



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 3

Agenda Date: September 27, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update on Resiliency Hubs and Hazard Mitigation Plan

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on update on Resiliency Hubs and City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 18th, 2022, the Public Safety Committee received a briefing on the implementation of an emergency preparedness plan which included the concept of resiliency planning and resiliency hubs. Resilience Hubs will be used as temporary emergency shelter during a weather event such as a winter storm or flood event. These locations would leverage established, trusted, and community-managed facilities that are used year-round as neighborhood centers for community-building activities.

On June 10, 2022, the Public Safety Committee received an update from the San Antonio Fire Department Office of Emergency management on the potential locations for four resiliency hubs and an community input process to finalize locations.

The Office of Emergency Management gathered input via an SASpeakUp survey that was opened from July 14th through August 31st. 520 residents participated in the survey and left 893 comments. Additionally, 42 outreach events were held with City Council offices, neighborhood associations, the

City's Disability Access Advisory Committee, United Way 211 Spotlight, the City's Faith Based Initiative, and Summer Youth Program. Results of the survey and feedback from the outreach events will be presented to the Public Safety Committee.

In October 2021, the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was adopted by City Council. During the adoption process City Council requested amendments to the HMP including a review of the winter weather hazard profile, hazard risk ranking, and the integration of climate change to be included into the HMP. Additional requests included community involvement, gathering feedback from stakeholders, and reformatting the plan to provide improved navigation through the document.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan amendments include an updated winter weather profile including impacts and costs experienced by San Antonio, an update to the hazard risk ranking, and the plan integrates climate change and how it impacts our hazard profiles. In addition, public input regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan was gathered during the same public input sessions and SA Speak Survey as the resilience hubs.

ISSUE:

Presentation to the Public Safety Committee and feedback on next phase of resilience hub plan and an update to the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Public Safety Committee chooses not to forward the Hazard Mitigation Plan to City Council, the Office of Emergency Management will work to implement requested changes and present an updated plan to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds associated with the resiliency hubs in the amount of \$1Million were approved as part of the FY 2022 Budget.

Projects/Actions recommended within the Hazard Mitigation Plan are evaluated as part of the Budget Process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Public Safety Committee forwards the amended Hazard Mitigation Plan to City Council for approval.