

TML Small Cities Advisory Council
Wednesday, March 10, 2021; 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Remarks

- Beginning at 10:30 a.m. TML Small Cities Advisory Council (SCAC) Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville welcomed the members.
- TML President Karen Hunt, Mayor, Coppell also welcomed the members.

SCAC Members Present:

- Chair Charles Hunt, Alderman, Hallsville
- Lynn Nowlin, Mayor, Slaton
- Sam Watson, City Administrator, Knox City
- Vice Chair Tony Aaron, City Administrator, Early
- Sonny Campbell, City Manager, Anson
- Frank Archuleta, Councilmember, Windcrest
- Walter Bowen, Mayor, Lake Worth
- Brett Shannon, City Manager, Decatur
- Michelle Latray, Municipal Judge, Riesel
- Lyle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop
- David Vaughn, City Manager, Burnet
- Danny Segundo, City Administrator, Somerville
- Robby Silva, City Administrator, Point Comfort
- Clint Tegeler, Mayor, Ganado
- Mary Alvarez, Risk Management Director, Hidalgo
- Jason Little, City Manager, Melissa
- Sheila Petta, Mayor, Wilmer
- Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota
- Leonard Reed, Mayor, Willis
- Roy McDonald, Mayor, West Orange
- Cindy Burchfield, Councilmember, Daisetta

SCAC Members Not Present:

- 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
- George Rivera, Mayor, Palm Valley
- Elizabeth Lea, City Administrator, New Boston

Guest and TML Staff Present:

- TML President Karen Hunt, Mayor, Coppell
- Rona Stringfellow, City Administrator, Wilmer
- 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 Tony Aaron, seconded by Brad Stafford, and passed unanimously to excuse the absence of the member who had notified TML staff.

Consider Minutes from October 14, 2020, Meeting

Motion made by Brad Stafford, seconded by Leonard Reed, and passed unanimously to approve the amended minutes from the October 14, 2020, meeting.

Executive Director's Report

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided an update on the legislative session including bills on broadband, property tax, public safety, sales tax, building materials, and more. Additionally, he discussed the community censorship bill.

Legal Presentation

TML Legal Counsel Will Trevino gave a presentation on the importance of cybersecurity training for city officials. He covered S.B. 345, which may require city officials to take cybersecurity training and S.B. 475, which would create a mutual aid response team to assist in a cybersecurity event.

Discussion on Session Topics for TML Annual Conferences and Exhibition:

TML Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin asked members to brainstorm sessions to be sponsored by the SCAC for the 2021 TML Annual Conference and Exhibition. A session on water and sewer infrastructure preparedness was suggested. Jacqueline gave the members until April 1 to send in other recommendations with a final approval coming by vote at the May meeting.

Special Projects

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

Next SCAC Meeting

TML Assistant Director of Member Services Jacqueline Redin stated the next meeting would be confirmed in the coming weeks due to planning efforts.

Other Business

Since there was no other business to come before the SCAC, a motion was made by Frank Archuleta and seconded by Roy McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.