

TML Small Cities Advisory Council

October 6, 2021; 5:00 p.m.

George R. Brown Convention Center

Meeting Room 370, Level 3

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Remarks

- Beginning at 5:09 p.m. TML Small Cities Advisory Council (SCAC) Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.
- TML President Martha Castex-Tatum, Vice Mayor Pro Tem, Houston, and TML President-Elect David Rutledge, Mayor, Bridge City also welcomed the members.

SCAC Members Present:

- Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville
- John Davis, Mayor, Balmorhea
- Roberto Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, San Elizario
- 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
- Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager, Forest Hill
- Michelle Latray, Municipal Judge, Riesel
- Billy Sparks, Councilmember, Gholson
- Lyle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop
- Danny Segundo, City Administrator, Somerville
- Robby Silva, City Administrator, Point Comfort
- Clint Tegeler, Mayor, Ganado
- George Rivera, Mayor, Palm Valley
- Sheila Petta, Mayor, Wilmer
- Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota
- Leonard Reed, Mayor, Willis
- Arnetta Murray, Alderwoman, Iowa Colony
- Cindy Burchfield, Councilmember, Daisetta

SCAC Members Not Present:

- Michael Chambers, City Administrator, Lorenzo (*staff notified*)
- Sam Watson, City Administrator, Knox City (*staff notified*)
- Sherrie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Iowa Park
- Tom Daly, Mayor, Selma
- David Vaughn, City Manager, Burnet
- Mary Alvarez, Risk Management Director, Hidalgo
- Jason Little, City Manager, Melissa (*staff notified*)
- Elizabeth Lea, City Administrator, New Boston (*staff notified*)

Guest and TML Staff Present:

- TML President Martha Castex-Tatum, Vice Mayor Pro Tem, Houston
- TML President-Elect David Rutledge, Mayor, Bridge City
- Rona Stringfellow, City Administrator, Wilmer
- Mayra Ortiz, City Secretary, Wilmer
- Michelle Miranda, Administrative Assistant, San Elizario
- Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, TML
- Rachael Pitts, Deputy Executive Director, TML
- Jacqueline Redin, Assistant Director of Member Services, TML
- Will Trevino, Legal Counsel, TML

Consider Excused Absences

Motion made by Sonny Campbell, seconded, and passed unanimously to excuse the absence of the members who had notified TML staff.

Consider Minutes from May 13, 2021, Meeting

Motion made by Lyle Nelson, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2021, meeting.

Executive Director's Report

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided a detailed report on the three special sessions of the Texas legislature. He also discussed the weekly small cities legislative meetings and the plan to reinstate those meetings during the next regular session.

Legal Presentation

TML Legal Counsel Will Trevino gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement unit of local government including the reporting and usages of funds. He also discussed the opioid settlement, and the Open Meetings Act suspensions.

SCAC Projects

TML Assistant Director of Members Services Jacqueline Redin provided an overview of the annual conference SCAC-sponsored sessions and an update of the summer TML Small Cities' Problem Solving-Clinics and TML Small Cities' Workshop Scholarship Program. She also gave a brief summary of the new small cities legislative meetings.

Confirm Date, Time, and Location of Next SCAC Meeting

The next meeting of the TML Small Cities Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land in Sugar Land in conjunction with the TML-TAMCC Elected Officials' Conference

Other Business

Since there was no other business to come before the SCAC, a motion was made by George Rivera, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.