

22 framework of community value, and engaging staff and experts in determining the
23 financial implications of repurposing the facility; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in June of 2016, the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource
25 Advisory Commission suggested the City conduct a feasibility study to explore
26 repurposing Palm School into a museum that celebrates Mexican heritage, folk art, and
27 indigenous culture and recounts the gentrification and displacement that has occurred in
28 the Rainey Street neighborhood and East Austin; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in February of 2017, several City and County elected officials
30 sponsored a public meeting to receive comments about the future of Palm School, Palm
31 Park, and the Convention Center; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20170209-033 directed the City Manager to provide
33 additional information about the financial needs of several issues and landmarks affecting
34 the eastern portion of Downtown, including Palm School and the associated parkland; and

35 **WHEREAS**, a July 6, 2017, staff memo stated that several financing concepts for a
36 Convention Center expansion could include additional funding for nearby historic sites
37 such as Palm School; and

38 **WHEREAS**, in a presentation made to the Austin City Council on August 15, 2017,
39 the Visitor Impact Task Force presented the recommendations from their final report,
40 which included support for the Austin Convention Center, but only in accordance with
41 several parameters, one of which being that the expansion “include additional allowable

42 area improvements that are important to the community, such as Palm School, Waller
43 Creek, the Mexican American Culture Center (MACC), the Red River Cultural District,
44 and nearby historic landmarks;” and

45 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20170831-060 directed the City Manager to allocate
46 15% of the hotel occupancy taxes to fund restoration of both city and non-city facilities
47 and specifically identified Palm School as one such possibility; and

48 **WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2017, Council approved a budget rider related to the
49 historic preservation hotel occupancy tax fund and again identified Palm School as a
50 potentially eligible expenditure; and

51 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20170928-052 directed the City Manager to, among
52 other things, negotiate the acquisition of the Palm School for use as a public and civic
53 space and to analyze funding options; and

54 **WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2018, Antenora Architects LLP, Limbacher & Godfrey
55 Architects, and McCann Adams Studio presented Travis County with a historic structure
56 report on Palm School to help inform decisions about the property’s future when the
57 Health & Human Services Department is relocated; and

58 **WHEREAS**, the Travis County Commissioners Court next convened an advisory
59 board to develop the provisions of a deed restriction that would govern the sale or long-
60 term lease of Palm School in a “manner that balances and leverages its cultural, historic,
61 and real estate value”; and

62 **WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2019, Travis County hosted a community meeting to
63 receive feedback on the parameters of a potential restrictive covenant, which is not
64 presently publicly available; and

65 **WHEREAS**, most speakers encouraged Travis County to use Palm School and the
66 surrounding property for public rather than private use, and several spoke in favor of
67 creating a museum; and

68 **WHEREAS**, from the February 2017 public hearing to the Waller Creek
69 Conservancy public input sessions to the most recent Travis County meeting, community
70 members have overwhelmingly emphasized the importance of maintaining public
71 ownership of Palm School and using the structure for cultural programming; and

72 ***Waller Creek***

73 **WHEREAS**, in June of 2010, the Council approved the Waller Creek District
74 Master Plan, which called for, among other things, “the improvement of pedestrian and
75 bicycle linkages to, across and along the creek corridor to connect Lady Bird Lake with UT
76 and East Austin and Rainey Street with Downtown” to help diminish the barrier effect of
77 IH-35; and

78 **WHEREAS**, Council amended the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan in 2011
79 by adopting the Downtown Austin Plan, which called for the transformation of Waller
80 Creek as a “linear park between Lady Bird Lake and UT, along with Palm and Waterloo

81 parks to provide a green ‘necklace’ that can support the revitalization of Downtown’s east
82 side”; and

83 **WHEREAS**, Council approved an extension of the Waller Creek Tax Increment
84 Reinvestment Zone term in February 2018 and committed to issue up to \$110 million of
85 debt to be reinvested into parks funding; and

86 **WHEREAS**, via the Waller Creek District Master Plan (Ordinance 20100624-151),
87 the Council approved voluntary design guidelines for the Waller Creek District to guide
88 development in accordance with the vision for the Waller Creek chain of parks; and

