



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 1

Agenda Date: February 26, 2025

In Control: City Council B Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Erik Walsh

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and update on a potential downtown sports and entertainment district and a proposed non-binding Memorandum of Understanding among the City, Bexar County and the San Antonio Spurs.

SUMMARY:

This item is a briefing and update on a potential downtown sports and entertainment district and a proposed non-binding Memorandum of Understanding among the City, Bexar County and the San Antonio Spurs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In November 2024, the City of San Antonio unveiled a plan for a Sports and Entertainment District in downtown San Antonio. The proposed district would include an expansion of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, new convention center hotel, land bridge over I-37 to connect the eastside to downtown, improvements to the Alamodome, renovation of the John Woods Courthouse into a live entertainment venue, mixed-use development, enhanced infrastructure, and a new NBA arena. Bexar County is leading the effort to renovate/redevelop the Frost Bank Center, Joe Freeman Coliseum, and the surrounding area. The City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and the San Antonio Spurs desire to work collaboratively to accomplish the goals of establishing a downtown sports and entertainment district as described above, relocate the San Antonio Spurs to a downtown arena, and redevelop the area around the Frost Bank Center.

ISSUE:

Staff will brief and provide an update to the Mayor and Council on the conceptual plan, feasibility studies, potential funding sources for the Sports and Entertainment District, and next steps.

Staff will also provide a briefing on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding which sets the framework for further discussions between the parties to develop a potential plan and term sheet, including funding sources and timeline, to help accomplish the objectives set out in the MOU.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

To continue ongoing efforts related to the planning and development of a Sports and Entertainment District. To get feedback and input from the Mayor and City Council on a potential MOU.