



TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer *GC*

DATE: December 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Sustainable Development

As part of Resolution 20170928-052, City Council directed the City Manager, as work continued on analyzing the Convention Center and potential expansion options, to explore working with The University of Texas Center for Sustainable Development.

Item #14 on the December 14th City Council Agenda is an interlocal agreement (ILA) with The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Sustainable Development to conduct a study regarding the Austin Convention Center relating to the physical and economic planning implications of alternative Convention Center scenarios. The study will assist the City Council and staff at assessing options related to Convention Center space.

Looking at such factors as mixed-use development, public and private investment, and financing frameworks, the study will investigate how might the Austin Convention Center be re-imagined/renovated/recomposed/expanded. Core to the study will be looking at how different spatial configurations and economic models for urban convention centers can be applied to Downtown Austin in a meaningful, community-based approach.

Faculty and staff from the Center for Sustainable Development would be joined by staff and faculty from The University of Texas School of Architecture and the McCombs School of Business. The study will be conducted during the spring and summer of 2018, with a final report in fall 2018.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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