

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

No in-person access to this meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

2:00 PM

Videoconference

ROLL CALL

The City Council convened in a Regular Meeting. City Clerk Tina J. Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry

Once a quorum was established, the City Council shall consider the following:

1. Briefing on the State of the San Antonio Airport System, including an update on airport operations, the Strategic Development Plan and the 2021 Outlook. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

Jesus Saenz reported that the seven-day rolling average for the Airport was 59.97% which had outpaced the national average since July 2020 and was currently at 41% of 2019 levels. He noted that 30 non-stop destinations were served in December 2020 (41 in 2019) with a strong return of service to Mexico. He indicated that 60% of the current concessionaires were operating with 2-3 concepts opening soon. He stated that the Stinson Municipal Airport had continued to operate at near 2019 levels.

Mr. Saenz stated that the Aviation COVID Task Force was established to guide all areas of

COVID-19 responses utilizing the McKenzie Management Model to solve daily challenges while planning for future innovations and a post-pandemic business model. He reported that the following measures and processes were implemented: 1) Temperature screening for all employees; 2) Installation of hundreds of sanitation stations; 3) Seat covers; 4) Social distancing signage; 5) Transparent shields; and 6) The Light Strike Robot.

Mr. Saenz stated that the two-phased Strategic Development Plan (SDP) process would produce development options with land use and facility and services required for the Airport to accommodate that projected population growth and prosperity of the San Antonio Region. He indicated that phase one of the SDP process examined whether or not the San Antonio International Airport (SAIA) could support the anticipated air travel and infrastructure needs of the community over the next 20-50 years. He reported that in October 2018, the City Council concurred with the recommendation that the SAIA could meet the future needs of the community.

Mr. Saenz reported that phase two of the SDP process included air space, airfield, terminal planning, programming, and requirements. He described the current runways and stated that the current annual capacity was 207,000 under the configuration. He indicated that 25% capacity was available through approximately 2040 which was measured by air space, runway apron, and terminal gate configurations.

Mr. Saenz stated that over the next 10 years, Runway 13 right, and Runway 31 left would be extended an additional 340 feet extending the airports' range to Central European Markets if necessary. He reported that over the next 10-20 years, Runway 13 right, and Runway 31 left would be extended to 10,000 feet which would add international capacity to many more destinations.

Mr. Saenz reported that the next steps in the SDP process included:

- Consider terminal alternatives-February 2021 B Session
- Plan multimodal access improvements, design standards-Spring 2021 B Session
- Develop cargo, tenant, and support function plan
- Assess and adjust for COVID-19 impacts
- Provide input for Capital Budget (FY 2022)
- Complete plan:
 - Project phasing
 - Funding and financing strategy
 - Implementation and delivery methods

Mr. Saenz stated that stakeholder and community groups would be involved throughout the entire process. He indicated that safety would be the top priority in 2021 and staff would remain focused on the fundamental priorities of response, recovery, and basic operations. He reviewed the outlook for 2021:

- Models demonstrated that 75%-85% of 2019 passenger levels could be reached by the summer of 2021

- Continued safety of passengers and employees
- Pre-security Sip Brew and Boss Bagels would open by March 2021
- New concession concepts
- Air service development
- New markets and airline opportunities
- Capital projects and infrastructure improvements

Mr. Saenz acknowledged the employees for their efforts and introduced new members of the team.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the top priority should be the extension of Runway 13 right and he noted that he would like to have a funding plan for that as soon as possible. He indicated that he would like to see a development plan that conveyed a sense of destination.

Councilmember Treviño asked of the benefits of extension of the runways. Mr. Saenz replied that it would allow use of one runway for primary departures and one runway for primary arrivals and would provide overall efficiency in moving aircraft in the air and on the ground.

Councilmember Perry asked of a plan for public engagement. Mr. Saenz stated that there was a 30-day, 60-day, and a 90-day plan to engage the public. Councilmember Perry requested advance notice of public engagement opportunities. He spoke of the need to engage airline partners in discussions of the future use of SAIA facilities.

Councilmember Courage stated that he wanted to ensure that any development at the Airport was relevant to the future. He expressed concern regarding expanding the Airport to the north into properties already developed.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if there was anything that the City was doing that was within its control to abate noise. Mr. Saenz reported that there was a Noise Abatement Program and a noise exposure mapping exercise was being conducted. He stated that airlines and aircraft manufacturers were doing a lot to reduce noise.

