

TML Small Cities Advisory Council
May 13, 2021; 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Remarks

- Beginning at 11:02 a.m. TML Small Cities Advisory Council (SCAC) Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville welcomed the members.
- TML President Martha Castex-Tatum, Vice Mayor Pro Tem, Houston also welcomed the members.

SCAC Members Present:

- Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville
- Sam Watson, City Administrator, Knox City
- Vice Chair Tony Aaron, City Administrator, Early
- Sonny Campbell, City Manager, Anson
- Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, Windcrest
- Victor Contreras, Mayor, Marion
- Walter Bowen, Mayor, Lake Worth
- Brett Shannon, City Manager, Decatur
- Lyle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop
- Danny Segundo, City Administrator, Somerville
- Robby Silva, City Administrator, Point Comfort
- Sheila Petta, Mayor, Wilmer
- Elizabeth Lea, City Administrator, New Boston
- Cindy Burchfield, Councilmember, Daisetta

SCAC Members Not Present:

- John Davis, Mayor, Balmorhea
- Roberto Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, San Elizario
- Sherrie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Iowa Park
- Tom Daly, Mayor, Selma
- Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager, Forest Hill
- Michelle Latray, Municipal Judge, Riesel (*staff notified*)
- David Vaughn, City Manager, Burnet
- Clint Tegeler, Mayor, Ganado
- George Rivera, Mayor, Palm Valley (*staff notified*)
- Mary Alvarez, Risk Management Director, Hidalgo
- Jason Little, City Manager, Melissa (*staff notified*)
- Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota (*staff notified*)
- Leonard Reed, Mayor, Willis

Guest and TML Staff Present:

- TML President Martha Castex-Tatum, Vice Mayor Pro Tem, Houston
- Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, TML

- Rachael Pitts, Deputy Executive Director, TML
- Jacqueline Redin, Assistant Director of Member Services, TML
- Will Trevino, Legal Counsel, TML Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, TML

Consider Excused Absences

Motion made by Tony Aaron, seconded by Brett Shannon, and passed unanimously to excuse the absence of the members who had notified TML staff.

Consider Minutes from March 10, 2021, Meeting

Motion made by Sonny Campbell, seconded by Cindy Burchfield, and passed unanimously to approve the amended minutes from the March 10, 2021, meeting.

Executive Director's Report

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided a report on the last days left in the legislative session including updates to bills on broadband, annexation, street maintenance tax, debt, and community censorship.

Legal Presentation

TML Legal Counsel Will Trevino gave an update on the Open Meetings Act suspensions, COVID-19 vaccine information, and the American Rescue Plan Act's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement unit of local government

Vote on Session Topics for TML Annual Conference and Exhibition

TML Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin presented members with two proposed sessions (*How Small Cities Are Using Stimulus Funding; Better Together: Collaborating to Get Things Done*) for the TML Annual Conference and Exhibition. Motion made by Lyle Nelson, seconded by Tony Aaron and passed unanimously to approve the proposed SCAC-sponsored sessions.

SCAC Projects

TML Assistant Director of Members Services Jacqueline Redin provided an update on the TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinics stating two would be held in the summer. Additionally, she provided an update of the TML Small Cities' Workshop Scholarship Program and SCAC vacancies.

Confirm Date, Time, and Location of Next SCAC Meeting

The next meeting of the TML Small Cities Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston in conjunction with the 2021 TML Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Other Business

Since there was no other business to come before the SCAC, a motion was made by Sonny Campbell and seconded by Tony Aaron to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m.