

A RESOLUTION

2005-04-01

**SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAMPUS IN SAN ANTONIO; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WILL CONVEY 400 OR MORE ACRES OF DEVELOPABLE PROPERTY FOR A CAMPUS BY DECEMBER 2006, AND PROVIDE REQUISITE ACCESS AND UTILITY SERVICE TO SAID PROPERTY, CONDITIONAL UPON AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMPUS; DIRECTING STAFF TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE FOR ALL FUNDS NECESSARY FOR SAID PROJECT; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO TAKE STEPS TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS, AND ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A CAMPUS IN SOUTH SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY.**

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**WHEREAS**, public institutions of higher education have a direct benefit on the communities in which they are located through the education and preparation of citizens for work opportunities in an increasingly complex economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of four-year academic and research institutions within a community has long been recognized as a critical element for new innovation, new venture formation, and wealth generation in technology-oriented industries, which are economic development targeted industries by the City of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas A&M University System has identified San Antonio as a preferred location for a four-year academic campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 800 of the 78th Legislative Session formally established Texas A&M University—San Antonio, with the provision that no department, school, or degree program may be instituted without the prior approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the Texas A&M University System submitted a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for authorization to issue tuition revenue bonds totaling \$80,000,000 for the construction of buildings for Texas A&M University—San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, the timely approval and issuance of tuition revenue bonds is critical for the construction of Texas A&M University—San Antonio for enrollment and classes to begin Fall 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative authorization for the issuance of tuition revenue bonds usually occurs on a four-year cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the 79th State Legislature is expected to consider legislation approving the issuance of tuition revenue bonds for Texas A&M University—San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, historically and recently, land, as well as the provision of adequate transportation and utility facilities, has been provided to the Texas A&M University System for other campuses, either by private donors or surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Legislature expect that title to the campus site and all necessary infrastructure for Texas A&M University—San Antonio will be provided and conveyed by the community and/or private donor(s) in conjunction with the planning and development of the campus; and

**WHEREAS**, desirable campus sites of sufficient size are located in the City South area (formally known as the Southside Initiative Planning Area); and

**WHEREAS**, based upon preliminary analysis, City staff estimates that the satisfactory acquisition, clearance, and removal of property impairments of one potential location identified by the City and The Texas A&M University System officials as the preferred campus site, would likely exceed \$13 million; and

**WHEREAS**, while additional public expense will be required to extend and connect utilities to internal university physical plant systems, adequate utilities and transportation infrastructure are presently near the preferred campus site; and

**WHEREAS**, a commitment by the City of San Antonio, and other public agencies, to finance and otherwise provide an adequate campus for construction commencement by December 2006 are necessary to secure desired legislative authorization; **THEREFORE**,

**THE FOLLOWING IS RESOLVED BY THE SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of San Antonio fully supports the development of a campus for Texas A&M University—San Antonio in the southern part of San Antonio and Bexar County.

**SECTION 2.** Staff is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate definitive agreements with The Texas A&M University System (“A&M System”) under which the City of San Antonio (“City”) will take all necessary steps to acquire and provide to the Texas A&M University – San Antonio 400 or more acres of developable property by no later than December 2006 in order for campus construction to commence by January 2007. It is contemplated that these agreements would also include definitive commitments by the City, and other public entities as necessary, to provide for adequate levels of transportation infrastructure, utility services, extension of utility infrastructure systems, and connections to the university physical plant systems in conjunction with campus construction, at no cost to the A&M System.

**SECTION 3.** Any definitive agreements with the A&M System would be subject to and conditioned upon the A&M System obtaining all authorizations and appropriations necessary to proceed with the development and opening of the Texas A&M University – San Antonio campus in the fall of 2009 as a “four-year” baccalaureate degree granting institution, including those of

the 79th Texas Legislature, the Governor of the State of Texas, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and any other review or consent authorities, as required by State law.

**SECTION 4.** Staff is directed to identify and take steps to provide for all funds necessary for the City to meet its obligations under any such definitive legal agreements with the A&M System.

**SECTION 5.** Staff is further directed to take steps in furtherance of the identification, assessment and acquisition of adequate developable property to be provided for the Texas A&M University—San Antonio campus in south San Antonio and Bexar County pursuant to any such definitive legal agreements.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2006.**



**M A Y O R**

**EDWARD D. GARZA**

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
for City Attorney

# Agenda Voting Results

**Name:** 32.

**Date:** 01/20/05

**Time:** 02:53:50 PM

**Vote Type:** Multiple selection

**Description:** A Resolution of Support of the establishment and development of a Texas A&M University System Campus in San Antonio; authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement with the Texas A&M University System under which the City of San Antonio will convey 400 or more acres of developable property for a campus by December 2006, and provide requisite access and utility service to said property, conditional upon authorization for the campus; directing staff to identify and provide for all funds necessary for said project; and directing staff to take steps to identify, assess, and acquire property for a campus in south San Antonio and Bexar County. [Presented by Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager; J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1		x		
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2		x		
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHRISTOPHER "CHIP" HAAS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR		x		