

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018
12:00 PM
Municipal Plaza Building**

Members Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; General Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military Affairs</i> ; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	General Heather Pringle, <i>Joint Base San Antonio</i> ; Meg Reyes, <i>Joint Base San Antonio</i> ; Brenda Roesch, <i>Joint Base San Antonio</i> ; Tom Downs, <i>Downs Governmental Affairs</i> ; Walter Serna, <i>Serna & Serna</i>

Item 2 was considered first.

2. Briefing on Potential Partnerships with Joint Base San Antonio [Juan Ayala, Director, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs]

General Juan Ayala stated that the City was interested in partnerships with the military. He noted that General Heather Pringle would be providing an update on partnership opportunities that would be mutually beneficial for the City and military.

General Pringle reported that Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) had 11 locations, \$30 billion in real estate value, 50,000 acres in land, and 84,000 personnel. She stated that JBSA contributed \$16 billion to the local economy and \$49 billion to Texas. She noted that JBSA was one of the largest employers in Texas employing 195,000 affiliates with JBSA. She added that JBSA had 266 mission partners with missions specific to San Antonio.

General Pringle stated that the robust presence of the military was critical to the City's innovation and growth. She noted that Intel and Cyber missions were the second largest outside of the Washington DC Area. She added that JBSA was the only military installation that supported all of the military branches of service. She highlighted that JBSA lead the Texas Commanders Council. She stated that JBSA was requesting that the City support partnership opportunities that include:

- Growdon Gate 3rd Lane
- Off-Base Traffic and Gate Study
- Vehicle Gate Runner
- JBSA-Wide Drainage Culvert Improvements
- Fence-Line Preventive Safety Measures
- Binz-Engleman Taxi Drop-off/Pick-up

- Salado Creek Greenway

General Pringle stated that JBSA was interested in supporting collaborative partnerships to Public-Public/Public-Private (P4) Projects with the City.

Chairman Saldaña stated that he appreciated the relationship between the City and the military. In response to Chairman Saldaña, General Pringle stated that Growdon Gate 3rd Lane was a high priority for consideration because the military would like to widen Growdon Gate into three lanes to accommodate traffic entering the checkpoint at Lackland. She noted that there would be a new basic training facility located at the gate and that they needed to accommodate for the increased traffic.

Mayor Nirenberg suggested that staff identify operations funding that could be leveraged collaboratively on infrastructure and P4 Projects. He noted that he was in support of leveraging JBSA Projects.

Councilmember Perry stated that JBSA should collaborate with AACOG to have neighboring counties assist in leveraging their priorities in conjunction with JBSA.

Councilmember Peláez suggested that staff locate grant funding for municipalities to work jointly with the military in response to domestic violence.

No action was required for Item 2.

Item 3 was considered at this time.

3. 115th U.S. Congress Legislative Update & SA to DC Advocacy Visit [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Sally Basurto reported on the City's Legislative Priorities and legislative concerns discussed by Congress. She stated that the Government Affairs Team advocated for various programs and issues that were part of the City's 115th Congress Federal Legislative Program. She noted that Congress passed the Omnibus Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Bill in April 2017 and had not completed the FY 2018 Appropriations. She added that Congress had passed three continued resolutions to fund the federal government and that the current resolution extends to January 19, 2018.

Ms. Basurto stated that in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act or Tax Reform Bill; municipal bonds were retained and passed. She stated that Congress passed a stopgap bill to continue the Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP through March 2018.

Tom Downs provided a briefing on the FY 2017 key funding level of interest to the City. He stated that Homeland Security had received an increase of \$1.4 billion for FY 2020 which had direct implications to the San Antonio Missions and National Historic Parks. He noted that there was \$152 million allocated to Urban Development and that Community Development Block Grant funding remained the same. He added that the City could receive up to \$2 billion in Transportation and Infrastructure Competitive Grants.

Ms. Basurto highlighted advocacy efforts for grants that the City received:

- Community Oriented Policing Hiring Grant (\$3.125M)
- VIA Metropolitan Transit Grant (\$1.75M)
- America's Promise Job Driven Grant (\$2M)

- Promise Zone Workforce Training Project Grant (1.8M)

Ms. Basurto stated that the Government Affairs Team had contacted members of the Senate Appropriations Committee whose states include World Heritage Sites to urge their support for the house version of the FY 2018 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill that prioritizes World Heritage Missions. She noted that the City and Promise Zones Coalition successfully advocated for the Investing in Opportunity Act sponsored by Senator Tim Scott.

Jeff Coyle stated that there would be 6 panel discussions every morning during the SA to DC Trip. He noted that there was an invitation for each committee member to introduce each panel discussion to the entire San Antonio Delegation.

Councilmember Courage asked of the challenges the City would face with the Federal FY 2018 Budget. Walter Serna replied that it appeared that the City had no challenges to face at this time.

No action was required for Item 3.

Item 1 was considered at this time.

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting on September 13, 2017.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the Minutes for the September 13, 2017 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Next Meeting Scheduled: February 14, 2018

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rey Saldaña, Chairperson



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