89 **WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek District Master Plan indicates that improvements to
90 Palm Park could “establish a stronger and more complementary relationship to the creek,
91 the Convention Center and the District as a whole” and that the adjacent Palm School
92 “presents an opportunity to engage and reinforce the park, particularly if County services
93 were to relocate or reconfigure, and be replaced or augmented with complementary
94 community, cultural and educational activities”; and

95 ***Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center***

96 **WHEREAS**, in response to the loss of important Mexican American cultural
97 institutions in the eastern Downtown area in the 1970s and 1980s due to gentrification and
98 displacement, community members began proposing the establishment of a cultural
99 facility; and

100 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, the voters approved bonds to construct the Emma S.
101 Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) in the southwest portion of
102 the Rainey Street National Register Historic District due to the neighborhood’s strong
103 connection to the Mexican American community; and

104 **WHEREAS**, in May 2018, Council approved the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican
105 American Cultural Center Master Plan, which will guide expansion of the existing facility
106 and addresses mobility, access, and circulation with particular attention to the “Gran
107 Entrada,” or entrance to the complex from Rainey Street, the relationship to the waterfront
108 at Lady Bird Lake and Waller Creek, and to the neighboring commercial and residential
109 properties; and

110 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2018, voters approved \$27 million in bond funds for
111 the second phase of the ESB-MACC, which will enable the facility to enhance its mission
112 and provide an opportunity for this facility to contribute toward the coherent vision of this
113 area; and

114 ***Rainey Street***

115 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, the Rainey Street Historic District was added to the National
116 Register of Historic Places; and

117 **WHEREAS**, in June of 1999, Council directed the City Manager to work with
118 residents, business owners, and property owners in the Rainey Street area to develop “land
119 use objectives and priorities for the area”; and

120 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20000601-063 directed the creation of a
121 comprehensive master plan for the Rainey Street area and identified a consultant, but this
122 planning effort was subsumed into the Downtown Austin Plan; and

123 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Downtown Commission convened stakeholders to
124 develop recommendations regarding the future planning of the Rainey Street area; and

125 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20040212-035 initiated the Rainey Street area
126 rezoning and the regulations review for the Rainey Street Subdistrict of the Waterfront
127 Overlay Combining District with consideration for the recommendations from the Rainey
128 Street Redevelopment Strategy, the Downtown Commission, and the ESB-MACC
129 development plans; and

130 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20040212-035 also directed the City Manager to
131 analyze the infrastructure within the Rainey Street area and requested that various boards
132 and commissions suggest strategies to catalyze mixed-use redevelopment while preserving
133 the historic integrity of the area; and

134 ***Rainey Street Historic District***

135 **WHEREAS**, in response to the relocation of several historic homes from the Rainey
136 Street Historic District, Resolution No. 20130509-035 directed the City Manager to
137 explore mechanisms such as using right-of-way fees within the Rainey Street Subdistrict to
138 Palm Park between Red River and IH-35 to support relocating Rainey Street houses,
139 creating a Rainey Street History Center, and improving infrastructure; and

140 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 20131024-010 amended the Fiscal Year 2013-2014
141 Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to create the Rainey Street District Fund to
142 receive right-of-way fees, alley vacation sales, and license agreements from within the
143 Rainey Street Historic District and Subdistrict; and

144 **WHEREAS**, money from the fund was used to rehabilitate single family structures
145 transferred out of the Rainey Street Historic District so that they could be maintained as
146 affordable housing; and

147 **WHEREAS**, transcripts suggest the Council intent was for the Rainey Street
148 District Fund to continue to accrue fees to support reinvestment within the Rainey Street
149 Historic District, but this intent was never realized; and

150 ***Fifth Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor***

151 **WHEREAS**, in May 2011 the Travis County Commissioners Court unanimously
152 approved a resolution to collaborate with Mexic-Arte Museum and the City of Austin in
153 creating the Fifth Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor to recognize past
154 contributions of the Mexican American community, to enhance the present, and to build a
155 better future; and

156 **WHEREAS**, recognizing that the Mexican and Mexican American community
157 members who settled along the Fifth Street Corridor and adjacent spaces, City of Austin
158 Resolution No. 20110825-067 stated the intention for the Fifth Street Mexican American
159 Cultural Heritage Corridor to connect and enhance Downtown's network of public parks

160 and streets and to celebrate the distinct history, culture, and identity of the place as well as
161 stimulating the local economy; and

162 **WHEREAS**, the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Initiative in June 2013
163 recommended the City designate a segment of Fifth Street as the Mexican American
164 Heritage Corridor and recommended funding a master plan to amplify the history of the
165 Mexican American community in Downtown Austin; and

166 **WHEREAS**, the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Initiative emphasized the
167 importance of Hispanic/Latino-owned businesses in the City’s economic landscape; and

168 **WHEREAS**, the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC) has
169 served as a collaborative partner and service provider to the city of Austin for nearly four
170 decades, and the potential creation of a Mexican American Cultural Heritage Corridor
171 should include the feasibility of locating a permanent home for the GAHCC; and

172 **WHEREAS**, the Mexican American Heritage Corridor was referenced as a
173 “planned corridor” in the Republic Square Master Plan (2013) and wayfinding for the Fifth
174 Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor was identified as a priority in the Downtown
175 Austin Wayfinding Master Plan (2013); and

176 ***Connectivity***

177 **WHEREAS**, in response to increased congestion and a desire for greater pedestrian safety
178 in the Rainey Street area, Resolution No. 20110127-035 directed the City Manager to
179 develop short and long-term recommendations for addressing pedestrian safety,

180 congestion, and parking issues for residents and patrons of the Rainey Street Historic
181 District; and

182 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Plan identified specific goals for the Rainey
183 Street Historic District, which included stronger pedestrian and bicycle linkages to the
184 Central Business District, Town Lake, Waller Creek, and East Austin, as well as improved
185 roadway connectivity between IH-35 and Cesar Chavez; and

186 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Plan included responses from a 2009 survey in
187 which the most popular public improvement priorities for the Rainey Street area were the
188 incorporation of “Great Streets” standards and new parks, pocket parks, or plazas; and

189 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Plan acknowledged that the Rainey Street
190 Historic District was not “well connected to the surrounding Downtown, limiting
191 pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular access and making the area feel isolated”; and

192 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Plan established urban design priorities for the
193 Rainey Street Historic District including the promotion of “streetscape, creekscape,
194 bridges, trails, promenade and other open space improvements that establish a more direct
195 relationship with Lady Bird Lake (Town Lake) and Waller Creek,” as well as better
196 connections between the ESB-MACC and Downtown/East Austin; and

197 **WHEREAS**, Rainey Street area residents have repeatedly requested that the City
198 develop a master plan of the area to develop and implement strategies for managing

199 mobility challenges for the thousands of current residents and the several thousand more
200 on the way; and

201 **WHEREAS**, the Rainey Neighborhood Mobility Study and Plan prepared by Big
202 Red Dog Engineering and Consulting in May of 2017 provided comprehensive
203 recommendation for mobility improvements in the Rainey area; and

204 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Transportation Department is proposing a local mobility
205 plan for the Rainey Street neighborhood as part of the Austin Core Transportation Plan;
206 and

207 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP), adopted on April 11,
208 2019, references the need to improve mobility in the Central Business District, South
209 Central Waterfront, and Rainey Street neighborhood; and

210 **WHEREAS**, Capital Metro’s Project Connect Plan envisions high capacity transit
211 providing an additional crossing over Lady Bird Lake from the South Central Waterfront
212 into the lower southeast quadrant of Downtown; and

213 **WHEREAS**, several local organizations and the City Council (Resolution 2010620-
214 058) have supported the proposal to “cut and cap” IH-35, which would transform the
215 eastern side of Downtown and create the cohesive connections between East Austin and
216 Downtown that the City of Austin’s planning documents have recommended for years; and

217 *Austin Convention Center*

218 **WHEREAS**, in March of 2014, the Austin Convention Center Department
219 consulted with Gensler to craft a Long-Range Master Plan to address the Convention
220 Center’s future needs; and

221 **WHEREAS**, the Council next passed Resolution No. 20141211-128, directing the
222 City Manager to work with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) so that a Technical Assistance
223 Panel could review options for both increasing beyond and maintaining the Convention
224 Center’s current footprint; and

225 **WHEREAS**, the resulting ULI report recommended that the City expand the
226 Convention Center to create a “visionary” District that would include funds for projects
227 such as Brush Square, the Red Line Station, and Waller Creek; and

228 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2015, the Council approved Resolution 20151112-
229 033, which adopted the Austin Convention Center’s Long-Range Master Plan, with the
230 additional direction that the Economic Opportunity Committee provide recommendations
231 on several proposals and considerations, including the enhancement of Brush Square, Palm
232 Park, Palm School (in coordination with Travis County), and green space initiatives (in
233 coordination with the Waller Creek Conservancy); and

234 **WHEREAS**, later that year Capital Metro announced it had received funds to
235 complete the MetroRail Downtown Station, near the Austin Convention Center, Waller
236 Creek, and historic Brush Square; and

237 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20160225-045 stated that “the new Downtown Station
238 presents an opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders and multiple agencies to shape a
239 long-term vision and identity for the area that includes the Downtown Station, Brush
240 Square, the Convention Center, Waller Creek, and other important public spaces and
241 cultural amenities” and directed the City Manager to work with relevant City departments
242 and stakeholders toward that end; and

243 ***District Planning***

244 **WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2019, Council approved the Brush Square Master Plan, a
245 multi-year planning effort that acknowledges the increasingly important role Brush Square
246 will play as investments increase in the Downtown Station, the Convention Center, the
247 new residential and office developments in the Central Business District, and the Rainey
248 Street Historic District; and

249 **WHEREAS**, Our Austin Story was commissioned by the Downtown Austin
250 Alliance in partnership with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD),
251 and its scope of work includes providing interpretive planning for historic public squares
252 located within the Downtown area, such as Brush Square; and

253 **WHEREAS**, in approving the Brush Square Master Plan, the Council also directed
254 the City Manager to develop a plan, determine a location, and identify funding to relocate
255 Fire Station Number 1’s operations as part of the Brush Square Master Plan; and

256 **WHEREAS**, the Center for Sustainable Development at the University of Texas’s
257 April 2019 report analyzed various possible scenarios for a Convention Center expansion,
258 taking into consideration emerging projects, national trends and best practices, restoration
259 of the Waller grid, public access, economic impacts, and Downtown development patterns;
260 and

261 **WHEREAS**, the report recommends the City should “move away from ad-hoc
262 planning, and instead think holistically and strategically about the future of the entire area
263 surrounding the convention center”; and

264 **WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek Conservancy and Downtown Austin Alliance have
265 suggested the City of Austin partner in creating a regulating plan to ensure that projects
266 along Waller Creek redevelop with a thoughtful, context-sensitive approach, and the basis
267 of such a regulating plan would be informed by the Palm District planning efforts; and

268 **WHEREAS**, as this area of Downtown grows, evolves, and expands, the City must
269 plan comprehensively and strategically; and

270 **WHEREAS**, a District Plan could help identify next steps on important projects
271 such as the Convention Center while also leveraging the City’s investments and helping
272 create a Downtown that is more inclusive, equitable, accessible, prosperous, multi-modal,
273 and aesthetically pleasing; and

274 **WHEREAS**, the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) of the
275 American Institute of Architects /Community for Centers by Design helps transform

276 communities by leading interdisciplinary teams in dynamic, multi-day grassroots processes
277 to produce community visions, action plans, and recommendations; and

278 **WHEREAS**, Austin was the recipient of a R/UDAT planning grant in 1991, which
279 recommended, among other things, the creation of a downtown Public Improvement
280 District (PID) and also created the South Central Waterfront Vision framework; and

281 **WHEREAS**, The City Council aims to bring the disparate planning efforts
282 described in the recitals above into conversation with one another to achieve a more
283 comprehensive and coherent vision and blueprint for this area.

284 **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

286 ***Palm School Negotiations***

287 The City Council considers the Palm School and the surrounding site to be of significant
288 historical, cultural, and community value and deserving of both preservation and active
289 public use. The City Council seeks to partner with Travis County in achieving those aims,
290 and to that end directs the City Manager as follows:

- 291 1. The City Council urges Travis County not to sell the Palm School or the surrounding
292 site. The Council reiterates its direction to the City Manager to negotiate in earnest
293 with Travis County on options for the continued public ownership and operation of
294 the Palm School and the surrounding site.

- 295 2. The City Manager is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the members of
296 the Travis County Commissioner's Court within 10 days of its passage.

297 ***Rainey Street District Fund***

- 298 1. The City Manager shall return to Council with an ordinance that will require funds
299 from right-of-way fees, alley vacation sales, and license agreements for
300 developments within the Rainey Street Historic District to be deposited into the
301 Rainey Street District Fund.
- 302 2. The City Manager shall provide a report to Council by June 1, 2019, indicating the
303 amount of money that would have been in the fund had right of way, alley vacation,
304 and license agreement fees been deposited since 2013. The report should also
305 include an accounting of city investments in the Rainey Street District during that
306 same period.

307 ***Fifth Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor***

- 308 1. The City Manager has previously been directed to analyze whether Hotel Occupancy
309 Taxes can be used to promote and install appropriate wayfinding and signage along
310 the Fifth Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor. The City Manager is directed
311 to report back by June 15, 2019, on the results of this analysis and to indicate
312 whether the Corridor wayfinding has been identified for Fiscal Year 2020 historic
313 preservation spending.

314 2. The City Manager is directed to return to Council by August 1, 2019, with an action
315 to initiate the process for a cultural district designation of the Corridor, the timeline
316 for completing the designation, and identifying other actions that will help amplify
317 the stories and contributions of the Mexican American community within that
318 corridor and its immediate surroundings.

319 ***Convention Center Expansion***

320 The City Council desires to re-envision the Convention Center as an active, community-
321 oriented civic building that enhances the culturally rich fabric of the Palm District and
322 desires to begin the process to expand the Austin Convention Center. To that end, the
323 Council directs the City Manager as follows:

- 324 1. The City Manager is directed to recommend an initial design for a Convention
325 Center expansion and to begin with Convention Center Scenario 5 (as outlined in the
326 UT Center for Sustainable Development Study) because, of the scenarios presented,
327 this one best represents the desired re-envisioning of what a convention center can
328 be, including not only additional convention space but also optimizing public space
329 and enhancing place-making and connectivity within the Palm District, especially
330 along Second Street, Waller Creek, and Palm Park. The Council directs this action
331 with the understanding that other and additional elements could and perhaps should
332 be included, that any design will need to meet practical and financial considerations,
333 and that the City Council, the staff, and the public will need to be afforded ample

334 opportunities for appropriate explorations of different aspects of this scenario,
335 including the financial rationale, estimated costs, and potential funding options.

- 336 2. The City Manager is directed to analyze and recommend a financing plan for a
337 Convention Center expansion as described above. Funding mechanisms should
338 include but not be limited to consideration of the recommendations of the Visitor
339 Impact Task Force, a potential two percent increase to the Hotel Occupancy Tax
340 under Section 351.1065 of the Texas Tax Code, and public-private partnerships.
341 Expansion financing and funding for ongoing Convention Center operations may not
342 include general obligation debt, any property tax pledge, General Fund revenue, or
343 reserves. However, should it be recommended that non-convention center elements
344 be included in the expansion (for example, a fire station relocation), separate
345 financing or funding may be proposed.
- 346 3. The City Manager should explore all possibilities related to land leasing, acquisition,
347 and the establishment of public-private partnerships for the expansion project.
- 348 4. The City Manager should work with stakeholders in the Austin Hotel and Lodging
349 Association and the Downtown Austin Alliance to prepare for the establishment of a
350 Tourism Public Improvement District allowing for up to a two percent assessment
351 on a taxable hotel room night to generate revenue that would make available
352 funding, directly or indirectly, to help address homelessness in Austin, especially in
353 the area near the Austin Convention Center.

- 354 5. Convention Center planning, design, and financing efforts should assume
355 participation in Green Building and LEED certification programs as well as the
356 Better Builder Program or a program with comparable worker protections. The
357 assumptions should also take into account the Council's desire to create a zero
358 waste, net zero energy, and net positive water facility. The efforts should consider
359 including, if practical, a new Downtown fire station, an Austin Energy water chiller,
360 as well as any other municipal needs the Manager might identify.
- 361 6. The City Manager is directed to incorporate these efforts into the Palm District
362 planning effort described in this resolution. The beginning of the convention center
363 expansion process should inform that planning process, just as that planning process
364 should inform the expansion process. The two processes should also operate
365 independently.
- 366 7. The City Manager should present as much of this convention center expansion
367 analysis and initial design as is available by July 31, 2019, and should present a
368 timeline, if not already completed, for the design work and for the documents,
369 actions, and ordinances necessary to adopt and initiate the additional hotel
370 occupancy taxes and to undertake an expansion.

