

COMMITTEE ON BORDER RELATIONS
MEETING MINUTES
MAYORS BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR
TUESDAY, March 1, 2011 4:00 PM.

The Committee on Border Relations met at the above place and date.

AGENDA

1. Establish Quorum and Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2011 – [Chair Kathleen Walker]
3. Discussion and action regarding actions the City should undertake to assist establishment of businesses by new residents who have relocated from Mexico – [Sylvia Firth, Mayor's Office]
4. Discussion and action regarding state vehicle registrations for new residents who have relocated from Mexico – [Sylvia Firth, Mayor's Office]
5. Discussion and action regarding pending legislation concerning sales tax manifestos – [Sylvia Firth, Mayor's Office]
6. Discussion and action regarding planned BlueTooth and RFID Border Wait Measurement Project at Zaragoza – (IBD, Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E.)
7. Discussion and action: Update on the Master Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan – (Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., IBD)
8. Bridge Management Report – [IBD, Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E.]:
 - a. Traffic, Toll Revenue and Parking Meters Report
 - b. Meeting with SRE, SCT, Aduana and INDAABIN February 9 in Mexico City
 - c. Bridges Concessions RFI
 - d. Zaragoza Ready Lane
 - e. Secure Origins Project
 - f. CBP Proposed Temporary Southbound Inspection Infrastructure
 - g. Stanton and Paso Del Norte Project
9. **OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:** At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the Committee will allow an open comment period not to exceed thirty minutes, to receive public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the Committee. No action will be taken. Speakers in the audience will be allowed a maximum of three minutes and must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.
10. Adjournment.

Item 1: Call to Order

Vice-Chair Laird Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Those present were:

Laird Carmichael – D-7
Mark Barnett – D-2
Stephanie Caviness – D-1
Thomas M. Fullerton – D-3
Gerald Smola – D-4
Angelica Quintanilla – D-8

ABSENT:

Kathleen Walker – Mayor
Fernando Quintana – D-5

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OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor John Cook
Said Larbi-Cherif – International Bridges
Bill Molaski – CBP
Guillermo Reyes – Mexican Consulate
Kathleen Neal – BTA
Rafael Aldrete - TTI
Sylvia Firth, COEP Mayor's office
Ernesto Gamboa - COEP

All present introduced themselves to the board.

Item 2: Approval Of Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2010

Motion made by Ms. Quintanilla, seconded by Mr. Smola and carried to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011.

AYES Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Ms. Quintanilla
NAYS: None

Ms. Walker and Mr. Quintana were not present for the vote.

Item 3: Discussion and action regarding actions the City should undertake to assist establishment of businesses by new residents who have relocated from Mexico.

Ms. Sylvia Firth from the Mayor's Office spoke about the actions the city should take to assist business owners from Mexico who have relocated to El Paso. Discussion followed.

Item 4: Discussion and action regarding state vehicle registrations for new residents who have relocated from Mexico.

Ms. Sylvia Firth of the Mayor's office spoke regarding the issue regarding state vehicle registrations for new residents from Mexico. Discussion followed.

Item 5: Discussion and action regarding pending legislation concerning sales tax manifiestos.

Sylvia Firth of the Mayor's Office spoke about pending legislation regarding the sales tax manifiestos and stated that the bill has not been filed yet. There has been considerable opposition to it but no action has been taken yet. Discussion followed.

Ms. Firth requested that a general item be placed on the next month's agenda for legislative updates.

Item 6: Discussion and Action regarding planned BlueTooth and RFID Border Wait Measurement Project at Zaragoza (IBD, Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E. and Rafael Aldrete of TTI

Mr. Rafael Aldrete of TTI presented an update regarding the RFID Border Wait Measurement Project at Zaragoza. Discussion followed. Discussion also followed regarding the Blue Tooth deployment for passenger vehicles at the Zaragoza POE.

Item 7: Discussion and Action: Update on the Master Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan – (Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., IBD)

Mr. Larbi-Cherif presented an update on the Master Regional POE Operations Plan. Discussion followed and handout was reviewed.

Motion made by Ms. Caviness, seconded by Mr. Fullerton and carried to request that Cambridge Systematics first present a draft to the stakeholders defining the assumptions that the operational model is based on and then give sufficient time for the stakeholders to review and decide upon before presentation at public meetings.

AYES Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Ms. Quintanilla
NAYS: None

Ms. Walker and Mr. Quintana were not present for the vote.

Item 8: Bridge Management Report

Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif presented reports on Traffic, Toll Revenue, Parking Meters, Stanton and Paso Del Norte Project, the February 9 meeting in Mexico City with SRE, SCT, Aduana and INDAABIN, the Bridges Concessions RFI, the Zaragoza Ready Lane, the Secure Origins Project, and the CBP proposed temporary southbound inspection infrastructure. Discussion followed.

Item 9: Open Comment Period

There were no open comments.

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion made by Ms. Caviness, seconded by Mr. Fullerton and carried to adjourn meeting.

AYES Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Ms. Quintanilla
NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Approved as to form:


Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., Board Secretary

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