clerk read the caption for Item 14:

**2012-08-30-0648**

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000.00 TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INNOVATIVE TRAUMA CARE, INC. ("ITC") IN SAN ANTONIO; AUTHORIZING THE SAEDC TO ENTER INTO A CONVERTIBLE PROMISSORY NOTE WITH ITC IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000.00 TO UNDERTAKE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Ed Davis, Assistant Director of Economic Development presented the Innovative Trauma Care, Inc. (ITC) Project details stating that they were a medical device startup company founded in 2010 and headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He noted that they have a patent pending on a wound closure device (ITClamp) that is designed to control severe bleeding within seconds of application. He mentioned that ITC requested $300,000 in city financial assistance to establish its US-Based commercialization operations in San Antonio at 3463 Magic Drive. He reported that in exchange; ITC has agreed to create 23 jobs and has offered the city an opportunity to receive equity in the company through the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC).

Mr. Davis outlined terms of the agreement in which the city will provide $300,000 to the SAEDC to support the ITC Project and SAEDC will execute a Convertible Promissory Note with ITC for $300,000. He stated that the agreement would authorize the SAEDC to take an equity interest in ITC through the Promissory Note and place monetary payment from ITC in a separate account needing City Council approval for use. He noted that ITC cannot relocate or cease business activities prior to the maturity date of the Promissory Note which is five years. He added that funds in the amount of $300,000 were available in the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIC).

Councilmember C. Medina commended staff for their work and thanked ITC for their investment in San Antonio. He stated that he was pleased that the ITClamp would help save lives out on the battle field or in the emergency room noting that military medicine was prominent in San Antonio. He recognized Philip W. Faris, Jr., ITC Board Chairman.

Mr. Faris thanked the City Council for their consideration and stated that ITC was pleased to establish their US-Based Commercialization Operations in San Antonio.

Councilmember Chan commended ITC for establishing a presence in San Antonio and spoke of the importance of the Biomedical Industry in San Antonio. She thanked Biomed SA for their work as a liaison and helping make the project a reality.

Mayor Castro thanked ITC for their investment and stated that he looked forward to the company’s growth in San Antonio.

Councilmember C. Medina moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.
The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: Williams.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 15:

**2012-08-30-0649**

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SIGMA SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000.00.

Rene Dominguez presented the agreement with Sigma Solutions totaling $500,000. He stated that they would retain 40 jobs in San Antonio and create 20 new jobs in the Downtown Area. He explained that Sigma is a local IT Company specializing in advanced IT Infrastructure Solutions, as well as advising, implementing, and maintaining enterprise data centers. He mentioned that they were established in 1992 in San Antonio and have grown from four employees to 100 employees at seven locations throughout the US. He noted that Sigma was recently acquired by Pivot Acquisitions headquartered in Austin. To retain Sigma’s Headquarters in San Antonio and help them expand, the city offered Sigma a $500,000 Grant from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF). He reported that Sigma will retain a minimum of 40 IT Jobs in San Antonio; create an additional 20 IT Jobs over three years; pay an average annual salary of $70,000; and execute a minimum 10-year lease at 425 Soledad Street.

Mr. Dave Miller, Sigma Solutions Chief Executive Officer, addressed the City Council and stated that they were excited about the opportunity to participate in the technology corridor downtown. He noted that they were partnering with Alamo Colleges and other entities to create more sustainable job cycles to retain IT Professionals in San Antonio.

Councilmember Bernal thanked Sigma Solutions for choosing San Antonio and the Downtown Area. He stated that there was no geographic home for Cloud Computing and should be one of the primary goals for San Antonio to become that location.

Mayor Castro also thanked Sigma Solutions for their investment in San Antonio and stated that he looked forward to their growth in the city.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: Williams.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 17:

**2012-08-30-0651**

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTS FUNDS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH THE TEXAS
STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR AN INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $90,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 TO AUGUST 31, 2013.

Councilmember D. Medina asked for additional information on the grant. Ramiro Salazar replied that the Interlibrary Loan Program had been in place since 1972 and funded by State and Federal Funds. He reported that a decision was made during the last Legislative Session not to continue funding the program after 2013. He noted that they would evaluate the program and look for ways to continue funding in the future. Councilmember D. Medina expressed his support for the Interlibrary Loan Program and asked staff to work to identify funds to continue the program.

Councilmember D. Medina moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember C. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules. NAY: None. ABSENT: Williams and Mayor Castro.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 18:

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $300,000.00 FOR CONDUCTING A GRANT-FUNDED COMMUNITY-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT STUDYING POTENTIAL SHARED SERVICES.

Councilmember C. Medina requested additional information on the project. Robert Murdock stated that the Department of Defense (DoD) was providing a $225,000 grant to the city to explore shared services with the military installations. He noted that Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) provides base support for all four military installations in San Antonio and is the largest joint base in the nation. He indicated that the city may help decrease installation support costs through possible shared services to help make San Antonio an economically advantageous place for DoD installations and missions. Additionally, the city may be able to reduce its operational costs and bring in additional revenue. He indicated that the Logistics Management Institute would provide a comprehensive analysis to review the options for potential shared services between JBSA and the City of San Antonio. He mentioned that the consultant would review: Transportation; Utilities/Drainage; Environmental; and Operations/Maintenance. He outlined benefits to the city that include savings in procurement of services, equipment, and capital expansion through economies of scale.

Councilmember C. Medina stated that this was a natural partnership since San Antonio was considered Military City USA and was pleased that there would be advantages for the city and the military.

Councilmember Lopez asked if the consultant review would include logistics for cargo transport. Mr. Murdock replied that he did not believe cargo transport would be included since that was considered a Port Activity.
Mayor Castro thanked staff for bringing the item forward and stated that he was pleased to collaborate with the military.

Councilmember C. Medina moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** D. Medina and Williams.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 21:

**2012-08-30-0656**

Item 21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FOUR-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTERVISTAS CONSULTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $900,000.00 FOR AIR SERVICE CONSULTING SERVICES AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Councilmember Chan asked if this was a new service or if it had been provided by other consultants in the past. Mr. Miller replied that this was the continuation of a program that the airport had implemented in 2006. Councilmember Chan asked of the scope of work. Mr. Miller responded that Intervistas Consulting, LLC would utilize Department of Transportation Data to identify the number of passengers traveling between San Antonio and target cities. He stated that the information would help the city determine the number of flights per day/week that can be supported with the amount of revenue that airlines can expect to generate.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Saldaña, D. Medina and Williams.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 25:

**2012-08-30-0660**

Item 25. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING “DR. MANUEL P. BERRIOTZÁBAL CAFÉCOLLEGE” AS THE NEW NAME OF CAFÉ COLLEGE, THE CITY’S COLLEGE ACCESS CENTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONVENCED NAMING COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE REGULATING THE NAMING OF CITY FACILITIES.

Gloria Hurtado stated that a naming committee had convened to gather community input on a proposal to rename Café College to Dr. Manuel P. Berriozábal CaféCollege. She noted that the committee included the owner of the business located within 200 feet of Café College and a City Representative. She indicated that letters were mailed to residents and that notice was published in the Express News and La Prensa. She reported that the Department of Human Services received 18 letters in support of the renaming and none in opposition. She stated that the public hearing was
held on August 1, 2012 and none spoke in opposition. She noted that Dr. Berriozábal worked for 30 years to prepare minority junior high and high school students for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Additionally, he helped initiate the San Antonio Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). She noted that PREP has become a Statewide Initiative operating in 13 cities and 21 college campuses. She highlighted Dr. Berriozábal’s awards in Education that include being inducted into the Texas Science Hall of Fame. She indicated that $13,500 would be used to install new signs at Café College that would conform to existing signage.

Mayor Castro called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Janie Barrera stated that she was supportive of the renaming noting that Dr. Berriozábal had promoted and enhanced education for six decades. She spoke of the importance of education which creates a strong workforce and builds economic development.

Emma S. Chapa spoke in support of the renaming of Café College and stated that Dr. Berriozábal was very deserving of the honor. She noted that her two daughters had attended the PREP Program at UTSA while in high school and had eventually attended Yale and Columbia University. She mentioned that both of her daughters had become doctors and read letters from each one of them in support of the renaming.

Mayor Castro thanked everyone involved in the renaming process and stated that it was very meaningful to name Café College after Dr. Berriozábal. He noted that Café College was implemented to help young people achieve their dreams which includes gaining information and resources to attend college. He spoke of the success of the PREP Program and added that Dr. Berriozábal was a trailblazer who dedicated his career to ensure that young people reach their goals and attend college.

Councilmember Bernal stated that Dr. Berriozábal was the husband of one of his predecessors and spoke of the great legacy of Dr. Berriozábal. He stated that it was fitting to rename Café College which would serve both students and Dr. Berriozábal’s Mission.

Councilmember C. Medina mentioned that he attended the PREP Program and recalled meeting Dr. Berriozabal. He stated that Dr. Berriozábal had encouraged him to work hard to achieve his goals and was pleased to recognize him today.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was proud to honor Dr. Berriozábal as he had also been a student in the PREP Program.

Councilmember Bernal moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, Lopez, C. Medina, Chan, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: D. Medina, Williams and Soules.

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting into the B Room at 10:27 am to address Items 30 and 31.
Item 30. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET FOCUSING ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CITY DEPARTMENTS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION.

Item 31. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET FOCUSING ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING CITY DEPARTMENTS:

   A. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
   B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & CODE COMPLIANCE
   C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
   D. CENTER CITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Ms. Sculley distributed a list of Potential Budget Amendments to the FY 2013 Proposed Budget.

The Economic Development Department was addressed first.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rene Dominguez stated that the Economic Development Department (EDD) was re-organized into three divisions in 2009: 1) Industry Development; 2) International Business Development; and 3) Small Business Development. He explained the functions within each division and highlighted FY 2012 Industry Development Projects totaling $91.5 million in investments. He spoke of their efforts related to SA2020 that focus on creating jobs within key industries such as Xenex, Sigma Solutions, and Southwest Airlines.

Mr. Dominguez outlined performance measures related to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, noting that they estimate providing information related to starting a new business to 1,507 individuals. He provided a 10-Year Department Budget History and indicated that FY 2013 Funding provided to Workforce Development Delegate Agencies will decrease by $800,000. He reported that one vacant Contract Officer Position was proposed for elimination and that the memberships portion of their budget would be reduced by $20,000. He spoke of the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) totaling $4 million that would be used to attract, expand and retain businesses and create new jobs. He mentioned that $50,000 was budgeted for Small Business Outreach and that $500,000 was included in the budget for the International Business Development Initiative. He noted that the creation of the Center for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship was recommended by the Mayor’s Small and New Business Taskforce and requires substantial investment. He indicated that the Center would enable and empower entrepreneurs to identify opportunities, manage risks, and learn from results. He added that staff was still researching the initiative and would provide additional information to the City Council prior to implementation.

Mayor Castro thanked staff for the presentation and spoke of the importance of growing small businesses from within the community. He asked of the Center for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. City Manager Sculley replied that it could be funded through the EDIF and was
Mayor Castro asked if the department could operate efficiently with the current personnel. Mr. Dominguez confirmed that he felt comfortable with the current personnel.

Councilmember Lopez stated that he was pleased that EDD was headed in the right direction. He referenced NAFTA 2020 and asked how San Antonio was positioning itself for potential initiatives regarding same. Mr. Dominguez replied that $195,000 was included in the FY 2013 General Fund Budget for the implementation of the International EDIF Strategic Plan. He mentioned that this year's involvement with NAFTA 2020 has already been budgeted. Councilmember Lopez spoke of the need to address logistics related to air, ground and rail. Mr. Dominguez stated that staff was very focused on partnerships with the Port Authority and Brooks City Base.

Councilmember Ozuna spoke of the importance of seizing opportunities related to NAFTA 2020 and asked if there was a Strategic Plan related to Eagle Ford Shale. Mr. Dominguez confirmed that they were coordinating with the Economic Development Foundation which had created a Task Force that was preparing a report recommending next steps. He noted that staff would continue to serve on the committee and monitor progress.

Councilmember Chan recognized EDD Staff and partners in the community for their economic development efforts. She stated that she was pleased with the jobs created by the city and commended the Economic Development Council Committee Members. She noted that she was supportive of the funding allocated for International Business Development; however, she did not believe that EDIF Funds should be utilized for same. She expressed support for reallocating funds from the Inner City Incentive Fund. She expressed concern with the Delegate Agency Funding Process, noting that the City Council could potentially make the funding recommendations in the future.

Mayor Castro stated that he was supportive of using funds that were not utilized from the EDIF to fund the International Business Development Initiative. He commended Mario Hernandez, Executive Director of the Economic Development Foundation and thanked him for his work.

**CENTER CITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

Lori Houston presented an overview of the Center City Development Office (CCDO), noting that it was created in FY 2008 to facilitate and initiate development of the Inner City Reinvestment/Infill Policy (ICRIP) Area. She highlighted FY 2012 Accomplishments that include providing $14.9 million in incentives to eight projects with a combined total investment of $170 million. She noted that they assisted with the development of 632 housing units and the creation of 175 new jobs. She reported that the Center City Implementation Plan and Center City Housing Incentive Policy were approved on June 21, 2012. She spoke of the initiatives related to East Side, West Side, and South Side Redevelopment.

Ms. Houston outlined the FY 2013 Budget totaling $5.48 million and noted that $3 million was allocated for Inner City Incentives. She reported that various line items would be reduced in the amount of $143,775 and that funding for one city position loaned to the Westside Development Corporation (WDC) would become permanent. She spoke of FY 2013 Improvements that include $3 million for Inner City Incentives and $200,000 for Brownfield Environmental Assessments. She
added that the department would continue efforts on Inner City Catalytic Projects and coordinate efforts with strategic partners and downtown agencies.

Mayor Castro stated that he was pleased with the incentives provided in the Downtown Area and highlighted various projects including the Alamo Brewery on the East Side. He spoke of the significant number of housing units that have been created in the Inner City and the need to maintain Downtown Housing.

Councilmember Taylor concurred with Mayor Castro regarding the need to maintain Downtown Housing and spoke of the potential of including a Housing Category within the next Bond Program. She asked of the staff person assigned for East Side Revitalization. Ms. Houston confirmed that there would continue to be a dedicated staff person for East Side Revitalization. Councilmember Taylor asked of the plan moving forward with OURSA. Ms. Houston replied that a Revolving Loan Fund was created this year totaling $660,000 and that $250,000 has also been allocated from the Inner City Incentive Fund for the OURSA Program. She stated that 18 homes were under construction and that an additional eight homes were being incented in the Five Points Area. Councilmember Taylor stated that she would like to see more housing and commercial development in District 2. She asked of the strategy for land disposition. Ms. Sculley stated that the function would be addressed by the Planning and Community Development Department.

Councilmember D. Medina spoke of the importance of Downtown Revitalization and meeting the goals of SA2020. He stated that there should be discussion on moving forward with Downtown Development and allocating funds for commercial revitalization. He noted that he was pleased with the work of the WDC and asked of the elimination of one position. Ms. Houston replied that the funding for the position was being redirected to the WDC.

Mayor Castro excused himself from the meeting at this time and Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña presided over the meeting.

Councilmember Soules spoke of the expansion of the ICRIP Boundaries and asked of the structure to deal with the North and South Corridors. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that they would have to work with existing CCDO Staff and noted that staff was revising the ICRIP Boundaries and Name. He explained that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded the previous Corridor Program that was no longer in existence. Councilmember Soules stated that he would like to discuss this subject further with staff.

Councilmember Bernal stated that he was pleased with the work of staff and spoke of the policies and incentives that are based on need. He noted that it was important to address abandoned properties and improve areas without gentrification.

Councilmember Lopez spoke of the District 6 OURSA Initiative called Los Jardines and asked of a database of vacant lots. Ms. Houston replied that they were working with the Planning Department to develop a database and noted that the CIMS Department has a similar database. She indicated that they would take a cross-departmental approach with the Planning Department taking the lead. Councilmember Lopez spoke of the importance of an inventory to enhance residential and commercial revitalization efforts.
Councilmember Ozuna spoke of Generation X Professionals that are not focused on money and do not want to buy cars. She stated that Center City should be geared toward this group and that the city was a long way from gentrification. She noted that there were many areas near downtown that were affordable. She asked of the deliverables related to the Brownfields Program. Ms. Houston replied that a technical team consisting of 10 department representatives was created and they have identified 1,500 public and private properties. She noted that they have implemented an evaluation system and will rate the properties to determine the feasibility of their development. She added that they were working with ITSD to develop a Brownfields Map.

Councilmember C. Medina asked if there would be any negative impact to the WDC due to the reduction in funding. Mr. Ray Flores, WDC Executive Director confirmed that there would not be a negative impact.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña spoke of the area surrounding Lackland Air Force Base that has blight and decay. He stated that the Southwest portion of the city needs attention and proactive planning. He thanked staff for their presentation.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

John Dugan presented an overview of the Planning and Community Development Department noting that they were responsible for Strategic Planning, Neighborhood Planning, Community Reinvestment, and Housing Programs. He reported that the department programs align with SA2020’s Neighborhood and Growth Management and Transportation Initiatives. He highlighted FY 2012 Accomplishments that include recommending a new Annexation Policy Program based on Texas Best Practices. Additionally, they updated the City’s Housing Policy to promote First-Time Home Buyer and Housing Rehabilitation Programs. He indicated that they adopted the Austin Highway Corridor Overlay District and organized the first Better Block Demonstration in conjunction with the Siclovia Event.

Mr. Dugan outlined the 10-Year Budget History, noting that there had been a decline of 32.4% since 2003 due to the decrease in Federal CDBG and HOME Allocations and consolidation of planning-related units within other departments. He reported that the department would be reorganized to create a Full Service Planning and Community Development Department. He added they would incorporate Best Practices from across the country within Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Urban Design. He stated that a City Design Center would be created to provide Urban Design and Architectural Services for public and private sector development. He noted that it would promote high quality and better integrated design. He mentioned that the Grants Monitoring and Administration Division had been transferred to the Office of Management and Budget in FY 2010 to reorganize and clear outstanding financial and programmatic findings with Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He reported that all CDBG and HOME Findings were cleared and that Grants Monitoring and Administration would again be combined within Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Dugan explained that CDBG and HOME Budgets were adopted on June 21, 2012 totaling $11.6 million and $3.9 million, respectively. He stated that with reduced funding, a total of 33 positions have been eliminated across city departments. He highlighted partner agencies for FY 2013 that support the department including the San Antonio Housing Trust that will provide...
$200,000 and Neighborhood Housing Services to provide $35,000. He outlined FY 2013 Improvements in which $250,000 has been allocated to conduct a City-wide Comprehensive Plan and $250,000 is allocated for Economic Development Commercial Revitalization. He added that in FY 2013, the department will utilize the Strategic Plan for Community Development where applicable and help strengthen Regional Transportation Planning Initiatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña thanked Mr. Dugan for the presentation and stated that he was pleased that the Planning Department would help identify the neighborhoods that have the greatest needs.

Councilmember Chan asked of the department reorganization. Mr. Dugan replied that the Grants Monitoring and Administration Division would be transferred back from the Office of Management and Budget and that a new City Design Center would be created. Councilmember Chan stated that she believed it was a good reorganization and that the ECDC Council Committee should place more focus on Community Development.

Councilmember Taylor expressed her support for the reorganization and asked of the neighborhood planning component. Mr. Dugan replied that they will discuss this issue in further detail with the City Council. Councilmember Taylor asked of the status of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program. Mr. Dugan replied that Federal Funds were no longer available to operate the program. He added that HUD had a negative evaluation of the program. Assistant City Manager David Ellison added that façade improvements would be made using in-house resources. Councilmember Taylor expressed concern with spending $250,000 to conduct a study and spoke of the potential of using the expertise of staff, students, and the local community. Ms. Sculley replied that they were open to recommendations of the City Council. Councilmember Taylor suggested that the $250,000 be allocated to the Land Bank Program and stated that she was excited about the Comprehensive Planning Effort.

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña stated that there should be further discussion regarding the utilization of the $250,000 and thanked Mr. Dugan for the presentation.

**RECESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Saldaña recessed the meeting at 12:45 pm to break for lunch and announced that the meeting would resume at 2:00 pm.

**RECONVENED**

Councilmember Bernal reconvened the meeting at 2:20 pm and addressed the Information Technology Services Department Budget.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

Hugh Miller presented an overview of the Information Technology Services Department noting that prior to 2006; all Enterprise Business Systems operated on a mainframe and there were 140 personnel located outside of Central IT. He spoke of the improvements implemented over the past six years noting that Enterprise Business Systems are on open systems architecture and a Shared Services Program has been established to aggregate all Technology Personnel into Central IT. He
reported that ITSD currently manages the 2nd Largest Municipal Wi-Fi and over 1,200 Virtual Servers. He highlighted FY 2012 Accomplishments and stated that ITSD was recognized as one of the Top 10 Digital Cities for the third year in a row. He noted that the City’s Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System was completed and that the City’s Website had been redesigned. He reported that they hired the City’s first Chief Information Security Officer and relocated the Emergency 911 Dispatch Center.

Mr. Miller outlined the IT Shared Services in which 140 peripheral technology positions were assessed. He stated that they utilized an enterprise approach to managing the City’s Technology Services and streamlined resources to improve service delivery. He highlighted IT Governance that aligns the supply of IT Resources with the demand for departmental technology requests. He mentioned that the IT Assessment Committee consists of staff from the IT Project Management Office/Architects, Budget, Human Resources, Legal, Finance, and Purchasing Departments. He added that the Governance Board is made up of the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Technology Officer, Deputy City Manager and Budget Director.

Mr. Miller reported that the FY 2013 Budget was being increased by $900,000. He outlined the Internal Service Fund which accounts for services provided by ITSD to city departments and outside agencies. He explained that services are charged back to departments through an assessment fee of $3,192 per authorized position and outside agencies are directly charged for services provided. He provided an overview of the FY 2013 Initiatives for Applications, Infrastructure, Customer Relations, and Security. He spoke of the IT Project Portfolio that focuses on: 1) Essential Replacement and Modernization; 2) Business System Enhancements; and 3) Business Service Transformation. He stated that $2.4 million would be spent on IT Infrastructure Replacements & Upgrades, Public Safety Radio Updates, and Data Center Power Upgrades. He reported that $7.1 million was proposed to implement an Enterprise Point of Sale, Upgrade Accounts Payable Data Entry, and for the Office of the City Clerk Records Management Improvements. He noted that $35 million would be spent over the next five years on Aviation IT Projects to include Wireless Connectivity, Security, and Parking Revenue Control.

Councilmember Ozuna thanked staff for the presentation and asked of the increase in the budget from $20 million in FY 2003 to $45 million in FY 2013. Mr. Miller replied that in 2003, the city was functioning on a mainframe system and have transitioned to a much more advanced system with more staff. Councilmember Ozuna asked of the release of the 3-1-1 iPhone Application. Mr. Miller replied that they had paid for one year of service and were in the process of configuration. He stated that they would be working with individual departments to identify a simple tree for individuals to navigate from and once entered; data would be integrated into the CRM System. Councilmember Ozuna stated that she would like to have an off-line conversation regarding the long-term licensing framework. Mr. Miller replied that maintenance and support for hardware and software totaled $11-12 million, personal services totaled $19 million and the remainder was for consumables.

Councilmember Chan spoke of the Shared Services Concept and stated that she believed it was a step in the right direction. She asked of the Governance Process. Mr. Miller responded that departments are required to submit proposals for new technology and they are reviewed by a Business Analyst within ITSD. It is then routed to the IT Assessment Committee and then recommended to the Governance Board. Councilmember Chan asked of the process for solicitation
of software. Mr. Miller replied that it was a similar process as that of hardware and was assessed by a Business Analyst and then sent through the Committees. Councilmember Chan asked of the budget for software. Ben Gorzell stated that as new systems and software were implemented, individual departments were responsible for the costs. Maria Villagomez added that it would be included in the Commodities or Capital Outlay Line Items. Councilmember Chan requested a breakdown of the ITSD Budget and the new software requested by city departments. She further requested a detailed personnel listing.

Councilmember C. Medina asked of quantifying savings due to utilization of technology. Mr. Miller replied that they transition technology for improvement purposes and that there was not a direct relationship to cost savings. Mr. Gorzell replied that there was no rule of thumb and that the cost savings varied by project. Councilmember C. Medina stated that he would like for staff to identify a return on investment. He asked of the length of time to create a mobile application. Mr. Miller replied that they have to ensure that applications can integrate with the larger systems that are running. He stated that some applications are created by staff and that others are contracted.

Councilmember Ozuna asked of the renegotiation of large contracts and if on-site support was included. Mr. Miller responded that on-site support was required and included in the Statement of Work.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Rod Sanchez provided an overview of the Development Services Department noting that there are three divisions: 1) Land Development; 2) Plan Review; and 3) Field Services. He explained that the Development Process enforces Building-Related Codes related to horizontal and vertical development. He stated that Code Enforcement enforces Codes complementary to those enforced and managed by Development Services to include working without a permit and not having a Certificate of Occupancy. He reported that the FY 2013 Budget would be increased by $2.9 million and that nine positions would be added.

Mr. Sanchez highlighted FY 2012 Accomplishments that include improvement in 17 of 18 areas rated on their customer surveys conducted in 2005 and 2012. He reported that they have adopted the latest Building-Related Codes and consolidated Appeals and Advisory Boards. He provided a 10-Year History of Development Services Permitting noting that new Residential Permits have declined 75% since 2005. He mentioned that new and existing Commercial Permits have increased by 3% since FY 2005.

Mr. Sanchez reported that the Development Services Enterprise Fund was created in FY 2007 and that revenues were used to support development-related expenses. He presented a 10-Year Budget History of Revenues, Expenditures, and Positions. He spoke of FY 2013 Initiatives that include enhancing staffing levels to meet the higher level of demand in the permitting process. He stated that four positions would be added to address immediate needs in key service areas while 22 positions that were previously frozen would be funded. He noted that they would enhance Online Services, as well as improve the Demolition Permit Process through proactively offering conditional permits for interior demolition while re-model plans are under review.
Mr. Sanchez spoke of the Code Enforcement Division and noted that they had updated the Property Maintenance Code and implemented the new Building Standards Board in February 2012. He reported that Property Maintenance Code Cases were now seen within 30 days before the Building Standards Board noting that it had previously taken 80-122 days. He stated that 18 positions were dedicated toward Graffiti Abatement and that they had increased the utilization of volunteers and restitutioners to address graffiti. He noted that five Code Enforcement Officers were being added to enhance proactive code enforcement activities. He mentioned that in FY 2013; they would focus on improving operational effectiveness, addressing underutilized properties and become more proactive. He spoke of the prioritized enforcement strategy based on Three Tiers and highlighted the goals of each. He indicated that there would be increased accountability and improved customer service standards.

Mr. Sanchez stated that they would streamline the notification process for vacant structures and that technology improvements would be implemented. He noted that staff recommended local policy changes to include stiffer penalties for chronic violators and registration of absentee property owners. He mentioned that Neighborhood Groups recommended that staff address numbering in alley ways and implement modified garage sale permit forms. He reported that they would shift the Volunteer Coordinator Position to the Office of Historic Preservation and pursue resource donations from the private sector. He spoke of the regulation of Boarding Homes and noted that legislation was adopted in 2009 that allows cities to regulate boarding home facilities. He presented two options: 1) Essential Safety which includes an annual inspection and permitting process to verify that boarding homes comply with existing safety, building and sanitation codes; and 2) Expanded Oversight which would include the inspections in Option 1 with additional inspections such as lighting and ventilation checks. He stated that staff recommended Option 1 which would cost $800,000-900,000 in the first year and $700,000-800,000 in the second year. He added that staff recommended a fee to help offset the costs.

Councilmember Taylor mentioned the challenges in working with staff in regard to Infill Development and asked of the status. Mr. Sanchez replied that were reviewing policies and regulations to make them more flexible and would create a team that would be dedicated to Infill Projects. Councilmember Taylor spoke of the need for training for Code Compliance Officers, as well as implementing much needed technology enhancements. Mr. Sanchez stated that they were shifting roles and responsibilities and that an internal staff person would be redirected to provide training. Councilmember Taylor asked of the status of the overgrown and vacant lots discussed during the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Mr. Sanchez responded that there were 20 contractors and that property owners had 45 days to address issues. Councilmember Taylor asked of the Administrative Hearing Officer Pilot. Mr. Sanchez stated that they were decriminalizing violations and that Officers would issue a ticket and a hearing would be set within 15 days. The Hearing Officer would ensure that the property was cleaned up or issue a fine. Councilmember Taylor spoke of the issues with businesses operating without the proper zoning. Mr. Sanchez explained that there was a dedicated team within Code Enforcement to address zoning issues, as well as Zoning Staff that works with Code Enforcement Staff. Councilmember Taylor recommended that the Code Compliance Officers work closely with the San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers.

Councilmember Chan thanked staff for their work and spoke of the great improvements that have been made within the Development Services Department. She asked of the regulations of boarding
homes. Ms. Sculley replied that a B Session would be held in October regarding same and that funds could be shifted and fees could be implemented to support related expenses. Councilmember Chan asked how boarding homes were identified. Mr. Sanchez replied that they were identified through Code Compliance Officers, SAFFE Officers, and Fire Marshal Staff and believed there were about 300 facilities. Michael Bernard added that the facilities were required to have a Certificate of Occupancy but many did not have one. Councilmember Chan spoke in support of Option 1 and noted that she would like to see the background checks for facility owners and staff implemented.

Councilmember Williams expressed concern with boarding homes and noted that the issues were very complicated. Mr. Bernard added that the city did not want to be in the business of regulating standard care and would like to ensure that facilities meet the definition of boarding homes.

Councilmember C. Medina thanked staff for their work and asked if the time that developers spent at the One-Stop was tracked. Mr. Sanchez replied that the time was tracked and that there were standards set to ensure that they were staffed appropriately. Councilmember C. Medina spoke of the importance of addressing the issues related to boarding homes and ensuring that individuals felt safe in their neighborhoods.

Councilmember Ozuna thanked staff for their great work and stated that she was pleased with the reorganization within Code Compliance. She asked of the assignment of Code Compliance Officers. Mr. Sanchez stated that they would remain in their locations for two years and then be reassigned to learn about other areas of the city. Councilmember Ozuna stated that she would like to have further discussion regarding staff due to the positive relationships that had already been established in many of the neighborhoods in District 3. She spoke of the Roosevelt/Presa Street Area and partnering with other departments to address the many different issues.

Councilmember Bernal stated that the policy adopted regarding boarding homes should reflect what the city is trying to accomplish. He noted that he was supportive of Option 1 but concerned with excluding assisted living facilities since they may have similar issues. Mr. Sanchez stated that assisted living facilities were required to be licensed by the State and the Fire Marshal conducts an annual inspection. Councilmember Bernal stated that he was supportive of the elimination of city-issued cell phones for specified employees but cautioned that some may not want to give their personal cell phone numbers to citizens. Ms. Sculley stated that employees that are out in the field more than 20% of the time would keep their city-issued cell phones.

AVIATION

Frank Miller presented an overview of the Aviation Department and stated that they operated as an Enterprise Fund supported entirely by user fees paid by tenants and passengers. He reported that Federal Law mandates that airport revenues may only be used for airport costs and projects to include Airport Operations/Maintenance and Debt Service. He highlighted FY 2012 Accomplishments noting that the Terminal A Renovation Design was completed and the Terminal A Prime Concessionaire approved. He reported that Global Entry Kiosks were recently placed at the airport allowing expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers upon arrival in the US. He mentioned that construction in Terminal A would be completed in April 2014. He stated that
the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Consolidated Rental Car (CONRAC) Facility Design would be released in September with Council Action in December.

Mr. Miller highlighted the 147.3% increase in International Travel over the same time in FY 2011. He reported that Alaska Airlines would begin service to Seattle in September, 2012 and that Year-End Non-Stop Flights in San Antonio totaled 34. He indicated that in FY 2012, the Airline Cost Per Enplaned Passenger totaled $8.08 and targeted a decrease to $8.04 in FY 2013. He stated that FY 2013 Revenues totaled $88.5 million and Expenditures totaled $88.2 million. He mentioned that a Multi-Year Consortium Plan was approved in FY 2012 and training for those employees has begun. He noted that eight vacant positions would be reduced due to the transfer of duties to the Consortium resulting in savings of $343,943. He presented the FY 2013-2018 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which totals $378.7 million. He outlined major improvements that include $127.7 million for the CONRAC and $10.7 million for Stinson Airport. He added that the Stinson Master Plan would be brought to the City Council for approval in FY 2013.

