

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 1, 2018

Item Number: **014**

Purchasing Office

Approve ratification of a contract with Pro Kleen Industrial Services, Inc. D/B/A Porta Kleen, to provide mobile shower and laundry trailer rentals related to Hurricane Harvey, in the amount of \$140,000. (Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Purchasing Language	Ratification.
Prior Council Action	August 29, 2017 - Special Called Emergency Meeting of the Austin City Council.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Erin D'Vincent, at 512-974-3070 or Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov .
Client Department(s)	Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Additional Backup Information:

On August 23, 2017, as Tropical Storm Harvey was strengthening into a hurricane and appeared to be heading towards the Texas coast, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 30 southeastern counties, and on August 26, 2017, added an additional 20 counties. On August 28, 2017 Mayor Steve Adler announced that the City had received a request from the State to shelter thousands of evacuees. On August 29, 2017, Austin City Council convened a special called meeting to discuss the City's response to Harvey and specifically how the City would handle storm evacuees. At this meeting, City staff discussed establishing large capacity mega shelters to house possibly as many as 7,000 residents. Local Government Code, Section 252.022(a)(2) exempts any procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents from compliance with Chapter 252. On August 31, 2017 the Purchasing Officer made a determination that all purchases made to support the City's emergency response to Harvey were exempted.

As a result of Hurricane Harvey, evacuations of residents from disaster declared cities resulted in evacuees traveling to and seeking shelter in Austin. Evacuees were temporarily relocated and sheltered in Austin at the MET Center. In order to provide a sanitary environment, the City rented two mobile shower trailers and a laundry trailer.

Porta Kleen provided all of the transportation and equipment to conduct shower and laundry service operations. The two locker room shower trailers provided a private place for evacuees to shower while housed in Austin. The laundry trailer provided a place for onsite laundering of clothing.

The City will submit an invoice for these rentals to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). The City anticipates reimbursement from TDEM through a grant for sheltering operations.