

Late Backup

Item #26

ATD

Response to Pending Q&As

Item #26: Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Blue Chem, Inc., to provide waste removal services for a City-owned portable toilet, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$775,000.

Question 4: Please provide a timeline for when the permanent public restroom unit will be installed.

Answer: *The timeline to install a permanent public restroom is approximately 15 months. Three months are needed for the design, six months for bid and award, and six months for manufacturing the unit and its delivery to Austin.*

Question 5: In 2016, Resolution No. 20160623-079 directed the City manager to take steps to immediately procure two wheelchair-accessible public toilet facilities, similar to San Francisco's Pit Stops program, find ways to expedite the procurement process of a permanent public restroom, and to return to the City Council for approval of this purchase as soon as feasible. Please provide background as to how this direction interfaces with the permanent public restroom installation timeline and whether the purchase of the unit has occurred or when it will occur.

Answer: *Per the responses to Questions 1 and 4, we are continuing the process of procuring and installing a permanent restroom facility, as directed by Council. The temporary restroom will continue to be used while procurement and installation of the permanent facilities is in process. Once the permanent station is installed, this contract will allow us to continue to deploy and service the temporary facility at other strategic locations throughout Austin where a need for a public restroom exists.*

Question 6: Please provide information as to why the purchase of the permanent restroom was not scheduled to be available for installation upon conclusion of the temporary public restroom pilot.

Answer: *The permanent restroom units were not scheduled to be available upon conclusion of the pilot program because data had to be analyzed and a recommendation had to be given to Council for direction and concurrence with the location of the permanent units. Once the concurrence was received on the location, staff began the process of procurement and engineering assessment of each location to determine configuration and dimensions in order to the two units.*