Councilmember Chan thanked staff for their work and stated that the airport was not just utilized for transportation but also as an economic generator. She asked of the cost per enplanement in comparison to other airports. Mr. Miller replied that there was room for improvement such as land that could be better utilized and noted that when he left Pensicola, Florida; 75% of the total revenue consisted of Non-Airline Revenue. Councilmember Chan asked how the additional revenue was achieved to support the increased budget. Mr. Miller explained that the Airport has implemented new agreements with the airlines which allows for more funds to be recovered by the Airport.

Councilmember Ozuna asked when the Stinson Master Plan would be brought to the City Council for approval. Mr. Miller replied that it would be presented to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee on October 17, 2012 and then to the full City Council for approval.

Councilmember Williams asked if the entrances to Stinson Airport would be revised. Mr. Miller replied that they were beginning discussions with the Texas Department of Transportation. Councilmember Williams spoke of the need to address the entrances and other aspects at Stinson Airport since it was not established as a corporate airfield.

RECESSED

Councilmember Bernal recessed the meeting at 4:52 pm and announced that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for the Public Hearing on Redistricting.

6:00 PM TIME CERTAIN ITEM

Item 32. PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT REVISIONS TO THE ILLUSTRATIVE REDISTRICTING MAP.

Councilmember Chan reconvened the meeting at 6:10 pm. She opened the public hearing to present revisions to the Illustrative Redistricting Map.

Michael Bernard explained that David Mendez of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP would present revisions to the Illustrative Redistricting Map that had originally been presented on May 31,
2012. He stated that the City Council would vote on the final map at the City Council Meeting on September 20, 2012.

Mr. Mendez stated that the city had received input at six community hearings that were attended by over 200 individuals. He noted that the Illustrative Plan has been revised to include suggestions received during the public hearing process. He presented the revised map, noting that the purpose was to rebalance the population among the districts. He explained that there is currently a 39.93% deviation among districts and that the new Illustrative Plan lowers the deviation to 9.95%. He reported that changes were made between Districts 9 and 10 to avoid splitting the Blossom Park Neighborhood. Additionally, changes were made between Districts 4 and 5 to avoid splitting Precinct 1040. He noted that changes were made between Districts 2 and 10 to move Precinct 4112 to District 10 and that changes were made between Districts 1 and 5 in Precinct 1003 to keep the neighborhood together by Brackenridge High School. He added that changes were made between Districts 6 and 7 to allow District 7 to continue to have territory at the city boundary in Northwest San Antonio.

Mr. Mendez reported that based on the revisions, the total maximum deviation totals 9.80%. He outlined next steps in which the City Council will consider adoption of the Revised Illustrative Redistricting Plan on September 20, 2012. He stated that once adopted, the plan will be submitted to the US Department of Justice for preclearance. He added that the plan will become effective for the May 2013 City Council Elections.

Councilmember Chan called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Faris Hodge, Jr. expressed concern that the public hearing was not being televised. He stated that Downtown should not be part of District 1 and that District 1 needed to move north. He requested that Districts 8 and 9 be cut in half and that three more districts should be added. He further expressed concern that the community meetings were difficult to find and that the final map would be approved at 9:00 am when most individuals were at work. He asked why the B Sessions were not televised and why the blinds were not open to the B Room.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that there should be 12 Council Districts and that it was a biblical number.

Joy McGhee stated that she was a Director with the Eastern Triangle and President of the Jupy Manor Neighborhood Association located in Precinct 4034. She thanked staff for their work however, she expressed concern with the public hearing on July 17, 2012 in District 2. She stated that they were concerned that the Eastern Triangle Neighborhood was being divided and that they would no longer be able to support initiatives that improve their quality of life. She added that dividing Precincts 4034 and 4062 would disenfranchise their ability to vote on positive or harmful initiatives for their immediate community.

Mayor Howard Peak stated that he was a resident of Bel Meade that would now be a part of District 2. He noted that this was a tedious effort and thanked the City Council for ensuring that their neighborhood is where it needs to be.
Jack M. Finger stated that current Councilmembers would not have to attend so many meetings if they added more Council Districts. He noted that he was surprised by how little the districts were changed and that he believed that the deviation that could be lower.

Joe Precek thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak and noted that he is the President of the Bel Meade Neighborhood Association. He stated that they were located between Districts 2 and 10 and were pleased with the latest development in the Illustrative Plan as presented.

Councilmember Chan closed the Public Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Chan adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

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JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

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City Clerk