371 ***District Planning Process***

372 The City Council expresses an interest in the creation of a Palm District Master Plan and to
373 that end directs the City Manager as follows:

- 374 1. The City Manager shall convene stakeholders in a comprehensive, focused planning
375 effort to bring forward the Palm District Master Plan, comprised of Palm School and
376 Palm Park, Brush Square, the ESB-MACC, the Convention Center, Waller Creek,
377 the Rainey Street Historic District, and the Fifth Street Mexican American Heritage
378 Corridor.
- 379 2. Stakeholders in the planning effort should include representatives from the Raza
380 Roundtable, the Rainey Neighbors Association, the East Cesar Chavez
381 Neighborhood Contact Team, the Rainey Business Coalition, the Town Lake
382 Neighborhood Association, the Austin History Center Association, the Greater
383 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Austin Leadership (HAL), Hispanic
384 Advocates Business Leadership of Austin (HABLA), the Downtown Austin
385 Neighborhood Association, Mexic-Arte, La Peña, and others including residents,
386 businesses and other community groups in proximity to or having an interest in the
387 district as well as Visit Austin, the ESB-MACC, and other relevant boards and
388 commissions.
- 389 3. The planning process should provide opportunities for public charrettes involving
390 any interested participants as well as smaller, focused conversations with invited
391 participants.
- 392 4. The City Manager will support this effort with the personnel necessary to promote a
393 robust planning process, including staff from the Urban Design Division of the

394 Planning and Zoning Department, Parks and Recreation, Austin Transportation
395 Department, the Austin History Center, the Cultural Arts Division and Heritage
396 Tourism Division of the Economic Development Department, and the Austin
397 Convention Center. The City Manager shall also invite Travis County, Waller Creek
398 Conservancy, the Downtown Austin Alliance, Our Austin Story stakeholders, the
399 Trail Foundation, Preservation Austin, the Travis County Historical Association,
400 Austin History Center Association, Capital Metro, and Travis County to participate
401 in this planning effort.

- 402 5. The City Manager is encouraged to apply for an American Institute of
403 Architects/Community for Centers by Design Regional/Urban Design Assistance
404 Team (R/UDAT) grant to guide the planning efforts in collaboration with key
405 partners.
- 406 6. In the event that other external groups have financial resources or expertise to
407 contribute to plan development, the Council authorizes the City Manager to accept
408 appropriate and reasonable assistance.

409 The City Council expresses an interest in the creation of a Waller Creek District Master
410 Plan and to that end directs the City Manager as follows:

- 411 1. The City Manager is directed to collaborate with the Waller Creek Conservancy and
412 Downtown Austin Alliance on a community-based planning process to create a more
413 comprehensive vision and blueprint for the Waller Creek District. This process will

414 result in, among other outcomes, standards for development that are compatible with
415 the creek restoration, trail improvements, and a thriving public realm. The Waller
416 Creek District is bounded on the east by IH-35, on the west by Trinity Street, on the
417 north by Fifteenth Street, and on the south by Lady Bird Lake. The Waller Creek
418 District Plan will incorporate the findings of the Palm District Master Plan.

- 419 2. The City Manager will identify elements of the existing Waller Creek Design
420 Guidelines that can be elevated to code amendments for developments that could
421 have an immediate impact on Waller Creek.

422 ***Improved Connectivity***

423 In addition to those articulated elsewhere and stated earlier in this resolution, the
424 goals of the Palm District Master Plan should also include identifying options for
425 improving mobility and resolving the barrier created by Cesar Chavez between the
426 northern and southern areas of the district. These options should include short and long-
427 term suggestions and be both achievable and aspirational.

428 ***Timeline***

429 Nothing in this resolution precludes the City Manager from exploring land or facility
430 acquisitions or public and private partnerships that might arise during the planning period
431 and presenting those opportunities to City Council.

432 Except for elements and timeframes articulated above, the City Manager is directed
433 to present a work program for the Palm District Plan process and any necessary resources to

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develop the plan to the City Council no later than August 1, 2019, for potential inclusion in the 2020 budget.

ADOPTED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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