

RESOLUTION NO. 20161013-005

WHEREAS, urban public lands offer the potential to create affordable housing and other community amenities in areas that enjoy access to transit, jobs, good schools, childcare, grocery stores, and other necessary services; and

WHEREAS, multiple city committees and planning processes have pointed to using public land as an important way to create permanently affordable housing for housing cost-burdened Austinites; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Urban Parks Workgroup recommended using public land for parks in parkland deficient areas; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 20141016-028 directed the City Manager to report back to the Council by November 15, 2014, with a timeline for the implementation of strategies to promote the development of family-friendly housing in the City based on recommendations made by the School and Family Work Group of the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and Travis County Commissioners' Court; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee of the City of Austin/AISD Board of Trustees/Travis County adopted a goal in the Fall 2015 to explore creating affordable housing on land owned by one of the entities; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, staff from the City of Austin (COA) and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) staff began exploring a potential partnership to construct workforce housing on school or city property; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2016 staff presented an update on the workforce housing initiative to the Joint Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee designated a working group to continue to explore the available options for a partnership between the City, AISD, and Travis County to develop workforce housing on public land; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, AISD issued a public notice of sale, exchange, or lease of ten properties in its real estate portfolio; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2016, the Joint Subcommittee adopted a resolution requesting each entity bring forward an item for approval by their respective agencies to use the criteria recommended by the Joint Subcommittee to identify property suitable for worker housing and to report back by December 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 20140417-049 initiated a similar process and established criteria for determining city property suitable for affordable housing, and this criteria was included in the resolution adopted by the Joint Committee; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is directed to explore the economic and legal feasibility of a joint affordable housing project that could include the City of Austin, AISD, and/or Travis County. The exploration should include potential financing strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to explore the feasibility of a proposal(s), as a sole respondent or in partnership with other entities, responsive to Austin Independent School District's Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property Invitation for Bids and Request for Offers and Proposals, for other

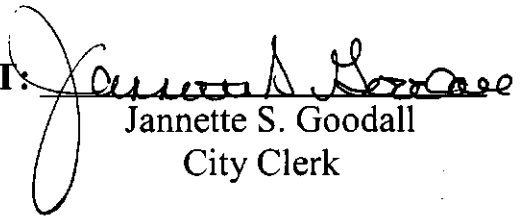
projects that include affordable, mixed-use housing; workforce development; job creation; arts; health and wellness; recreation; environmental protection; space for City operations; or provide other significant community benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager shall report back to the City Council regarding feasibility and related funding for proposals responsive to Austin Independent School District's Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property Invitation for Bids and Request for Offers and Proposals no later than November 3, 2016.

ADOPTED: October 13, 2016

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk