

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SERVICES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 1, 2017
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present: Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, *District 3*
Councilmember Roberto Treviño, *District 1*
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Mike Gallagher, *District 10*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Peter Zaroni, *Deputy City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief, SAFD*; Larry Treviño, *Battallion Fire Chief, SAFD*; Jim Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Mike De La Garza, *Associate, Droneport Texas*; Dave Hook, *Associate, Droneport Texas*; John Teus, *President, ESD#11*

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the February 1, 2017 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing on Bexar County Emergency Services District 11 (BC ESD#11) Request to Raise their Debt Limit to Construct a New Fire Station to Serve the Citizens in the Woodlake and Surrounding Areas. [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Charles Hood stated that Bexar County Emergency Services District (BC ESD) #11, in accordance with their agreement with the City of San Antonio, had requested to raise their debt limit to construct a new Fire Station to serve the citizens in the Woodlake and surrounding areas. He noted that an ESD could not incur an expense of over \$20,000 without permission from the SAFD. He stated that said Fire Station would cost approximately \$3.5 million. He noted that the new Fire Station would assist SAFD in regionalizing their services. He noted that in the event of future annexation; this would allow SAFD to move into the Fire Station seamlessly. He reviewed the following timeline:

- June 2015
 - City of San Antonio (CoSA) first contacted by BC ESD#11
 - CoSA Representative met with BC ESD#11 which expressed concerns due to the uncertainty of annexation in this area
- December 2016
 - Contacted by BC ESD#11 through Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert
- January 2017
 - Representatives from the City including SAFD and the Department of Planning and Community Development met with BC ESD#11 Board Members and their consultant on this issue

Chief Hood stated that plans for the Fire Station had been reviewed and amendments had been made by the BC ESD#11. He noted that said area was included in the initiative to release portions of the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and adjust City Boundaries surrounding BC ESD#11 to be annexed by the City of Converse. He stated that SAFD and the other City reviewing departments wished to allow BC ESD#11 to construct the new Fire Station to provide better and timelier service to their citizens. He noted that this issue would be brought before the full City Council on March 9, 2017 for consideration.

Councilmember Gallagher moved to recommend and forward the construction of a new Fire Station by BC ESD#11 to serve the citizens in the Woodlake and surrounding areas to the full City Council on March 9, 2017 for consideration. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing on the Operation of Drones within the San Antonio City Limits. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus reviewed the following Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Restrictions on drones:

	RECREATIONAL USE	COMMERCIAL USE
Pilot Requirements	No pilot requirement	Must have Remote Pilot Airman Certificate, pass Transportation Security Administration (TSA) vetting and be 16 years old
Aircraft Requirements	Must be registered if over 55 lbs.	Must be less than 55 lbs. Must be registered if over 55 lbs. Must undergo pre-flight check

	RECREATIONAL USE	COMMERCIAL USE
Location Requirements	5 miles from Airports without prior notification to Airport and Air Traffic Control	Class G Airspace
Operating Rules	Must always yield right of way to manned aircraft and keep aircraft in visual line of sight	Must keep in line of sight and fly under 400 feet at or below 100 miles per hour Must not fly over people or moving vehicles Must be operated in accordance with community-based set of safety guidelines

Chief McManus reviewed the following State Government Code, Chapter 423 pertaining to Drones:

- Prohibits use of drones with intent to conduct surveillance
- Prohibits knowingly operating over critical infrastructure at height lower than 400 feet or allowing aircraft to make contact
- Permits capturing images of real public property, or a person on the property, in a public place no higher than 8 feet above ground. The image may not be amplified beyond normal human perception.

He stated that the cities of Houston, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso and Corpus Christi did not have any ordinances restricting or prohibiting drone usage. He noted that the proposed San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Drone Program would:

- Enhance response to tactical situations
 - Crime scenes, traffic accidents, barricaded subjects
 - Ensure Officer and Public Safety

He noted that said program would not be utilized to conduct surveillance.

Chief Hood stated that SAFD had implemented the Raptor Program with the use of drones which would enable them to view fire incidents. He noted that this would increase safety for Firefighters.

Chairperson Viagran asked if the Airport had reported drones within their air space. Chief McManus replied that no such issues had been identified.

Councilmember Treviño reported that air space within 10 miles of the Airport was Class C Air Space. He spoke of partnering with the Aviation Department regarding drones and where they should be allowed.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of enforcement of regulations locally. Chief McManus stated that regulations were difficult to enforce because it was difficult to detect the person piloting the drone. Councilmember Lopez asked of any bills filed in the Legislature regarding drones. Chief McManus replied that he had not heard anything about bills regarding drones being filed.

Chairperson Viagran stated that she would ask if any bills were filed regarding drones at the upcoming Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting. Peter Zaroni noted that bills regarding drones have been filed in the Legislature and would be discussed at the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting.

No action was required for Item 3.

Consideration of items for future meetings

Larry Treviño stated that in 2012; an EF 0 Tornado touched down in the Valley Hi Area. He noted that tornado sirens were considered at that time and it was determined that they were not cost efficient. He noted that a Committee comprised of SAFD, SAPD, the National Weather Service, Transportation and Capital Improvements, and the Solid Waste Management Department would be formed to review all notification pieces currently in place for tornados. He stated that the utilization of tornado sirens would be presented to the Committee.

Councilmember Treviño requested that the Development Services Department be included in said Committee. He noted that some buildings in the city would not provide the protection needed during a tornado. He reminded the Committee of the Alert SA and Ready South Texas Programs.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of notification systems for the deaf and hard of hearing. Deputy Chief Treviño stated that the Federal Government had developed icons for the deaf and hard of hearing. Councilmember Lopez spoke of including technology companies in the discussion.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.



Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denise F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk