



# City of Austin

301 W. Second Street  
Austin, TX

## Agenda

### Questions and Answers Report

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*Council Member Ora Houston, District 1*

*Council Member Delia Garz, District 2*

*Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3*

*Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4*

*Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5*

*Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, District 6*

*Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7*

*Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8*

*Council Member Alison Alter, District 10*

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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

### QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

9. **Agenda Item #9:** Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with ASD Consultants, Inc. (MBE), for the Dove Springs Recreation Center Expansion - Rebid project in the amount of \$1,757,777 plus a \$175,777.70 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,933,554.70.

QUESTION: This item says it is being rebid, but the RCA doesn't explain why it is being rebid. Why is it being rebid?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The project was rebid due to only one bid being received and priced above the engineer's estimate. Although minimal changes were made, the re-bid 6-months later resulted in lower bids and more competition.

QUESTION: How many square feet is the new free standing building and what will it be used for?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The new free standing building is approximately 1,349 square feet and will be used as a multi-purpose fitness/ dance studio. Note: this is just a portion of the scope of the total

expansion project; the scope also consists of renovation of the existing building, including an expanded instructional kitchen, re-purpose of existing space for a multi-purpose classroom and study area, renovation of staff offices to function more efficiently, and some minor exterior renovation.

- 12. Agenda Item #12:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms, or other qualified responders, to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP238: HDR Engineering, Inc; Geosyntec Consultants, Inc; Stantec Consulting Services Inc; CDM Smith Inc., and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services for the 2018 Stream Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Engineering Services Rotation List for an estimated period of five years or until financial authorization is expended, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 divided among the five firms.

QUESTION: Item #12 references 5 different firms for this negotiation: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms, or other qualified responders, to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP238:

- HDR Engineering, Inc;
- Geosyntec Consultants, Inc;
- Stantec Consulting Services Inc;
- CDM Smith Inc., and
- Freese and Nichols, Inc.

But then the purchasing language says: "Staff recommendation is selection of the **four** most qualified firms out of 12 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process." and "This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the **four** recommended firms for an estimated period of five years...." And other references alternative between five firms and four firms.

Can you please clarify with the department staff as to whether we are talking about five firms or four, and a way to explain the discrepancy?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

It is 5 firms. The language was not updated when the item was re-posted after being withdrawn from 4/26.

- 25. Agenda Item #25:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an encroachment agreement with Hotel Magdalena LLC for the aerial encroachment of right-of-way for proposed balconies, roof overhangs and porte-cochere at the intersection of Academy Drive and Music Lane, located at 110 Academy Drive.

QUESTION: What is the total dollar amount that the City of Austin has received and expects to receive from the applicant?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

\$1,000 Application fee

\$6,750 Cost of the appraisal

\$85.67 reimbursement of public notices (no response from any neighborhood associations received by ORES)

\$33,123. Appraised value of encroachments

Total \$40,958.67.

- 26. Agenda Item #26:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District to provide its students educational experiences through the programs offered at McBeth Recreation Center.

QUESTION: 1) Do other AISD schools administer Health Science Programs or programs that are similar to the Health Science Program administered by Akins High School? 2) How many Akins students will participate in this partnership with McBeth Recreation Center?

MAYOR PRO TEM TOVO'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

1) Other AISD schools have Health and Science Programs. Akins High School is currently the only school providing health care field practicum specifically for working with individuals with disabilities. McBeth Recreation Center is a therapeutic recreation center and aligns with the goals of the Akins High School curriculum/program. The Agreement will include all AISD schools in order to accommodate additional schools in the future should AISD expand the Akins High School Health and Science Program curriculum to other AISD schools

2) This number of participating students will vary by school semester - based on student's class registration. McBeth Recreation Center is expecting between 10-25 students to participate each semester.

- 29. Agenda Item #29:** Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 11 to the agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of homeless social services at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless to extend the term for a 6-month period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and add funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,074,529, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$11,542,281.

QUESTION: When does the current agreement end? How much was the funded in the most recent amendment?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The current agreement coincides with the City's fiscal year and ends September 30, 2018. The annual budgeted amount is \$2,149,058, which includes the most recent amendment (Amendment No. 10) that added the 2.5% (\$52,416) cost of living increase authorized by Council in the FY2017 - 2018 Operating Budget for social services agreements.

- 30. Agenda Item #30:** Authorize negotiation and execution of multi-term cooperative contracts with Haworth, Herman Miller Inc., Knoll Inc., The Hon Company, Southern Aluminum, Steelcase Inc. and Trendway and their manufacturer approved distributors, to provide furniture including installation and other related services, for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$16,446,000 divided among the contractors.