Councilmember Viagran stated that Stinson Municipal Airport was part of the economic, cultural, and recreational resurgence of the entire city.

2. Briefing on the Violence Prevention Section at Metro Health. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager; Sandra Guerra, MD, MPH, Interim Deputy Public Health Director, Health]

Jenny Hixon stated that public health was the science of prevention. She reported that staff were reviewing the ways to measure violence in terms of health consequences, the shared risk factors, and protective factors around violence and how those determined who experienced violence and identifying interventions that reduce those risks.

Ms. Hixon spoke of the costs of violence and noted that the annual cost of gun violence in Texas was \$16.6 billion and the lifetime costs of domestic violence was \$3.6 trillion. She reviewed the

violence in Bexar County in 2019:

Child Abuse

- 5,373 confirmed child abuse cases
- 9 children died due to child abuse and neglect

Family Violence

- 12 women were murdered by male intimate partners
- 27 murders were considered family violence (included domestic violence and child abuse)
- 13,461 SAPD Family Violence Reports

Suicide

- 261 individuals died due to suicide

Homicide

- 159 individuals died due to homicide

Ms. Hixon stated that violence was a major contributor to health disparities in that black women were 2.2 times more likely to be murdered in Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) than white women in the United States, death by homicide for males in Texas was 3.4 times that of females, and the death rate for black non-hispanic males was 26.62 per 100,000, and 3.5 times the death rate of males for any other race/ethnicity group in Texas.

Ms. Hixon indicated that the vision of the Violence Prevention Section (VPS) was to stop violence from happening before it started by building equitable, empowered communities who could heal past harms and grow safe futures. She noted that the guiding principle was utilized that all of our work needed to be fair, balanced, and focused on solutions.

Ms. Hixon reported that the VPS included three main pillars: 1) Gun Violence Prevention; 2) Domestic Violence Prevention; and 3) Child and Youth Violence Prevention. She stated that gun violence prevention included the work of Stand Up SA and Hospital Based Violence Responders and domestic violence prevention included the work of the Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence, the “Love Is” Campaign, Crisis Response Teams, and High Risk Case Management. She added that child and youth violence prevention included the work of the South Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium, Triple P, Too Good for Violence, and Communities in Schools.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he would count the creation of the Violence Prevention Section as one of the most important achievements that the City had made. He asked what staff were doing to ensure that the City was involving the right members of the community. Ms. Hixon stated that staff was engaged with a number of different community coalitions. She added that

they were looking for individuals from the community who had a history with violence.

Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan asked if it was possible to have a community Psychiatrist or Psychologist in Council District 2. Ms. Hixon replied that staff would investigate that further. Chief McManus indicated that there was a program in the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) which would notify the schools of children involved in any kind of violence.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia recommended that the marketing be tested before it was released to the public.

Councilmember Gonzales asked how much was budgeted for the VPS. Ms. Hixon stated that the Budget for VPS was approximately \$9.5 million.

Councilmember Sandoval asked how many positions were allocated to each pillar of the VPS. Ms. Hixon stated that they were hiring for four major sections right now but didn't have an exact count of positions. She stated that VPS anticipated having all positions filled by January 2021.

Councilmember Treviño asked how partners, such as the Food Bank could provide information regarding violence prevention and services. Ms. Hixon stated that staff were actively seeking partnerships and survivors were referred to city programs where appropriate.

Councilmember Pelaez reported that the LBGTQ Community had higher incidences of domestic violence and it was alarming how little Federal, State, and local governments have done to address the problem. He stated that they should be included in all aspects of city services.

Mayor Nirenberg requested an update on the Pride Center Report on partner violence. Ms. Hixon reported that events were planned for Pride Month but were rescheduled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She added that staff would focus on the LBGTQ Community in the work that they were doing.

Councilmember Viagran requested that presentations be aligned with the City's Resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if staff had explored the use of a telemed link with mental health partners. Ms. Hixon stated that staff would look into that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg announced that the Executive Session would be carried over to December 10, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting at 5:09 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
City Clerk

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