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Meeting Minutes

City Council B Session

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 | **2:00 PM** | **Municipal Plaza Building**

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

PRESENT: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Trevino, Warrick, Viagran, Saldaña, Gonzales, Lopez, Nirenberg, Krier, and Gallagher

ABSENT: 1 - Medina

The Deputy City Clerk announced that Councilmember Medina would not be present.

In the absence of Mayor Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presided over the meeting.

Items 1 and 2 were addressed jointly.

1. Briefing on the Comprehensive Approach to Obesity Prevention for San Antonio [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Thomas L. Schlenker, Director of Public Health]

2. A Briefing on the ongoing fitness and wellness initiatives offered by the San Antonio

Parks and Recreation Department. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Dr. Thomas Schlenker presented information on the Comprehensive Approach to Obesity Prevention for San Antonio. He referenced the City of San Antonio 2014 Community Survey noting that Obesity was identified as the highest Major Problem in the city. He indicated that Obesity was the second highest issue that residents felt was most important to address over the next two years. He spoke of the Metro Health Efforts on Nutrition which include the Baby Café, Dental Program, Por Vida!, Salad Bars in Schools, and Farmer's Markets. He highlighted their efforts on Active Living with programs such as the Fitness Stations, Walking Trails, B-Cycle, Ride to Own Bike Program, and Fitness in the Parks. He outlined the HEB Body Adventure Program at The Witte Museum noting that every child participating in the Program received a Power Pass Card. He noted that the Power Pass could be utilized at 25 different stations in which fun activities and questions would be asked about health and physical activity. He stated that the data they collected was completely anonymous but identified Body Mass Index, Quality of Life, Physical Activity, and Fruit & Vegetable Consumption. He presented a map of the City of San Antonio with percentages of same.

Jeff Skelton representing the Mayor's Fitness Council highlighted the Veg Out SA! Campaign. He spoke of the need for change, noting that 65% of adults were overweight or obese. He stated that 36% of youth consume less than one serving of fruit daily and 45% consume less than one serving of vegetables daily. He outlined the objectives of the Campaign: 1) Raise awareness and educate on the health benefits of fruit and vegetables; and 2) Encourage consumption by emphasizing ease, accessibility, affordability, and fun. He stated that it was sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and the Children's Hospital of San Antonio and supported by H-E-B, Clear Channel Communication, The CE Group, and ESD and Associates. He indicated that the target audience was the Community-At-Large with an increased focus on worksites and schools. He noted that they would utilize billboards, social media, radio, print, and community partners to educate the community and that electronic tool kits would be developed for schools. He added that the information would be made available in English and Spanish. He stated that their primary message was to encourage everyone to eat more vegetables. He provided a Campaign Timeline and Metrics and noted that Luby's Cafeteria had advertised the campaign on their marquee.

Dr. Bryan Alsip of University Health System spoke of the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Campaign to raise awareness and educate the community about the link between sugary beverages and Obesity. He stated that their goal was to encourage water as the healthiest, cheapest, and most accessible option. He noted that the campaign was sponsored by Bexar

County Commissioner's Court, University Health System, Metro Health, Bexar County Health Collaborative, San Antonio Business Group on Health, and The Witte Museum. He reported that the average American consumes almost 80 pounds of added sugar per year with one half of the amount derived from sugary beverages. He stated that with every additional daily soda, a child's risk for Obesity increased by 60%. He compared various drinks and highlighted their sugar content. He noted that they should create a consistent message with a balanced approach.

Dr. Schlenker concluded the presentation by noting that they would continue to work on Diabesity, a term that combines Diabetes and Obesity since they had overlapping symptoms.

Mayor Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

Xavier Urrutia presented an overview of the fitness and wellness initiatives offered by the San Antonio Parks and Recreations Department. He introduced Michael Baldwin, Manager of Fitness Initiatives. Mr. Baldwin spoke of their work integrating wellness into the Parks System. He highlighted the Fitness in the Park Program in which various physical fitness activities are provided at City Parks free of charge. He played a video of Fitness in the Park Activities and reported that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, 4,800 classes were provided to 46,000 attendees at 80 locations. He compared the attendance for Fitness in the Park over the last three years noting a 97% increase in FY 2014. He highlighted the FitPass Program, a Citywide Wellness Scavenger Hunt. He explained that participants received a Passport Booklet and received points for activities they attended. He noted that at the end of the Program, participants submitted their booklets for the opportunity to win prizes such as bikes and fitness equipment. He reported that over 90% of Fit Pass Participants reported that the program had a positive impact on their health and wellness.

Mr. Baldwin highlighted new initiatives such as the Mobile Fit Van which provide fitness programs throughout the city. He spoke of the great partnerships and coordination with the Mayor's Fitness Council, Coca-Cola Foundation, YMCA, San Antonio Food Bank, HEB, and Spurs Sports and Entertainment. He added that many of the Parks and Recreation Initiatives were considered best practices and they looked forward to adding new and innovative fitness programs.

Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and stated that she was pleased with the many partnerships.

Councilmember Warrick asked if the reductions in Obesity were the same for all demographics. Dr. Schlenker replied that they were not and explained that the greatest

reduction in Obesity from 2010 to 2012 was among Non-Whites. He noted that Obesity was relative to socio-economic status and that culture was a big factor. Councilmember Warrick asked if Farmer's Markets would be expanded to other parts of the city. Mr. Skelton stated that it was their goal to ensure that all residents had access to Farmer's Markets. Councilmember Warrick spoke of his experience working out with Antonio Daniels and asked if Fitness in the Park Activities would be expanded to include children during the Summer. Mr. Baldwin replied that it would and that they would engage the 6,000 children enrolled in Summer Camps. Councilmember Warrick asked of a partnership with the San Antonio Housing Authority. Mr. Urrutia replied that they did not have a formal partnership but could look at that in the future.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was impressed with the multi-pronged approach and highlighted the Mobile Fit Van and Fitness in the Park Program. She spoke of the importance of partnerships and noted the success of group settings. She asked of the HEB/Witte Body Adventure. Bryan Bayles of The Witte explained the program and noted that the data collected on Power Passes were anonymous. Councilmember Viagran requested data by Council District. Mr. Bayles replied that they would work on gathering that information. Councilmember Viagran asked who was leading the Veg Out Campaign. Mr. Skelton replied that the Mayor's Fitness Council was leading the effort along with community partners. Councilmember Viagran asked of the Campaign on Sugar Sweetened Beverages. Dr. Alsip replied that it was being sponsored by various partners with University Health System taking the lead. Dr. Schlenker further explained that they had developed a working group to develop ideas regarding sugar consumption.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he was pleased with the significant strides that had been made but expressed concern that a more direct message regarding sugary drinks had not been developed. He further expressed concern that the City of San Antonio had not taken the lead on the issue and asked how the information would be provided to the community. Dr. Alsip replied that they would conduct focus groups and that all of the partners would have to help spread the information. Councilmember Saldaña stated that he understood that government could not make people change their behavior but felt that more education could be provided through simplified messaging.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if there was a report showing the economic impact of community health. Dr. Schlenker replied that they did not have that information but were collecting same and hoped to provide the data within the next year. Councilmember Nirenberg expressed support for the Veg Out Campaign. Mr. Skelton noted that the HEB Marketing Team had developed the Campaign and were pleased with the results. Councilmember Nirenberg asked what was needed for the Sugar Sweetened Beverages Campaign. Dr. Alsip replied that they welcomed a Resolution of Support from the City

Council. City Manager Sculley stated that the previous direction from the City Council was that there should be a larger strategy to encourage the reduction of drinking sugar sweetened beverages and not eliminating them. Councilmember Nirenberg asked of the attendance for Fitness in the Park Activities. Mr. Urrutia stated that in 2012, the program was seasonal and taught by volunteers so there was limited participation. However, he noted that they added more classes and paid staff in 2013 which helped increase participation. Councilmember Nirenberg expressed support noting that more resources were needed to meet the demand.

Mayor Taylor stated that they had an obligation to inform the community about key issues but was concerned with telling people what to do. She noted that she believed the sugary drinks conversation was better suited as part of a larger scale discussion about addressing Obesity and about Health and Fitness.

Councilmember Lopez stated that he was pleased with the many investments the City of San Antonio had made in regard to Health and Wellness and highlighted the Linear Creekways. He recognized Louisa Casso of the Texas and American Beverage Association. Ms. Casso spoke of their Mixify Campaign and played a video of their commercial. She noted that their goal was a balanced approach to mix healthy activity and sugary drink consumption. Councilmember Lopez spoke of the importance of outreach to the community.