QUESTION:

Since no matrix & score came in the back up, could you expand on why these particular firms were chosen? They were all 'good' companies, & in looking at 'universal' CoA needs each suited our quality & cost needs? What were our reasons for choosing these firms/products - aside from the environmental/emissions factor (& could you elaborate a little on that as well? Is that part of what drives the cost, & other firms' products would/could bring an unhealthy interior environment?)

(In coming to a defined standard, are these the firms & products we have been using & noted as

superior?

Is changing to the multi-firm as they now provide to our defined standard the main reason for changing from our previous purchasing method & format for furniture?)

What do we anticipate the new furniture functions over the next five years, per year?

Were the firms chosen for the individual & varying needs of the departments that will need furnishing or refurbishing?

Are 'insurance' &/or 'third person' services part of the contract costs? (Before furniture is moved in an office or facility, contact made with the supplier, & their service personnel is sent to actually facilitate/implement any furniture 'relocating')

Would it be possible just to break down this contract's costs a little more specifically?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

This item is being withdrawn.

- 34. Agenda Item #34:** Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Power Pest Corp D/B/A Texas Bird Services to provide bird and bat control services for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$465,000.

QUESTION: Does the bird and bat control services include removing the nests of green parakeets?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The work to be performed under the contract does not include removing the nests of green parakeets. The scope of the contract focuses on the use of non-lethal and humane methods to mitigate migratory and seasonal birds such as grackles and starlings roosting around the Austin Convention Center and Palmer Events Center.

- 35. Agenda Item #35:** Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Jollyville Car Wash, Inc. D/B/A Arbor Car Wash to provide vehicle cleaning and washing services for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$367,500.

QUESTION: Where are the car washes located?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The contract is for vehicle cleaning and washing services in central and north Austin. Specifically, the recommended contractor has car wash locations at 3120 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 78705 and 10401 Jollyville Rd. Austin, TX 78759.

- 43. Agenda Item #43:** Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Austin Traffic Signal Construction Co., Inc., for Traffic Signal & Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Installation - 2016 Mobility Bond - Rebid Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract in the amount of \$2,100,000 for an initial 2-year term, with three 1-year extension options of \$800,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

QUESTION: On Item 43, both capital budget dollars and operating budget dollars are cited in the fiscal note. Ultimately, how much of the total is coming from the 2016 Mobility Bond funds?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

The total contract is not to exceed \$2,100,000. Of that, \$350,000 is coming from the Austin Transportation Department operating budget and \$1,750,000 is coming from the 2016 Mobility

Bond.

- 56. Agenda Item #56:** Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-1-206 relating to the Joint Sustainability Committee bylaws.

QUESTION: What districts do the members of the Joint Sustainability Committee represent?  
COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

**Joint Sustainability Committee appointments by District:**

Nhat Ho | Waste and Wastewater Commission - Garza (District 2)  
Kaiba White | Resource Management Commission - Garza (District 2)  
Kathleen Coyle | Environmental Commission - Flannigan (District 6)  
Blythe Christopher de Orive | Zero Waste Advisory Commission - Flannigan (District 6)  
Francoise Luca | Parks & Recreation Board - Pool (District 7)  
Kelly Davis | Urban Transportation Commission - Pool (District 7)  
Michael Osborne | Electric Utility Commission - Tovo (District 9)  
Patricia Seeger | Planning Commission - Alter (District 10)  
Holt Lackey | Economic Prosperity Commission - Alter (District 10)  
Adrienne Haschke | Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board - Mayor Adler  
Fisayo Fadelu | Community Development Commission - Mayor Adler  
Sabrina Joplin - At large appointee (Open Space and Environment Council Committee)  
Joep Mejjier - At large appointee (Open Space and Environment Council Committee)  
Jim Walker - At large appointee (Open Space and Environment Council Committee)

Districts not represented: 1, 3, 4, 5, 8.

- 89. Agenda Item #89:** Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution for an application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by THF Riverside Townhomes, LP, or an affiliated entity, for the rehabilitation of an affordable multi-family development to be known as the Riverside Townhomes, located at 6118 Fairway Street (currently known as Fairway Village); and acknowledging that the City has more than twice the state average of units per capita supported by low income housing tax credits or private activity bonds at the time of application.

QUESTION:  
Is this property registered in the City of Austin's repeat offender program?  
COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

Yes.