

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council B Session**

City Council Chambers
114 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio, Texas 78205

2023 – 2025 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Briefing Room

The City Council convened a B Session meeting in the Council Briefing Room beginning at 2:11 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 11 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: None

BRIEFING ONLY

1. Briefing on the Terminal Development Program and pre-solicitation and post solicitation briefings on contracts at the San Antonio International Airport. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

City Manager Erik Walsh introduced the Item and the Director of the Aviation Department Jesus Saenz who presented an overview of the airport services and Federal funding, an

update on the Terminal Development Program, as well as three pre-solicitation and three post-solicitation briefings.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Alderete Gavito noted the large amount of Federal funding provided at the Airport and asked about the department's relationship to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Saenz stated that projects were shovel ready for additional Federal funding and he had a close relationship with the FAA so they were aware of our willingness to work with them.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito commented that residents were frustrated with the construction across the City and recommended completion of projects quickly.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito mentioned that she had previously served on the Airport Advisory Commission and the prior plan was to reduce to two parallel runways from the current configuration. Saenz confirmed that this was still the long-term plan and one of the runways cost \$25 million but it already had a \$17 million FAA commitment.

Councilmember Kaur commented that there had been a previous selection of a Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) and questioned why another was being selected now. Saenz indicated that the previous selection was for a Master Architect and CMAR for the Terminal, but this solicitation was for the airfield projects.

Councilmember Kaur asked why an Austin firm was recommended for the garage in partnership with Marmon Mok Architects who was local. Saenz explained that the team proposed the partnership and brought creative ideas that would decrease costs, create more parking spaces, and provide a better customer experience. Councilmember Kaur recommended improved communications to airport patrons regarding how to sign up for advanced payment on a credit card using multiple vehicles for parking.

Councilmember Viagran supported the local food industry having restaurants in the terminal, particularly 3M Smokehouse which was local, and Michelin rated. She suggested adding kiosks for public art, advertisement, and wayfinding within the terminal to help find the restaurants and shops.

Mayor Nirenberg was hopeful about the change and recommended broad messaging to the public about the new projects and enhancements to the Airport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:46 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).

- C. Legal issues related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Legal issues relating to emergency preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E. Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 3:10 p.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**