Councilmember Gallagher stated that it was important to remain physically active and that he was pleased with the Parks Initiatives. He stated that the role of government was to educate the community so that they could make good decisions.

Councilmember Krier expressed support for the comprehensive efforts and highlighted the opening of Panther Springs Park. He stated that they should educate the community about the importance of moderation through campaigns such as Veg Out! and drinking more water.

Councilmember Treviño thanked everyone for their efforts and spoke of the importance of a balanced approach. He expressed concern with public safety and noted that it was challenging for people to participate in healthy activities when they were scared to leave their homes. Dr. Schlenker stated that they understood the concerns and were working with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) to implement programs within areas with high incidents of violence. Councilmember Treviño requested data correlating Obesity to Public Safety.

Councilmember Gonzales concurred with Councilmember Treviño regarding the challenges

with public safety and asked of the goal regarding Obesity. Dr. Schlenker replied that the goal was to be better than the National Average. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she was pleased with the success thus far and asked about the percent of the budget utilized to educate the community. Dr. Schlenker replied that a small amount of the budget was spent on public education. Councilmember Gonzales stated that more funding should be spent on outreach and marketing. She noted that she did not feel that they were telling people what to do and was comfortable with the information being presented. Councilmember Saldaña added that it was not about telling people what to do but about educating the community.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:15 pm to discuss the following:

A. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 (economic development) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

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

C. Discuss legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

D. Discuss legal issues related to Jane Doe v. City of San Antonio, et al pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

E. Discuss legal issues related to Northern Hills Management Company v. City of San Antonio, et al pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

F. Discuss legal issues related to annexation procedures pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm and stated that the Executive Session was in recess and would reconvene after the Regular City Council Meeting the following day. He addressed the Ceremonial Items.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presented a Proclamation to the Fiesta Commission in recognition of this year's Official Fiesta San Antonio Celebration that would be held April 16-26, 2015. The Fiesta Commission presented their Official 2015 Fiesta Medal. It was noted that the Fiesta Celebration takes place every April to honor the memory of the Heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto. It was also noted that the success of Fiesta was dependent on the hard work and dedication of the Commission which organizes the Texas-Sized Festival of over 100 events, with more than 75,000 volunteers, to accommodate 3.5 million party goers.

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 67th Annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade that will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. It was noted that the theme for this year is "Television: Then and Now," and announced Grand Marshal John Quinones. It was also noted that the Flambeau is one of the premier events of Fiesta and has been called America's largest Illuminated Night Parade.

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick presented a Proclamation to the San Antonio Conservation Society who will host "A Night in Old San Antonio" (NIOSA) April 21-24, 2015. It was noted that the four-night event was held in the La Villita National Historic District and celebrated San Antonio's diverse cultural heritage. It was also noted that NIOSA showcases 15 ethnic-themed areas, more than 250 food and drink booths, and over 20 regional bands and dance troops, to provide entertainment to nearly 85,000 revelers.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Warrick called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Philip Sevilla spoke against abortion operations in the City of San Antonio. He urged the City Council to restrict expansion of abortion facitilies.

Guy McClung drew attention to previous court cases in which citizens did not have a voice and urged the City Council to take action against abortion.

Paula Moore spoke against the practice of abortion and cautioned against harmful effects on women's health.

Weston Martinez commented on the importance of adherence to established zoning regulations.

Matt Stedman spoke against the zoning regulations of the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2140 Babcock Road and urged the City Council to address zoning inconsistencies.

William Jennings expressed concern for the quality of life of communities near abortion facilities.

Patrick Von Dohlen presented a KENS-5 Video and further spoke against the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2140 Babcock Road.

Daniel Petri commented on the importance of citizen input and urged the City Council to take action on issues important to citizens.

Michael Knuffke spoke against the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2140 Babcock Road and urged the City Council to take action against the facility.

Malcolm Biediger commented on the value of life.

Allan Parker spoke of the Safe Haven Law as an alternative to abortion.

Pete Ortega commented on the importance of citizen input in creating a positive image for the City of San Antonio.

Gerald Ripley spoke of the importance of facilitating government transparency and open dialogue in resolving the zoning issues of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

John Cope expressed concern with the impact of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road to the residents of Dreamhill Estates.

Tina Luther expressed concern for increased criminal and vehicle traffic in the neighborhood of Dreamhill Estates due to the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2140 Babcock Road.

