

TML Small Cities Advisory Council
March 4, 2020; 10:30 a.m.
Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas-Frisco Hotel
7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Texas
Buffalo Trail Room (Second Floor)

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Remarks

- Beginning at 10:34 a.m. the TML Small Cities Advisory Council (SCAC) Chair Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, City of Windcrest, welcomed the members.
- Roundtable introductions were conducted.

SCAC Members Present:

- Chair Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, Windcrest
- TML President Eddie Daffern, Mayor, Staples
- Dion Miller, City Manager, Tulia
- Lynn Nowlin, Mayor, Slaton
- John Davis, Mayor, Balmorhea
- Sam Watson, City Administrator, Knox City
- Sonny Campbell, City Manager, Anson
- Walter Bowen, Mayor, Lake Worth
- Brett Shannon, City Manager, Decatur
- Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager, Forest Hill
- Lyle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop
- George Rivera, Mayor, Palm Valley
- Jason Little, City Manager, Melissa
- Emmanuel Wealthy, Mayor, Wilmer
- Leonard Reed, Mayor, Willis
- Vice Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville

Guest and TML Staff Present:

- Rona Stringfellow, City Administrator, Wilmer
- Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, TML
- Rachael Pitts, Deputy Executive Director, TML
- Chris Corrigan, Deputy Executive Director, TML
- Jacqueline Redin, Assistant Director of Member Services, TML
- Zindia Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, TML

SCAC Members Not Present:

- Roberto Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, San Elizario (*staff notified*)
- Sherrie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Iowa Park (*staff notified*)
- Tony Aaron, City Administrator, Early (*staff notified*)
- Michelle Latray, Municipal Judge, Riesel (*staff notified*)
- Susie Houston, Mayor, Laguna Vista (*staff notified*)

- Andres Garza Jr., City Manager, Wharton *(staff notified)*
- Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota *(staff notified)*
- Roy McDonald, Mayor, West Orange *(staff notified)*
- James Marrs II, Councilmember, Borger
- Bob Howard, Mayor, Woodway
- Connie Anderle, Mayor, Cameron
- Trudia Preston, Mayor, Goliad

Consider Excused Absences:

Motion made by George Rivera, seconded by Sheyi Ipaye, and passed unanimously to excuse the absences of members who had notified the staff.

Consider Minutes of October 9, 2019, Meeting:

Motion made by Brett Shannon, seconded by Sonny Campbell, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided an overview of recent changes to the legislative department including a department name change, staff changes, and new efforts moving forward into the next session. Mr. Sandlin also provided a briefing on legislative issues, including recommendations from the TML Legislative Policy Committee on Advocacy Strategy.

Legal Presentation on Nepotism:

TML Assistant General Counsel Zindia Thomas provided an overview of nepotism laws including what types of local government officials are subject to the laws, if the laws apply to cities with populations of less than 200, who is considered the hiring authority for purposes of potential nepotism violations, and more.

Discussion on Session Topics for TML Annual Conferences and Exhibition:

Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin asked members to brainstorm sessions to be sponsored by the SCAC for the 2020 TML Annual Conference and Exhibition. Members proposed the following sessions with a vote to take place at the May meeting for final approval.

- Replacing Lost Revenue for Small Cities
- Substandard Building Cleanup
- Per Capita Budget Planning
- Better Control on Eight Liner Operations

Special Projects Report:

Jacqueline Redin provided an update on the TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinics and the TML Small Cities' Workshop Scholarship Program.

Next SCAC Meeting:

The next meeting of the TML Small Cities Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. at the Hanger Hotel Fredericksburg in conjunction with the TML Small Town Conference.

Other Business:

Since there was no other business to come before the SCAC, a motion was made by Charles Hunt and seconded by John Davis to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m.