



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 21

Agenda Date: February 27, 2025

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Erik Walsh

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Non-binding Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance would authorize the City Manager, based upon input provided by the Mayor and City Council, to negotiate and execute a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding among the City, Bexar County and San Antonio Spurs relating to a potential downtown sports and entertainment district, new downtown NBA arena, and County-led redevelopment efforts around the Frost Center.

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:

A Memorandum of Understanding establishes the framework for further discussion among the Parties to develop a plan and timeline for reaching the objectives outlined in the MOU. These discussions may lead to a more detailed term sheet setting forth a funding framework and timeline in anticipation of negotiations of definitive agreements.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

To continue ongoing efforts related to the planning and development of a Sports and Entertainment District, it is recommended that the Mayor and City Council provide the City Manager the input and authority to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Bexar County and the San Antonio Spurs.