

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



**FINAL  
Meeting Minutes  
Special City Council A Session**

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

**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

**9:00 AM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

The City Council of San Antonio convened in a Special Meeting. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present:

**Present:** 11 – Mayor Castro, Bernal, Taylor, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

1. The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Michael Brown, True Vision Church, guest of Mayor Julián Castro.
2. Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Evamay Watts, Chief Financial Officer of the Ella Austin Community Center recognized Mayor Castro and thanked him for his support. She presented Mayor Castro with a clock as a small token of appreciation.

Kate Rogers, Chair of the Mayor's Fitness Council expressed appreciation to Mayor Castro for his support and leadership. She spoke of their efforts thus far to curb Obesity in San Antonio and presented Mayor Castro with a framed listing of their accomplishments.

Mayor Castro thanked Ms. Watts and Ms. Rogers for the recognition and gifts.

*At this time, the City Council acknowledged the pending vacancy in the Office of the Mayor created by the appointment of Julián Castro as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and conducted an election by majority vote of the remaining City Councilmembers to fill the vacancy in the Office of Mayor for the remainder of the term of office to expire May 31, 2015.*

Mayor Castro stated that he appreciated all of the support he had received over the last five years as Mayor. He noted that he was honored to have served as San Antonio's Mayor and that he had focused on the most important things to achieve economic prosperity. He mentioned that although the city had grown tremendously, it had maintained a sense of character. He thanked City Manager Sculley and City Staff for their work to ensure that the city was well managed. He commended City Attorney Robbie Greenblum and all his staff for their work. He recognized his family members including his Mother, Father, Wife and Daughter for their love and support.

City Councilmembers and City Manager commended Mayor Castro for his leadership and wished him well in Washington, D.C.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 10:08 am into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- A. Discuss process to fill vacancies in the Office of Mayor and on City Council and related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel) and Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).**

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 10:40 am and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 3:

**2014-07-22-0517**

- 3. An Ordinance declaring the Election of a City Councilmember to fill the vacancy in the Office of Mayor for the remainder of the term of office to expire May 31, 2015. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

Mayor Castro called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Kelli Maples, President of the San Antonio Gender Association spoke in support of a Mayor that believes in protecting the rights of all groups covered under the Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO).

Susy Williams, Vice-President of Member Relations for the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of a Mayor that will work with their organization to grow African-American and Minority Businesses in San Antonio.

Evelyn Torres stated that she was a Member of the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce and was also supportive of a Mayor that would help grow Woman-Owned Businesses in the city.

Allan Warrick, II stated that he was a Member of the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce in support of Ivy Taylor for Mayor. He stated that she would help focus on lesser developed areas of the city and had worked to improve the District 2 Community.

Ricardo Briones stated that he was a Member of the West Side Chamber of Commerce and supportive of Shirley Gonzales for Mayor. He spoke of her great work in District 5.

John Dean Domingue spoke in support of a Mayor that voted in favor for the NDO and that would uphold the vision of Mayor Castro.

Lionel Sosa stated that he had worked with many candidates over the last 40 years and was in support of Ron Nirenberg for Mayor.

Daniel Graney stated that he was a long-time activist in the LGBT Community and was supportive of a Mayor that would embody the core principle of treating all individuals fairly and equally.

Wendellyn M. Miller and Hoshana Taylor addressed the City Council in support of Ivy Taylor for Mayor. Ms. Miller stated that she attended Roosevelt High School and believed Councilmember Taylor was an excellent role model. Ms. Taylor stated that she was a student at Brennan High School and felt that Councilmember Taylor was a great inspiration to others.

Christopher Herring representing the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce stated that they did not endorse a specific candidate for Mayor but would like for the person selected to continue working on Eastside Initiatives. He added that they would like to see growth and development of Small, Minority-Owned Businesses.

Chris Stewart stated that he was a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio and was supportive of Ron Nirenberg for Mayor. He noted that Councilmember Nirenberg has listened to the Students and felt he had the integrity to be the next Mayor.

Eugene Coleman stated that he was 93 years old and that a picture was like a thousand words. He showed various photos including one of Reverend Claude Black and stated that it was time to make a few changes on the City Council.

Fidel Castillo stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Indigenous People of the Red Root. He expressed concern that the Native American Council has not been included in efforts to make San Antonio a World Heritage Site.

Ruby Krebs stated that she and several members of the LGBT Community had met with each of the Candidates to ask them to continue to ensure that all San Antonians are treated equally. She noted that each of the Candidates would be a good steward of the office and that she would be comfortable with Councilmember Taylor serving as Mayor.

Annette Anderson spoke in support of Ron Nirenberg for Mayor noting that he was balanced and could work with all people.

Dee Villarrubia stated that she was speaking on behalf of the LGBT League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council in support of a Mayor that voted in favor of the NDO.

Keith Toney stated that he was a Resident of District 2 in support of Ivy Taylor for Mayor. He noted that he was a Vietnam Veteran and hoped that Councilmember Taylor would not be judged by one vote.

Cassandra Carter, President of the San Antonio Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority spoke in support of Ivy Taylor for Mayor. She stated that Councilmember Taylor was a member of the Sorority and that they were a service-oriented organization.

Mayor Castro called upon each of the Councilmembers that submitted their Letter of Interest of Mayor in District Order.

Councilmember Taylor stated that she had been well-prepared to serve as City Councilmember and that her initial work in Affordable Housing was the foundation to her Public Service Work. She noted that she was dedicated to improving the overall quality of life in the city and had served on the City Council for five years. She spoke of her education from Yale University and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She indicated that she had worked as a City Employee, Affordable Housing Agency, and served on the Board of several important Community Organizations including the Planning Commission and Haven for Hope. She stated that she was proud of her record and accomplishments and believed she was best suited to lead the city through this transitional period. She noted her commitment to improving Adult Education and Workforce Development, as well as addressing key issues such as the Budget, Contract Negotiations, and having an abundant and affordable Water Supply. She added that she would work to find consensus, provide full transparency and find common ground.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was confident that she was qualified to serve as Mayor noting that her strongest asset was her Business and Management Experience. She noted that she was committed to improving the quality of life and spoke of her successes in District 5. She indicated that she would continue Mayor Castro's momentum to address challenging issues such as the Police and Fire Contracts, Air Quality, and Energy Resources. She stated that she had worked with CPS Energy regarding customer concerns and they had since launched their Community Engagement Department and Customer Response Unit. She noted that she had the endurance to serve and had the support of her family.

Councilmember Lopez thanked his wife and family for their support. He spoke of the work of the City Council to ensure a great quality of life for San Antonio. He stated that this was not a vote against one another but a vote for the City of San Antonio. He noted that regardless of the outcome, they would continue to move a collective vision forward for San Antonio. He indicated that his experience would allow him to lead that effort. He spoke of his work on the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Economic Development Initiatives and thanked Mayor Castro for the opportunities he provided to him. He stated that he was committed be the strongest leader possible and thanked everyone for their support.

Councilmember Nirenberg thanked everyone that applied for Mayor and stated that Mayor Castro was leaving a legacy of strong leadership. He noted that he was pleased with the work that was occurring in each of the Council Districts. He indicated that he would be a strong Mayor and spoke of his previous experience at the Public Policy Center in which he worked in over 22 Municipalities. He stated that the expectations in the City of San Antonio had been elevated through Mayor Castro's Leadership. He mentioned the great Budget Challenges and the importance of maintaining a AAA Bond Rating and addressing Long-Term Water Supplies. He stated that he looked forward to tomorrow and serving in any capacity with his colleagues.

City Clerk Leticia Vacek presented a Power Point outlining the process to fill the Mayoral Vacancy. She reported that a total of four Councilmembers submitted Letters of Interest by the deadline of 5:00 pm on July 16, 2014: 1) Ron Nirenberg; 2) Ray Lopez; 3) Ivy R. Taylor; and 4) Shirley Gonzales. She added that a Councilmember could withdraw their Letter of Interest at any time. She referenced Resolution 2014-06-19-0023R that established the procedures and stated that Mayor Castro could preside over the meeting but would not participate during the Roll Call Vote. She noted that a Roll Call Vote would be taken in Ascending Order and that no Councilmember could vote for him or herself. She added that no Councilmember could "pass" during the Roll Call Vote and that the City Council would

vote until one Councilmember received six or more votes. Mrs. Vacek stated that an electronic vote on the Ordinance Declaring the Election of the City Councilmember elected to fill the Vacancy of the Office of Mayor would take place immediately after the Roll Call Vote. She indicated that she would Administer the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to the Elected Mayor and that the Elected Mayor would take office immediately. Thereafter, the Elected Mayor would present Mayor Castro with an Appreciation Plaque for his Service.

Mayor Castro thanked Mrs. Vacek for the presentation and asked for the Roll Call Vote.

City Clerk Vacek administered a Roll Call Vote for Councilmembers Taylor, Gonzales, Lopez, and Nirenberg:

Councilmember Bernal – Councilmember Lopez  
Councilmember Taylor – Abstain  
Councilmember Viagran – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Saldaña – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Gonzales – Abstain  
Councilmember Lopez – Abstain  
Councilmember Medina – Councilmember Lopez  
Councilmember Nirenberg – Abstain  
Councilmember Krier – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Gallagher – Councilmember Taylor

City Clerk Vacek administered a second Roll Call Vote for Councilmembers Taylor and Lopez:

Councilmember Bernal – Councilmember Lopez  
Councilmember Taylor – Abstain  
Councilmember Viagran – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Saldaña – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Gonzales – Councilmember Lopez  
Councilmember Lopez – Abstain  
Councilmember Medina – Councilmember Lopez  
Councilmember Nirenberg – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Krier – Councilmember Taylor  
Councilmember Gallagher – Councilmember Taylor

Mrs. Vacek announced the results were 5 Votes for Councilmember Taylor and 3 Votes for Councilmember Lopez.

At this time, Councilmember Lopez stated that there were many important decisions to be made for the city and withdrew from consideration. He noted that he would be proud to serve with Mayor Ivy R. Taylor.

Councilmember Viagran moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance declaring the election of Ivy R. Taylor as Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term of office ending May 31, 2015. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Castro, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

**Abstain:** Taylor

Mayor Castro stated that he had been honored to serve as Mayor of the City of San Antonio and submitted his Letter of Resignation to City Clerk Vacek. He congratulated Mayor Taylor and stated that he was pleased to serve the Residents of San Antonio.

Mayor Castro's Letter of Resignation read as follows:

"It has been my great honor to serve as Mayor of San Antonio. I am proud of the tremendous progress that our community has made over the past five years, progress which would not have been possible without the excellent work of City of San Antonio staff and the support of the people of San Antonio. Due to my confirmation as United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, however, I hereby resign as Mayor effective immediately."

Ivy Taylor thanked the City Councilmembers for entrusting her with the honor of serving as Mayor. She thanked the community for their support and pledged to work with everyone to achieve their goals. She also thanked her family for flying in from out of town and her husband Rodney and daughter Morgan for their support. She presented Mayor Castro an Appreciation Plaque for his Service to San Antonio and thanked him for his accomplishments. Mayor Castro thanked the City Council for the recognition and exited the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Vacek administered the Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office to Mayor Ivy R. Taylor.

## **ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Vacek administered a new Roll Call with the following Councilmembers present: Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Nirenberg, Krier, Gallagher, and Mayor Taylor.

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 4:

**2014-07-22-0027R**

### **4. A Resolution Acknowledging a Vacancy in a City Council District Office and Initiating procedures to select a Replacement Councilmember. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

City Clerk Leticia Vacek presented a Power Point regarding the City Council Vacancy in District 2. She reported that in accordance with Ordinance 2010-05-06-0375, staff would post a Notice of Vacancy On-Line by close of business on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. She stated that the Notice of Vacancy would be published in the Express-News and La Prensa on Sunday, July 27, 2014. She added that Applications would be accepted from Monday, July 28, 2014 through Friday, August 8, 2014. She mentioned that Applicants must submit an Application, Letter of Interest, Resume, and Personal Financial Statement/Financial Disclosure Report Addendum. She reported that the City Council would interview Applicants during the B Session on August 13, 2014 and select up to 3 Applicants. She stated that during the Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014, the Mayor and City Council would vote on the Replacement for District 2. She added that the Appointee would be immediately sworn-in and take their place on the Dais.

Councilmember Bernal moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Viagran seconded the

motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier, and Gallagher

**Absent:** Nirenberg

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 5:

**2014-07-22-0518**

**5. An Ordinance Ordering a Special City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to fill the City Council District Office Vacancy; and Setting Election Procedures. [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

City Clerk Leticia Vacek presented a Power Point regarding the ordering of a Special City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to fill the City Council District 2 Vacancy. She highlighted key dates noting that the Period to Apply for a Place on the Ballot would take place from July 23, 2014 through August 21, 2014. She stated that Early Voting was scheduled from October 20-31, 2014 and that the results would be canvassed at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. She provided a list of Early Voting Polling Sites which were subject to change. She reported that the Special City Election was estimated to cost up to \$200,000 dependent on the entities that call an election in November. She added that the Ordinance was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and Bexar County Elections Office.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance ordering a Special City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to fill the City Council District 2 Vacancy. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier, and Gallagher

**Absent:** Nirenberg

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 6:

**2014-07-22-0028R**

**6. A Resolution Acknowledging a Temporary Vacancy in City Council District 7 and Initiating procedures to select a Temporary Replacement Councilmember.[Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]**

City Clerk Leticia Vacek presented a Power Point and stated that on Thursday, July 17, 2014, Councilmember Medina submitted a Letter notifying the Mayor and Council of his Temporary Military Assignment with the U.S. Air Force. She noted that the term of said Temporary Assignment was from Monday, August 4, 2014 through Friday, October 10, 2014. She reported that in accordance with Ordinance 2010-05-06-0375, staff would post a Notice of Vacancy On-Line by close of business on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. She stated that the Notice of Vacancy would be published in the Express-News and La Prensa on Sunday, July 27, 2014. She added that applications would be accepted from Monday, July 28, 2014 through Friday, August 8, 2014. She mentioned that Applicants must submit an Application, Letter of Interest, Resume, and Personal Financial Statement/Financial Disclosure Report Addendum. She reported that the City Council would interview Applicants during the B Session on August 13, 2014 and select up to 3 Applicants. She stated that during the Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014, the Mayor and City Council would vote on the Temporary Replacement

for District 7. She added that the Appointee would be immediately sworn-in and take their place on the Dais.

Councilmember Medina moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Taylor, Bernal, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Medina, Krier, and Gallagher

**Absent:** Nirenberg

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

APPROVED



IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

Attest:



LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/MMC  
City Clerk