

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018  
12:00 PM  
PLAZA DE ARMAS**

<b>Members Present:</b>	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>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	<i>Mayor Ron Nirenberg</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Edward Guzman, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Chief of the Police Department</i> ; Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military and Veteran Affairs</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Melissa Ramirez, <i>Assistant Director of Development Services</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Other Present:</b>	Brandon Burkhart, <i>This is Texas Freedom Force</i> ; Keri Hillyer, <i>This is Texas Freedom Force</i>

**1. Approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Councilmember Peláez moved to approve the Minutes for the February 13, 2018 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**2. Briefing and consideration on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Army National Guard to provide notification of development activities around Martindale Army Air Field.**

Melissa Ramirez reported that staff proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Army National Guard and the City of San Antonio. She stated that the MOU was designed to provide the Army National Guard with an efficient notification process for developing activities within one-half mile of the flight training pattern of Martindale Army Air Field. She noted that Martindale was 200-acres and located near the southeast corner of the intersection of Interstate 10 and Loop 410. She added that the area recommended was from the Kirby City Limits to one-half mile south of FM 1346 and from Martindale to one-half mile east of Foster Road.

Ms. Ramirez stated that the Martindale Army Air Field would not fall under the authority of Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) and was not covered by the existing MOU with the JBSA. She noted that development had been increasing around the FM 1346 and Foster Road Corridors and due to this activity the National Guard requested a notification and comment process similar to the process outlined in the MOU with the JBSA. She added that staff recommended approval of the proposed MOU.

Chairman Saldaña asked of the importance of the MOU between the City and Martindale Army Air Field. General Juan Ayala responded that it was important to provide the same protections that the City provided to the JBSA and that it was essential for Martindale to keep their missions in the City.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the proposed MOU between the City of San Antonio and Martindale Army Air Field. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **3. State Legislative Program Amendments** [Megan Dodge, Assistant Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Megan Dodge reported on the proposed amendments to the City of San Antonio's 2019 State Legislative Program for the 86th Texas Legislative Session. She stated that the Legislative Session would begin on January 8, 2019. She noted that on October 3, 2018 the full City Council provided input on the Program Amendments. She stated the additional Program Amendments were as follows:

- Transportation Funding
- New Public Health and Safety Endorsements:
  1. Legislation that encourages responsible pet ownership and improves the welfare of animals
  2. Legislation that improves gun safety

Edward Guzman stated that enhancing firearm safety would close the gaps in information reporting for background checks. He noted that legislation for firearm safety encouraged the legislature to study the possibility of creating a Red Flag Law that identified persons who were a danger to themselves or others. He added that the improvement of gun safety laws would include an injunction affecting the right to legally purchase and possess firearms reported within 48 hours. He mentioned that the legislation would strengthen firearm storage laws and require mandatory reporting of lost or stolen guns.

#### ***Citizens to be heard***

Chairperson Saldaña called upon citizens to be heard.

Mr. Brandon Burkhart stated that the This is Texas Freedom Force was not in support of the Red Flag Law.

Ms. Keri Hillyer stated that she did not support the strengthening of firearm storage laws.

Chairman Saldaña asked where the Public Health and Safety Endorsements derived from. Ms. Dodge responded that it derived from the School and Firearm Safety Action Plan released by the Governor. Chairman Saldaña stated that the Plan was only an endorsement and would not solely apply to the City.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he would not support any legislation that would violate someone's Rights. He noted that he would not support legislation that would prevent the sale of firearms in the proximity of a school without evidence that demonstrates an association between school shootings and gun sales.

In response to Councilmember Viagran, Chief William McManus stated that there were 22 incidents of homicide-suicides in the 2018 calendar year. Councilmember Viagran stated that she was in support of the methods used to reduce the number of homicide-suicides.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward staff recommendations to the full City Council for consideration and approval. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**4. National League of Cities - City Summit** [Megan Dodge, Assistant Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Megan Dodge reported that the City of San Antonio would be hosting the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit scheduled for November 20-23, 2019 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. She stated that it was an opportunity for the City to showcase innovations and successful programs to approximately 4,000 attendees representing cities across the country. She noted that as the host of the Summit, the City would be responsible for a number of hosting responsibilities to ensure the event runs smoothly. She added that Intergovernmental Relations Committee would serve as the Elected Official Welcoming Committee and would receive regular updates during the planning process on Host Committee Activities.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

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***Rey Saldaña, Chairperson***

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***Alicia K. Beckham***  
***Office of the City Clerk***