

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
11:00 A.M.  
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Maria Villagomez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Police Chief, SAPD</i> ; Jose Bañales, <i>Deputy Chief, SAPD</i> ; Charles Hood, <i>Fire Chief, SAFD</i> ; Larry Treviño, <i>Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, SAFD</i> ; Kathy Davis, <i>Director, Animal Care Services</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>SAPD</i> ; Denice F. Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others present:</b>	Josh Baugh, <i>Reporter, San Antonio Express News</i>

**Call to order**

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Councilmember Treviño recognized UTSA Public Policy Students in attendance.

**Items for Consideration:**

**2. Briefing and Action on the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) Efforts to Initiate an Anti-Gang Task Force in San Antonio, at the request of the Office of the Governor. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus stated that in March 2015, SAPD met with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) and were invited to submit a grant to head an Anti-Gang Center (Center), part of a Texas Anti-Gang Initiative (TAG) which would be housed in the City of San Antonio and funded by the State.

Assistant Chief Jose Bañales noted that the City of San Antonio was the second largest city in the state and its proximity to the border made it an ideal location for the Anti-Gang Center. He stated that the City of San Antonio was the headquarters of the Mexican Mafia, a Tier One Gang. He stated that increased criminal activity was noted by the Texas Syndicate, Tango Blast, Bandidos, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) and other Street Gangs. He noted that the affiliation of said Gangs with Mexican Cartels has fueled increased violence and criminal activity. He stated that the objective of the program was to provide a central point for investigation and operation coordination and de-confliction for gang activity. He reported that based on initial commitments, the following agencies including SAPD have committed 84 personnel to the program:

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)  
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)  
Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)  
Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO)  
Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)  
U.S. Marshall's Office

Assistant Chief Bañales stated that it was expected that the TAG would include over 15 agencies and upwards of 120 personnel. He noted that the TAG would operate for an initial period of up to 18 months; however, the Governor's Office advised that funds would continue to be available in subsequent years. He stated that SAPD would submit a budget to the State and no match by the City was required. He noted that the City would contribute 11 Detectives to the Center, whose positions were already funded as a part of the Street Crimes Unit. He reported that the search to identify space where the center would be located has been narrowed to three locations and would be narrowed to one within the next week.

Chairperson Viagran asked of the increase in gang activity within the last year. Assistant Chief Bañales replied that he would provide the Committee with the percentage increase in gang activity within the last year. Chairperson Viagran asked if a component to combat Human and Sex Trafficking could be included in the TAG. Assistant Chief Bañales replied that SAPD could decide what to focus on in their investigations.

Councilmember Gonzales noted decreased gang activity reported by the Edgewood School District. She asked if citizens would be able to report gang activity to the Center. Chief McManus replied that calls would go through SAPD's main number and then routed to the Center.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of the location for the Center. Assistant Chief Bañales replied that the Center could be located anywhere in the City as long as it was cost effective, had secure parking, and met space and other requirements.

Councilmember Treviño asked how metrics would be determined. Chief McManus replied that metrics would be determined later. Assistant Chief Bañales stated that the TAG would be modeled after the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program.

Chairperson Viagran asked of the timeline for presentation to the City Council. Assistant Chief Bañales stated that the budget would be prepared before Thanksgiving and the grant would be submitted between Thanksgiving and Christmas. He added that it would be presented to the City Council in January or February 2016.

Councilmember Gallagher moved that the City of San Antonio prepare and submit the grant proposal for the Center and coordinate with other agencies to reduce gang violence in the area. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**3. Briefing and Action on City of San Antonio's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]**

Chief Charles Hood stated that the City of San Antonio's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) was designed to protect people and property from the effects of natural and human-caused hazards. He noted that hazards to our specific area were identified and an HMAP to address said hazards would be put in place in order for SAFD to qualify to apply for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He stated that this item would be presented to the City Council on December 10, 2015.

Larry Treviño stated that the City was currently covered under the April 23, 2015 Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Hazard Mitigation Plan which covers 13 counties and would expire in 2017. He noted that the State mandated that Hazard HMAPs be limited to two counties. He stated that the Texas Division of Emergency Management has reviewed and approved the 5-year City of San Antonio HMAP and FEMA has classified said HMAP as approvable pending local adoption. He noted that mitigation was the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters and an HMAP was most effective when developed before a disaster occurred. He stated that FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs would provide funding for eligible mitigation activities but required that an HMAP already be in place to qualify for said funding. He reported that 13 hazards were identified that were specific to San Antonio. He noted that the top three were Flooding, Wildfire (Urban Interface), and Drought. He presented the following steps in the Mitigation Planning Process:

- Identify cost effective mitigation actions
- Focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities
- Build partnerships
- Increase education and awareness of hazards
- Apply for grants to implement projects

Mr. Treviño stated that there were three phases for the HMAP:

**Phase I – Organize**

- Input from 70 multi-disciplined agencies, local business, non-governmental organizations, general public

## Phase II – Capability Assessment

- Hazard/Risk Assessment, Hazard description, historical occurrences, extent, probability of future occurrences

## Phase III – Development

- 130 mitigation actions developed from risk and capability assessments, After Action Reports (AAR's) and previous events

Mr. Treviño stated that the next steps would be:

- Seek City Council approval on December 10, 2015
- Prioritize projects with Core Planning Committee
- Identify potential funding sources
- Monitor annually

Chairperson Viagran asked if the HMAP was part of the Comprehensive Plan. Erik Walsh replied that it was part of that overall process.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of hazards affecting municipalities within San Antonio. Mr. Treviño stated that the County's HMAP would incorporate said municipalities. Erik Walsh added that assets would be deployed regionally.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to recommend and forward the City of San Antonio HMAP to the full City Council for consideration on December 10, 2015. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

## **4. Briefing on the Animal Care Services (ACS) Transport Program. [Presented by Kathy Davis, Animal Care Services Director]**

Kathy Davis stated that Animal Care Services (ACS) currently had five rescue partners that transport pets out of state to the Northeast, Colorado, Iowa, and the Northwest. She noted that these rescue partners transported more than 1,500 pets in FY 2015. She reviewed the following Transport process:

- Identify group – ACS Rescue Group established relationship with No-Kill Group
- ACS pets selected- Small breeds, young, healthy pups generally selected
- Health quarantine – Fostered for 2-4 weeks to ensure pet health
- Medical clearance – Spay, neuter, vaccines, medical exam, and health certificates
- Transport begins – 2-day trip one way
- Forever home – brief quarantine and adoption

She stated that transportation costs totaled \$100-\$150 per dog and there were one-time costs for vehicle purchase and caging. She identified the following needs for expansion: 1) Foster parents; 2) Medical expenses; and 3) Vehicle purchase.

Chairperson Viagran stated that this item was an important tool for ACS.

No action was required for Item 4.

#### **Consideration of Items for Future Meetings**

Erik Walsh stated that the Committee would consider Amendments to Chapter 33 in January 2016.

Chairperson Viagran requested a briefing on SAPD Storefronts.

Erik Walsh stated that the December 2, 2015 meeting would be held off-site.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

  
**Rebecca Viagran, Chair**

***Respectfully Submitted,***

  
**Denise F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk**

