

TML Small Cities Advisory Council
Wednesday, October 14, 2020; 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Remarks

- Beginning at 1:30 p.m. TML Small Cities Advisory Council (SCAC) Chair Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, City of Windcrest welcomed the members.
- TML President Eddie Daffern, Mayor, City of Staples and TML President-Elect Karen Hunt, Mayor, City of Coppell also welcomed the members.

SCAC Members Present:

- Chair Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, Windcrest
- TML President Eddie Daffern, Mayor, Staples
- Lynn Nowlin, Mayor, Slaton
- Sam Watson, City Administrator, Knox City
- Tony Aaron, City Administrator, Early
- Sonny Campbell, City Manager, Anson
- Walter Bowen, Mayor, Lake Worth
- Brett Shannon, City Manager, Decatur
- Lyle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop
- Robby Silva, City Administrator, Point Comfort
- George Rivera, Mayor, Palm Valley
- Emmanuel Wealthy, Mayor, Wilmer
- Andres Garza Jr., City Manager, Wharton
- Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota
- Leonard Reed, Mayor, Willis
- Vice Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville
- Elizabeth Lea, City Administrator, New Boston
- Roy McDonald, Mayor, West Orange
- Cindy Burchfield, Councilmember, Daisetta
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SCAC Members Not Present:

- James Marrs II, Councilmember, Borger
- John Davis, Mayor, Balmorhea
- Roberto Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, San Elizario (*staff notified*)
- Sherrie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Iowa Park
- Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager, Forest Hill
- Michelle Latray, Municipal Judge, Riesel
- Jason Little, City Manager, Melissa
- Trudia Preston, Mayor, Goliad

Guest and TML Staff Present:

- TML President Elect Karen Hunt, Mayor, Coppell
- Bob Cunningham, Councilmember, Rockport

- Larry Wallace, Mayor, Manor
- Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, TML
- Rachael Pitts, Deputy Executive Director, TML
- Jacqueline Redin, Assistant Director of Member Services, TML
- Evelyn Njguna, Assistant General Counsel, TML

Consider Excused Absences

Motion made by Brad Stafford, seconded by Charles Hunt, and passed unanimously to excuse the absence of the member who had notified TML staff.

Consider Minutes from May 7, 2020 Meeting

Motion made by Lyle Nelson, seconded by Sonny Campbell, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided an overview on the upcoming legislative session including continuing using a more legislative grassroots effort. He also discussed upcoming legislative issues including high-speed internet access and infrastructure funding.

Legal Presentation

TML Assistant General Counsel Evelyn Njguna gave an update on COVID-19 related issues including the governor's executive orders on open meetings, face covering requirements, and bar openings. She also reported the deadline for filing for aid through the Coronavirus Relief Fund through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Special Projects

TML Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin provided an update on the TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinics, the TML Small Cities' Workshop Scholarship Program, and the SCAC-sponsored session at the Virtual TML Annual Conference and Exhibition. She also mentioned the current vacancies on the SCAC.

Next SCAC Meeting

The next meeting of the SCAC will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio in conjunction with the TML-TAMCC Elected Officials' Conference.

Other Business

TML Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin and the SCAC recognized Councilmember Frank Archuleta of Windcrest for his service as SCAC chair.

Adjourn

Since there was no other business to come before the SCAC, a motion was made by Charles Hunt and seconded by Roy McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.