Charlene Gonzales appealed to the City Council to uphold zoning restrictions on the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Happy Von Dohlen expressed concern for the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Hope Von Dohlen petitioned the City Council to uphold zoning restrictions at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Luz Gallegos asked the City Council to restrict the zoning of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Janice Flowers spoke against abortion and urged the City Council to halt abortions in the City of San Antonio.

Hugo Galaviz expressed his concern for zoning case Z2015080CD at 1013 Clower Street.

Lorie Rojas stated her concern for the installment of the Planned Parenthood Facility in her neighborhood and its impact on local children.

Celia Salas commented on the increase in traffic in the neighborhood of 1013 Clower Street.

Marie Ramos stated her concern for increased traffic in the neighborhood of 1013 Clower Street and asked the City Council to deny the zoning request.

Deseri Gonzales spoke on the decision reversal to allow spirit groups to take part in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade and expressed concern for the safety of students amid changes.

Joy Cavazos expressed concern for spirit groups not being able to participate alongside their corresponding school bands in the Flambeau Parade.

Henry Rodriguez stated the importance of allowing spirit groups to take part in Fiesta.

Emma Garza stated her concern for zoning case Z2015080CD at 1013 Clower Street.

Maria Garzon stated her concern for the impact of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock on the neighborhood community.

Maria Paula Castor mentioned increased criminal traffic and other impacts that the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road would have on the community.

Marjorie Petri presented a letter from Archbishop Gustavo Siller expressing concern for

abortion facilities in the City of San Antonio.

Kim Cope commented on the importance of upholding zoning restrictions against the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock.

Miguel Perez detailed his military history and spoke against abortion activities. He urged the City Council to enforce zoning restrictions at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Stanley Ellebracht stated his support for zoning case Z2015080CD at 1013 Clower Street.

Michael Bitter commented on the impact of the City of San Antonio's No Kill Policy for animals and expressed the need for the same for babies.

Taylor Pond urged the City Council to enforce zoning restrictions on the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Charity Farrar petitioned the City Council to uphold the zoning laws on the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Evan Wittig commented on the importance of defending unborn children.

Sylvia Villarreal expressed her concern for the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and increased criminal traffic to the area. She petitioned the City Council to put a stop to abortions in the City of San Antonio.

Kiyah Perry stated her support for upholding zoning laws for the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Ahniyah Perry spoke against the issue of abortion.

Shaniyah Perry commented on the importance of life.

Nathaniel Perry III commented on the importance of freedom and fairness for all.

Nesiah Perry spoke against abortion.

Nathaniel Perry II petitioned the City Council to enforce zoning restrictions at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road and uphold the value of life in the City of San Antonio.

Ellie Livingston spoke against the opening of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Aloys Notzon spoke against abortion and addressed State Laws governing ambulatory centers.

Maribeth Osgood commented on the importance of alternatives to abortion and petitioned the City Council to support said efforts.

Daniel Cantu-Young spoke against abortion and discussed its implications.

David Mayorga spoke of the importance of protecting real estate value and neighborhood values.

Ines Montero urged the City Council to halt the opening of the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Roland Rojas expressed concern for the importance of maintaining neighborhood integrity for the residents of Dreamhill Estates.

Jerome Iltis spoke against abortion and the importance of affirming the value of life.

Maria Lopez petitioned the City Council to allow her business to continue operating on the Riverwalk.

David Andrew Ramos asked the City Council to uphold zoning regulations at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Frank Montez petitioned the City Council to reinforce zoning restrictions at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Dave McCall encouraged the City Council to uphold present zoning laws at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Jack M. Finger petitioned the City Council for further investigation into the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Rebecca Siebenaler spoke of the importance of taking action and making a difference.

Carlos Zaldivar petitioned the City Council to uphold zoning laws.

Lorraine Rankin commented on the importance of uniform enforcement for zoning ordinances.

Marisol Garduno mentioned the availability of alternatives to abortion.

Gustavo Gomez discussed the importance of upholding zoning laws at the Planned Parenthood Facility located at 2140 Babcock Road.

Robert Powell spoke of the importance of truth.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony highlighting the $500,000 donation to students by Holt Caterpillar. He wrote that the San Antonio Lighthouse was adding clients and planned a staff expansion. He noted that a portion of the Sales Tax would be used to fund four Pre-K 4 SA Centers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Warrick adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

APPROVED

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:
LETICIA Y. SAENZ, TRMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK