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Questions and Answers Report



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QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

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Partners outside of Austin include ID2020, a non-profit consortium dedicated to developing ethical standards for digital identity, and the National Innovation Service, an innovation consultancy working on redesigning the governance of the homelessness system in Seattle/King County. Both groups seek to both advise and learn from our experience.

5) Will partners be receiving funds and if so, in what amounts and for what purpose?

Partners will not be receiving funds. We do have the practice of compensating individual research participants (such as the Homelessness Advisory Committee) who help us with usability testing, at a rate of a \$20 gift card per hour focus group session.

Item #9: Approve a resolution adopting the City's Five-year Consolidated Plan (Fiscal Years 2019-2024) and Annual Action Plan (Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) On page 129, Priority 1: Homeless Assistance does not specifically name "Families with Children" as a target population, but "Families with Children" are listed as a target population for Priority 2, Priority 3 and Priority 5. Why weren't families with children listed as a target population for Priority 1?

This was an oversight. "Families with Children" will be added as a target population for Priority 1: Homeless Assistance. Staff will submit this change as part of Council backup for this item.

2) Are the Section 108 programs listed on page 137 a new area we are pursuing with these funds or have we invested through this opportunity in the past? If this is a new program, can you provide additional details on what we expect from this opportunity, and if we have used Section 108 in the

past please provide some details as to what resulted from those investments.

The Section 108 programs are existing programs. They were originally approved by Council on May 24, 2012 with a target area of the Plaza Saltillo Neighborhood (Resolution No. 20120524-015). Section 108 is administered by the City of Austin's Economic Development Department in accordance with lending guidelines approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Austin. Since 2013, the HUD Section 108 program, known locally as the City of Austin Family Business Loan Program (FBLP), has funded 22 local small business loans totaling approximately \$4.9 million. These loans leveraged local lending partnerships to secure an additional \$29 million in small business loans from banks and credit unions serving Austin's small business community. Program results include 230 newly created or retained full-time equivalent (FTEs) jobs benefiting low-to-moderate income persons as reported by program participants. 68% of loan approvals benefited minority and women owned businesses; EDD expanded the program city-wide to better serve all 10 council districts and will continue to reach out to underserved communities in the Austin area.

3) Can staff please provide more explanation for paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 174 referencing how we intend to use CBDG funds? The third paragraph states: "CBDG funds will be used to address this need since its relative flexibility makes its use in other program areas more valuable." Which "need" is this paragraph referring to?

Staff recommends that this sentence be removed, as it does not contribute to the document. Staff will submit this change as part of Council backup for this item.

Item #10: Approve a resolution adopting affordable housing goals based on council districts and 2016 Mobility Bond Corridors.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) In response to the question "are homelessness contracts contemplated as an increase to existing contracts or a shift in how those existing contracts are paid?" the May 24, 2019 memo states that: "the homelessness contracts that are expected to be a continuation of existing contracts from the Housing Trust Fund, which is the current funding source."

Please provide information regarding the contracts intended to serve individuals experiencing homelessness that are currently being funded by the Housing Trust Fund.

The homelessness contracts expected to be funded with the Housing Trust Fund are described below. They are all with ECHO. Future funding for all of these contracts is contingent on resource availability.

Permanent Supportive Housing/Continuum of Care Consulting addresses homelessness in Austin by building on existing and creating new partnerships with government entities, committees, service providers, and private property owners and managers to expand the stock of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. (FYs 2018-2020 \$160,000/ea FY)

Rent Availability Program provides short-term financing to formerly homeless individuals. Sub-recipient will make rental units affordable to program-eligible clients by making payments with City funding to property owners, enabling the client to enter into a lease at the amount the client can afford to pay for rent and buying-down the monthly rent to an affordable rate. (FY 2018-19 \$156,200).

Low-Barrier Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance provides housing subsidies to homeless families. Payment is made directly to the property owner providing the housing as specified on behalf of the program-eligible client. (FY 2019-20 \$300,000)

2) In the back-up, South Lamar is identified as a corridor that is within the boundaries of District 9. South Lamar is not a corridor within District 9's boundaries. Please provide information as to how/if this impacts the consultant's analysis.

Affordable housing corridor goals take into account a ½ mile buffer around each 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor. South Lamar's northern terminus is at Lady Bird Lake, so although a majority of the area around the South Lamar 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor is in District 5, a portion of that buffer area is within District 9. See the attached map for details. The listing of the Council Districts associated with each Mobility Bond Corridor with a ½ mile buffer was included for reference only and did not factor into the affordable housing council district goals.

3) Please describe why low-barrier permanent supportive housing assistance is being funded through the Housing Trust Fund, as opposed to the Downtown Density Bonus Program, which can only be used for permanent supportive housing or low-barrier permanent supportive housing vouchers (per Resolution No. 20171109-089.)

The funds from the Downtown Density Bonus are held in the Housing Trust Fund and are deployed in compliance with Resolution No. 20171109-089. The funds are being used for the ECHO contract for Low-Barrier Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance. There is not guaranteed ongoing funding generated through the Downtown Density Bonus Program to fund the other homelessness contracts, therefore, as a way to ensure some consistency, staff identified Housing Trust Fund as a funding source.

4) During the 5/23 Council meeting at around 4:50 p.m. (you can view the transcript [here](#)), it was revealed that affordable units that are created through private restrictive covenants were not currently being counted towards District Affordability Goals because the City cannot enforce a private restrictive covenant. Direction was given during that meeting to create a system that could then count these affordable units towards District Affordability Goals - not just Community Plan Goals. Please provide an update on that direction.

Staff is assessing the resources needed to be able to monitor and track affordable units that are created through private restrictive covenants for the purpose of counting the units towards District Affordability Goals.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) *Can staff please identify the three strategies from the Strategic Housing Blueprint they believe are the most relevant and effective strategies for creating or preserving the most income-restricted affordable housing units in District 10?*

1. Undertake strategic land banking for affordable housing and/or use developable publicly-owned land for affordable housing
2. Support the private Strike Fund to acquire and preserve market-rate affordable developments
3. Comprehensive zoning code revisions that streamline the city's land development code and permitting process, and improves incentive programs to produce affordable housing, including expanded, consistent density bonus programs for centers and corridors

2) *Can staff please provide a rough estimate of approximately how many units these three strategies are likely to yield within District 10 in the next ten years, the estimate could be a range of units.*

This is a very difficult question to answer given that there are policy decisions that would determine the effectiveness of the range of strategies to create and preserve affordable housing units in each council district over the next ten years. Staff estimates that the 2018 Affordable Housing Bonds of \$250 million will be deployed over five to six years and will create, preserve and repair approximately 5,000 affordable units.

Items #11 and #63:

Item 11: Approve a resolution consenting to the issuance of Multi-family Private Activity Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 by Austin Affordable PFC, Inc., an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, to finance, in part, the new construction of an affordable rental development located at or near 504 East Wonsley Drive.

Item 63: Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution related to an application by Bridge at Granada, LLC, or an affiliated entity, for housing tax credits for a multi-family development that will be financed through the private activity bond program to be known as the Granada Apartments, located at or near 504 East Wonsley Drive, in the City and acknowledging certain facts relating to the allocation of housing tax credits and private activity bonds within the City and near the proposed development.

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Agenda items 11 and 63 concern a development which has sought neither RHDA funds nor Private Activity Bonds issued by AHFC. As the bonds will be issued by Austin Affordable PFC, an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, the lease addendum has not been included as a requirement for the TEFRA approval.

Items #19: Authorize an amendment to an existing cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., to provide Hewlett Packard Enterprise products, maintenance and support services, for an increase in the amount of \$172,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$316,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Mayor Pro Tem Garza's Office

1) The below the line indicates an initial award in November 2018, but there does not seem to be an RCA matching that description. Was the original contract below the City Manager's authority on an annual basis?

Yes, the original contract did not go to Council because it was below the City Manger's authority.

Items #20: Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Mobility Resource Associates Inc., D/B/A MRA, D/B/A MRA Mobile Experiential, to provide the design, installation, lease and operations of a mobile customer outreach trailer, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,035,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Please describe what services and programs will be offered via this van. Will the AE van be equipped to take customer payments? To enroll customers in the customer assistance program? To accept applications for energy efficiency or solar programs?

The 27-foot long trailer will be designed to serve many of Austin Energy's customer outreach needs. It will be configured to showcase programs and services including energy efficiency, low income weatherization, Green Building, electric vehicles, solar, GreenChoice and the Austin Energy App. It will augment Austin Energy program staff members in communicating offerings such as the Customer Assistance Program. WiFi connectivity will allow staff to assist customers in making payments online and applying for a variety of services including energy efficiency and solar programs.

2) Based on the services provided, please explain why a van would offer the most effective method of delivery. Will the van be visually appealing beyond being wrapped – for example, could it be designed to look like a light bulb so that it captures the public's attention?

The trailer will be similar to the Austin mobile library in that it will be an interactive experiential platform that is mobile, flexible and upgradeable, yet compact enough to be present at public events in Austin. Aesthetics are an important element of the design. Austin Energy will ensure consistent branding in the design of the trailer so that externally visible design elements will capture the public's attention. The shape of the trailer will be contingent upon functional needs like flow of visitors, ADA accessibility, and layout of exhibits for multiple programs.

3) How and where will the van be deployed? How will the public know where the van is?

The mobile marketing trailer will be dispatched to public events throughout the year and be staffed by Austin Energy program personnel. There will be a focus upon having a presence at established and popular community events, e.g., Cinco de Mayo, Earth Day Austin, Juneteenth Parade, etc. Additional applications for the design include addressing climate resiliency and the ability to provide community support during emergencies. Austin Energy will promote the presence of the outreach trailer via social media and work with event promoters to highlight its

presence.

Item #23: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Assurance Software Inc., to provide disaster planning and disruption prevention software and services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$760,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) Why is this contract a sole source? Are there other providers of this type of software service?

This contract is a sole source because Assurance Continuity Manager (CM) and Notification Manager (NM) products are solely produced by Assurance Software, Inc. There are no resellers of the Assurance software and support services. Presently the City has more than 14 Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPS) on the Assurance software system. Transitioning to an alternate system would require costly reimplementation and training. To date, over \$180,000 has been spent on implementation and consulting for existing Assurance services.

Item #27: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., to provide an updated master plan for Austin Resource Recovery, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Why is the Austin Resource Recovery department undertaking a new master plan? Have major goals shifted such that a new master plan would be required? If so, which ones?

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is proposing an update to the current Master Plan in order to review and assess the strategies originally proposed to reach Zero Waste.

2) What has been achieved and implemented in the previous plan? Did the plan require an update every 5 years? If so, please provide the exact language so Council can assess the scope that was contemplated.

The attached document includes a summary of ARR's achievements related to the current Master Plan. The Master Plan does include language related to updates and assessments: "While programs, infrastructure, and policies are planned for implementation over the next decade, the Master Plan is designed to be a living document with annual updates and program assessments every five years." This language can be found in the Executive Summary of the Plan (pg. 27).

3) How much of this contract will be used for assessing progress on the existing master plan versus developing a new master plan?

ARR expects for the consultant to review the current Master Plan to obtain a frame of reference, but not to evaluate the Plan as a whole. Therefore, limited time should be spent evaluating the current Plan. The contract will, however, evaluate several ARR programs, policies and services that were proposed in the current Plan.

Item #33: Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Texas Office Products & Supply, LLC, to provide the rental of office furniture, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$472,560.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo’s Office.

1) *Have staff done a cost benefit analysis on renting versus purchasing furniture? Please provide.*

Yes, the Development Services Department (DSD) performed a cost/benefit analysis of renting furniture versus purchasing. Because of the scheduled move to a new facility in the summer of 2020, DSD determined that all their furniture needs are short term and a cost comparison revealed that renting was more cost effective. Here is the cost comparison for renting vs buying furniture at the Ben White location:

DSD Ben White Furniture Needs	12 Month Rental Total	Purchase
68 Workstations, 14 Offices, 4 conference tables, 8 huddle tables	\$35,161.44	\$371,057.89

Item #38: Authorize an amendment to the existing cooperative contract with CDW LLC D/B/A CDW Government LLC, to provide Cisco products and services including maintenance and support of city network infrastructure, for an increase in the amount of \$45,000,000 and to extend the term by two years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter’s Office

1) *Could you please provide a breakdown of the contracts being consolidated, along with any additional expenditures, and what they are designated for?*

	Current Contract	Proposed Consolidated Contract	Extension Options	Authorization Amount
Austin Energy	5 years (11/7/2016 – 11/6/2021)			\$10,000,000
		Proposed Amendment – increases authorization amount & adds CTM to the original contract term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure transition datacenter, network & security architecture - Transformation: Provide users, application owners & IT 		\$25,000,000

		<p>administrative staff with secure easy access to applications & solutions that require fewer login credentials & enable the ability to collaborate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data Center relocation • CTM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory true up annually based on most recent inventory - Manage product lifecycles, including security & product alerts - Inventory reconciliation services - CTM network modernization project - Enhance security services - Replacement of all switches, routers, wireless access points and firewalls as required to support growth - Adhoc projects developed throughout the year - Continuous Smartnet maintenance services - Hardware (\$5.2M) 		
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			<p>Total:</p>	<p>\$55,000,000</p>

Item #41: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct an assessment of the City's employment practices and identify areas in which the City could improve to become a more family friendly employer.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

Staff will contract with a consultant to conduct a needs assessment in accordance with the requirements of this Resolution. Upon completion of the assessment, any impact to City resources or staff time will be reported to Council.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) *Please provide the Early Matters Greater Austin's Family-Friendly Toolkit full report.*

The toolkit report can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a0f56aebce17652bb2ee11a/t/5bf1c745032be406b1a22805/1542571875348/Early+Matters+Greater+Austin+Family-Friendly+Workplace+Toolkit.pdf>

Item #45: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 9-4-11 (Camping in Public Area Prohibited), repealing City Code Section 9-4-13 (Solicitation Prohibited), and amending City Code Section 9-4-14 (Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks or Sleeping Outdoors in the Downtown Austin Community Court Area Prohibited).

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

All three Ordinances are currently in existence and the recommended changes to the ordinances would not have an impact on our budget.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) *Please provide the Austin Municipal Court's and the Downtown Austin Community Court's citation data for all three ordinances from FY 14 - 15 to FY 18 – 19 and, if available, indicate the location where the citation was issued.*

YEAR	SOLICITATION	CAMPING IN A PUBLIC	SIT OR LIE ON PUBLIC
2014	594	561	26
2015	454	374	26
2016	506	538	22
2017	294	355	18
2018	113	216	38

DACC Fiscal YEAR	SOLICITATION	CAMPING IN A PUBLIC	SIT OR LIE ON PUBLIC
2014	1042	2861	3926
2015	901	2533	3961
2016	534	754	1451
2017	465	398	1226
2018	317	215	553

For the locations of the violations, please see the attached excel sheet. The first tab will have the summary broken out by specific charge, the second tab has each charge and location.

2) *On May 18, 2018, the Council received an update on City staff's consideration of three ordinances that were scrutinized in the City Auditor's November 2017 Audit Report entitled "Homelessness Assistance Audit Series: City Policies Related to Homelessness." In this memo, the City Manager indicated that he would work with the Chair of the Public Safety Commission to add this item to its June 4 meeting so that the draft ordinance received Commission review and public feedback before it came to Council in June 2018. Additionally, the memo stated that additional analysis of the "camping" and "sit/lie" ordinances was warranted so as to determine how those ordinances are used and enforced as part of the action plan to end homelessness. Did the Public Safety Commission review this issue? If so, please provide the date(s).*

June 4, 2018.

3) *The deadline for the City Manager's analysis was November 2018. If completed, please provide this analysis.*

The evaluation of how best to approach amendments to the camping and sit-lie ordinances has not been done. Subsequent to the Public Safety Commission briefing, staff conducted initial discussions with a number of stakeholder groups regarding the aggressive solicitation ordinance. Based on the feedback, staff determined a more comprehensive approach that incorporated consideration of all three ordinances would be more effective. With the creation of the Homeless Strategy Officer, staff discussed how best to sequence the community engagement resources so that the overall effort overseen by the Homeless Strategy Officer would not be affected. Accordingly, staff had planned to re-engage with stakeholders on the three ordinances later this summer/early fall.

4) *How is "unreasonably inconvenient" defined?*

The City Attorney addressed this question in an executive session.

Item #47: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to determine the potential impacts of a City of Austin or an individual boycott related to the State of Alabama's (and other states') further restrictions on access to abortion.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

An estimate of City resources and staff time to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution cannot be developed at this time. Staff believes the work included in this Resolution can be completed using existing resources; however, it could take significant staff time.

The task(s) would require staff resources to research several items outlined in the resolution:

- 1) As a predictive calculation, request information from all departments about staff travel to Alabama over the past three years. Analyze this data to assess the potential impact of Austin passing legislation to halt staff business travel to Alabama.
- 2) Research the recent voting record of Alabama legislators to develop a list of those who voted for the Alabama anti-abortion bill.
- 3) Using the list of legislators who voted for the Alabama anti-abortion bill, research names and amounts donated for those who donated to the identified legislators. Define “top” and apply definition to the list of donors/amounts donated.

In addition, the task(s) include analyzing the pros and cons of boycotts compared to other alternative affirmative actions in support of reproductive healthcare. The work also calls for consultation with women’s healthcare stakeholders locally in Texas and in Alabama and other states where women’s reproductive healthcare is being limited or challenged. Staff time will be required to identify these stakeholders, develop a mechanism for obtaining stakeholder input, and summarize the stakeholder input.

Item #48: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate proceedings under City Code Section 14-1-39 renaming the Blowing Sink Research Management Area to the William H. Russell Karst Preserve, to develop a land management plan for the tract, to prepare a report on existing cave and karst feature projects and programs and a memorandum of understanding between relevant departments addressing cave restoration and water quality monitoring for caves on City-owned land.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan’s Office

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The actions directed in the resolution are consistent with the Watershed Protection Department’s water quality protection mission and on-going assessment and planning activities. The specified report items would be completed with existing staff and resources, although some planned projects may need to be temporally re-prioritized to accommodate the

specified completion dates. The reporting items will require interdepartmental collaboration to successfully complete. In regards to the interdepartmental memorandum of understanding for cave restoration, Austin Water as manager of the Water Quality Protection Lands should be designated as the lead department.

Item #49: Approve a resolution relating to implementing the responses directed in Council Resolution No. 20190131-078, including taking all actions necessary to implement the provision of immediate shelter structure(s) and services.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

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Staff is currently partnering with City departments to develop a plan of implementation for the immediate shelter structure(s) and services. Although we are in the information gathering stage at this time, staff intends to brief Council at the June 4 Work Session and will include cost estimates for the proposal.

Item #98: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for the redevelopment planning of the City-owned property located at I-35 and St. Johns Avenue within the St. John neighborhood.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

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Economic Development Department staff time would be required to negotiate the scope of work and terms of the ILA and any related consultant scopes of work needed to carry out the overall goal of appropriately preparing 7211 N I-35 and 906 E. St. Johns City-owned properties for a future solicitation for redevelopment proposals. This may take between 10 – 20 hours depending on availability of appropriate services from specified vendor.



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Partners will not be receiving funds. We do have the practice of compensating individual research participants (such as the Homelessness Advisory Committee) who help us with usability testing, at a rate of a \$20 gift card per hour focus group session.



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Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution adopting the City's Five-year Consolidated Plan (Fiscal Years 2019-2024) and Annual Action Plan (Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) *On page 129, Priority 1: Homeless Assistance does not specifically name "Families with Children" as a target population, but "Families with Children" are listed as a target population for Priority 2, Priority 3 and Priority 5. Why weren't families with children listed as a target population for Priority 1?*

This was an oversight. "Families with Children" will be added as a target population for Priority 1: Homeless Assistance. Staff will submit this change as part of Council backup for this item.

2) *Are the Section 108 programs listed on page 137 a new area we are pursuing with these funds or have we invested through this opportunity in the past? If this is a new program, can you provide additional details on what we expect from this opportunity, and if we have used Section 108 in the past please provide some details as to what resulted from those investments.*

The Section 108 programs are existing programs. They were originally approved by Council on May 24, 2012 with a target area of the Plaza Saltillo Neighborhood (Resolution No. 20120524-015). Section 108 is administered by the City of Austin's Economic Development Department in accordance with lending guidelines approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Austin. Since 2013, the HUD Section 108 program, known locally as the City of Austin Family Business Loan Program (FBLP), has funded 22 local small business loans totaling approximately \$4.9 million. These loans leveraged local lending partnerships to secure an additional \$29 million in small business loans from banks and credit unions serving Austin's small business community. Program results include 230 newly created or retained full-time equivalent (FTEs) jobs benefiting low-to-moderate income persons as reported by program participants. 68% of loan approvals benefited minority and women owned businesses; EDD expanded the program city-wide to better serve all 10 council districts and will continue to reach out to underserved communities in the Austin area.

3) *Can staff please provide more explanation for paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 174 referencing how we intend to use CBDG funds? The third paragraph states: "CBDG funds will be used to address this need since its relative flexibility makes its use in other program areas more valuable." Which "need" is this paragraph referring to?*

Staff recommends that this sentence be removed, as it does not contribute to the document. Staff will submit this change as part of Council backup for this item.



Related To

Item #10

Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution adopting affordable housing goals based on council districts and 2016 Mobility Bond Corridors.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) In response to the question "are homelessness contracts contemplated as an increase to existing contracts or a shift in how those existing contracts are paid?" the May 24, 2019 memo states that: "the homelessness contracts that are expected to be a continuation of existing contracts from the Housing Trust Fund, which is the current funding source." Please provide information regarding the contracts intended to serve individuals experiencing homelessness that are currently being funded by the Housing Trust Fund.

The homelessness contracts expected to be funded with the Housing Trust Fund are described below. They are all with ECHO. Future funding for all of these contracts is contingent on resource availability.

Permanent Supportive Housing/Continuum of Care Consulting addresses homelessness in Austin by building on existing and creating new partnerships with government entities, committees, service providers, and private property owners and managers to expand the stock of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. (FYs 2018-2020 \$160,000/ea FY)

Rent Availability Program provide short-term financing to formerly homeless individuals. Sub-recipient will make rental units affordable to program-eligible clients by making payments with City funding to property owners, enabling the client to enter into a lease at the amount the client can afford to pay for rent and buying-down the monthly rent to an affordable rate. (FY 2018-19 \$156,200).

Low-Barrier Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance provides housing subsidies to homeless families. Payment is made directly to the property owner providing the housing as specified on behalf of the program-eligible client. (FY 2019-20 \$300,000)

2) In the back-up, South Lamar is identified as a corridor that is within the boundaries of District 9. South Lamar is not a corridor within District 9's boundaries. Please provide information as to how/if this impacts the consultant's analysis.

Affordable housing corridor goals take into account a ½ mile buffer around each 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor. South Lamar's northern terminus is at Lady Bird Lake, so although a majority of the area around the South Lamar 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor is in District 5, a portion of that buffer area is within District 9. See the attached map for details. The listing of the Council Districts associated with each Mobility Bond Corridor with a ½ mile buffer was included for reference only and did not factor into the affordable housing council district goals.

3) Please describe why low-barrier permanent supportive housing assistance is being funded through the Housing Trust Fund, as opposed to the Downtown Density Bonus Program, which can only be used for permanent supportive housing or low-barrier permanent supportive housing vouchers (per Resolution No. 20171109-089.)

The funds from the Downtown Density Bonus are held in the Housing Trust Fund and are deployed in compliance

with Resolution No. 20171109-089. The funds are being used for the ECHO contract for Low-Barrier Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance. There is not guaranteed ongoing funding generated through the Downtown Density Bonus Program to fund the other homelessness contracts, therefore, as a way to ensure some consistency, staff identified Housing Trust Fund as a funding source.

4) During the 5/23 Council meeting at around 4:50 p.m. (you can view the transcript [here](#)), it was revealed that affordable units that are created through private restrictive covenants were not currently being counted towards District Affordability Goals because the City cannot enforce a private restrictive covenant. Direction was given during that meeting to create a system that could then count these affordable units towards District Affordability Goals - not just Community Plan Goals. Please provide an update on that direction.

Staff is assessing the resources needed to be able to monitor and track affordable units that are created through private restrictive covenants for the purpose of counting the units towards District Affordability Goals.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

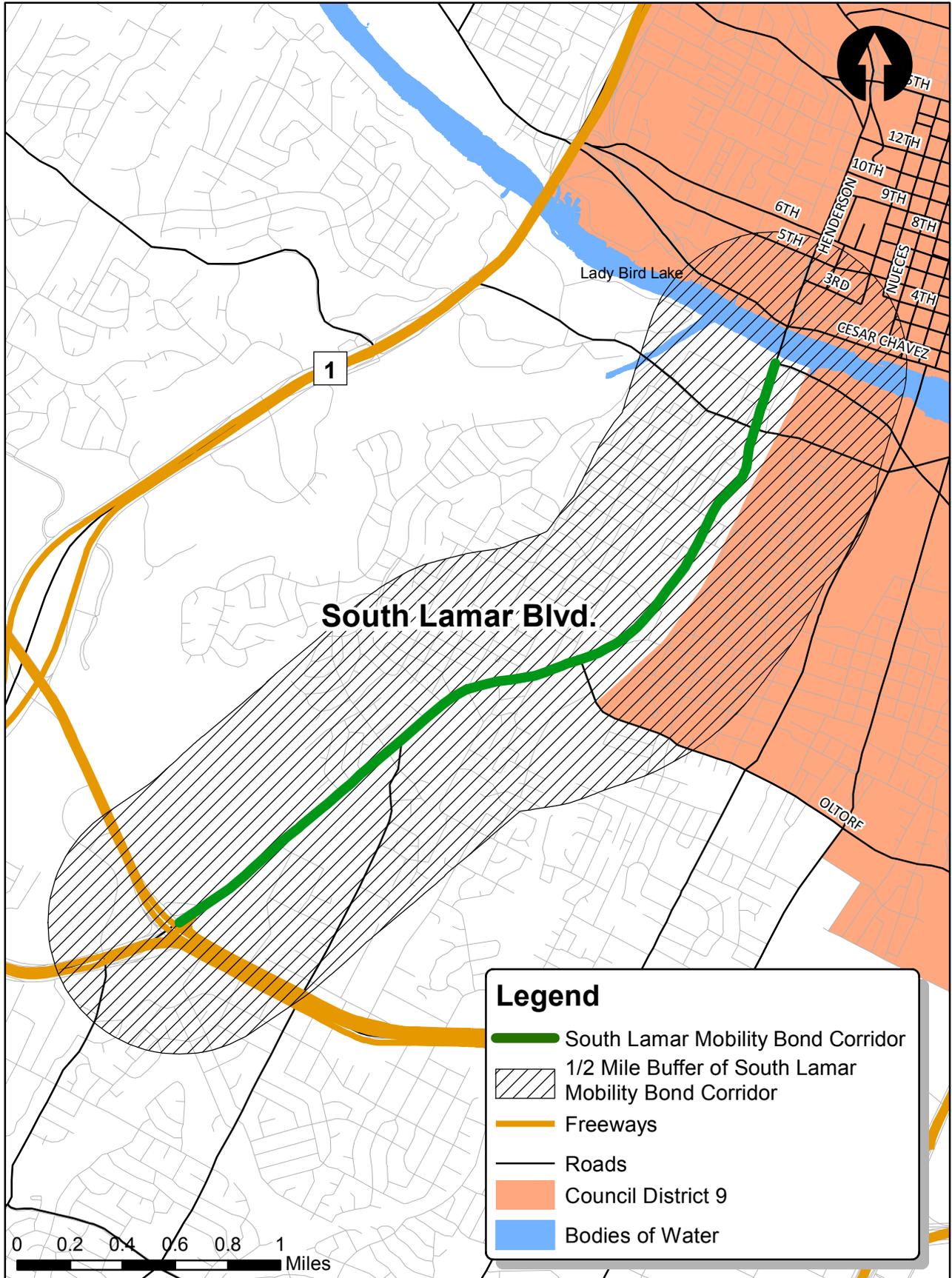
1) Can staff please identify the three strategies from the Strategic Housing Blueprint they believe are the most relevant and effective strategies for creating or preserving the most income-restricted affordable housing units in District 10?

1. Undertake strategic land banking for affordable housing and/or use developable publicly-owned land for affordable housing
2. Support the private Strike Fund to acquire and preserve market-rate affordable developments
3. Comprehensive zoning code revisions that streamline the city's land development code and permitting process, and improves incentive programs to produce affordable housing, including expanded, consistent density bonus programs for centers and corridors

2) Can staff please provide a rough estimate of approximately how many units these three strategies are likely to yield within District 10 in the next ten years, the estimate could be a range of units.

This is a very difficult question to answer given that there are policy decisions that would determine the effectiveness of the range of strategies to create and preserve affordable housing units in each council district over the next ten years. Staff estimates that the 2018 Affordable Housing Bonds of \$250 million will be deployed over five to six years and will create, preserve and repair approximately 5,000 affordable units.

South Lamar Mobility Bond Corridor 1/2 Mile Buffer in Relation to District 9



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Item #11 and #63

Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

Item 11 Approve a resolution consenting to the issuance of Multi-family Private Activity Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 by Austin Affordable PFC, Inc., an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, to finance, in part, the new construction of an affordable rental development located at or near 504 East Wonsley Drive.

Item 63 Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution related to an application by Bridge at Granada, LLC, or an affiliated entity, for housing tax credits for a multi-family development that will be financed through the private activity bond program to be known as the Granada Apartments, located at or near 504 East Wonsley Drive, in the City and acknowledging certain facts relating to the allocation of housing tax credits and private activity bonds within the City and near the proposed development.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

[Resolution No. 20180510-051](#) affirmed that Council will condition its TEFRA Approval on an agreement that the applicant will incorporate the lease addendum required in the RHDA Program and the Council directed the City Manager to take steps necessary to implement this condition into the application processes. In January of 2019, the RHDA guidelines were formally updated, including the expansion of the lease addendum's tenant protections. Were the 2019 RHDA tenant protections included within the applicant's loan or bond documents?

Agenda items 11 and 63 concern a development which has sought neither RHDA funds nor Private Activity Bonds issued by AHFC. As the bonds will be issued by Austin Affordable PFC, an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, the lease addendum has not been included as a requirement for the TEFRA approval.



Council Question and Answer

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Additional Answer Information

Authorize an amendment to an existing cooperative contract with Freit Data Solutions, Inc., to provide Hewlett Packard Enterprise products, maintenance and support services, for an increase in the amount of \$172,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$316,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Mayor Pro Tem Garza's Office

1) The below the line indicates an initial award in November 2018, but there does not seem to be an RCA matching that description. Was the original contract below the City Manager's authority on an annual basis?

Yes, the original contract did not go to Council because it was below the City Manger's authority.



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Item #20

Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Mobility Resource Associates Inc., D/B/A MRA, D/B/A MRA Mobile Experiential, to provide the design, installation, lease and operations of a mobile customer outreach trailer, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,035,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Please describe what services and programs will be offered via this van. Will the AE van be equipped to take customer payments? To enroll customers in the customer assistance program? To accept applications for energy efficiency or solar programs?

Pending.

2) Based on the services provided, please explain why a van would offer the most effective method of delivery. Will the van be visually appealing beyond being wrapped – for example, could it be designed to look like a light bulb so that it captures the public's attention?

Pending.

3) How and where will the van be deployed? How will the public know where the van is?

Pending.



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Item #23

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Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Assurance Software Inc., to provide disaster planning and disruption prevention software and services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$760,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) *Why is this contract a sole source? Are there other providers of this type of software service?*
Pending.



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Item #27

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., to provide an updated master plan for Austin Resource Recovery, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Why is the Austin Resource Recovery department undertaking a new master plan? Have major goals shifted such that a new master plan would be required? If so, which ones?

Pending.

2) What has been achieved and implemented in the previous plan? Did the plan require an update every 5 years? If so, please provide the exact language so Council can assess the scope that was contemplated.

Pending.

3) How much of this contract will be used for assessing progress on the existing master plan versus developing a new master plan?

Pending.



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Item #33

Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Texas Office Products & Supply, LLC, to provide the rental of office furniture, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$472,560.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Have staff done a cost benefit analysis on renting versus purchasing furniture? Please provide.

Pending.



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Item #38

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Additional Answer Information

Authorize an amendment to the existing cooperative contract with CDW LLC D/B/A CDW Government LLC, to provide Cisco products and services including maintenance and support of city network infrastructure, for an increase in the amount of \$45,000,000 and to extend the term by two years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

1) *Could you please provide a breakdown of the contracts being consolidated, along with any additional expenditures, and what they are designated for?*

Pending.



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Item #41

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct an assessment of the City's employment practices and identify areas in which the City could improve to become a more family friendly employer.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

1) Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

Staff will contract with a consultant to conduct a needs assessment in accordance with the requirements of this Resolution. Upon completion of the assessment, any impact to City resources or staff time will be reported to Council.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Please provide the Early Matters Greater Austin's Family-Friendly Toolkit full report.

The toolkit report can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a0f56aebce17652bb2ee11a/t/5bf1c745032be406b1a22805/1542571875348/Early+Matters+Greater+Austin+Family-Friendly+Workplace+Toolkit.pdf>



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Item #45

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 9-4-11 (Camping in Public Area Prohibited), repealing City Code Section 9-4-13 (Solicitation Prohibited), and amending City Code Section 9-4-14 (Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks or Sleeping Outdoors in the Downtown Austin Community Court Area Prohibited).

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

All three Ordinances are currently in existence and the recommended changes to the ordinances would not have an impact on our budget.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) Please provide the Austin Municipal Court's and the Downtown Austin Community Court's citation data for all three ordinances from FY 14 - 15 to FY 18 - 19 and, if available, indicate the location where the citation was issued.

Pending.

2) On May 18, 2018, the Council received an update on City staff's consideration of three ordinances that were scrutinized in the City Auditor's November 2017 Audit Report entitled "Homelessness Assistance Audit Series: City Policies Related to Homelessness." In this memo, the City Manager indicated that he would work with the Chair of the Public Safety Commission to add this item to its June 4 meeting so that the draft ordinance received Commission review and public feedback before it came to Council in June 2018. Additionally, the memo stated that additional analysis of the "camping" and "sit/lie" ordinances was warranted so as to determine how those ordinances are used and enforced as part of the action plan to end homelessness. Did the Public Safety Commission review this issue? If so, please provide the date(s).

June 4, 2018.

3) The deadline for the City Manager's analysis was November 2018. If completed, please provide this analysis.

The evaluation of how best to approach amendments to the camping and sit-lie ordinances has not been done. Subsequent to the Public Safety Commission briefing, staff conducted initial discussions with a number of stakeholder groups regarding the aggressive solicitation ordinance. Based on the feedback, staff determined a more comprehensive approach that incorporated consideration of all three ordinances would be more effective. With the creation of the Homeless Strategy Officer, staff discussed how best to sequence the community engagement resources so that the overall effort overseen by the Homeless Strategy Officer would not be affected. Accordingly, staff had planned to re-engage with stakeholders on the three ordinances later this summer/early fall.

4) How is "unreasonably inconvenient" defined?

Pending.



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Item #47

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to determine the potential impacts of a City of Austin or an individual boycott related to the State of Alabama's (and other states') further restrictions on access to abortion.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

An estimate of City resources and staff time to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution cannot be developed at this time. Staff believes the work included in this Resolution can be completed using existing resources; however, it could take significant staff time.

The task(s) would require staff resources to research several items outlined in the resolution:

- 1) As a predictive calculation, request information from all departments about staff travel to Alabama over the past three years. Analyze this data to assess the potential impact of Austin passing legislation to halt staff business travel to Alabama.
- 2) Research the recent voting record of Alabama legislators to develop a list of those who voted for the Alabama anti-abortion bill.
- 3) Using the list of legislators who voted for the Alabama anti-abortion bill, research names and amounts donated for those who donated to the identified legislators. Define "top" and apply definition to the list of donors/amounts donated.

In addition, the task(s) include analyzing the pros and cons of boycotts compared to other alternative affirmative actions in support of reproductive healthcare. The work also calls for consultation with women's healthcare stakeholders locally in Texas and in Alabama and other states where women's reproductive healthcare is being limited or challenged. Staff time will be required to identify these stakeholders, develop a mechanism for obtaining stakeholder input, and summarize the stakeholder input.



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Item #48

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate proceedings under City Code Section 14-1-39 renaming the Blowing Sink Research Management Area to the William H. Russell Karst Preserve, to develop a land management plan for the tract, to prepare a report on existing cave and karst feature projects and programs and a memorandum of understanding between relevant departments addressing cave restoration and water quality monitoring for caves on City-owned land.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

The actions directed in the resolution are consistent with the Watershed Protection Department's water quality protection mission and on-going assessment and planning activities. The specified report items would be completed with existing staff and resources, although some planned projects may need to be temporally re-prioritized to accommodate the specified completion dates. The reporting items will require interdepartmental collaboration to successfully complete. In regards to the interdepartmental memorandum of understanding for cave restoration, Austin Water as manager of the Water Quality Protection Lands should be designated as the lead department.



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Item #49

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution relating to implementing the responses directed in Council Resolution No. 20190131-078, including taking all actions necessary to implement the provision of immediate shelter structure(s) and services.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

Staff is currently partnering with City departments to develop a plan of implementation for the immediate shelter structure(s) and services. Although we are in the information gathering stage at this time, staff intends to brief Council at the June 4 Work Session and will include cost estimates for the proposal.



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Item #98

Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for the redevelopment planning of the City-owned property located at I-35 and St. Johns Avenue within the St. John neighborhood.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Flannigan's Office

1) Please provide an estimate on the impact to City resources, including City Staff time, required to accomplish the task(s) required in this resolution if approved.

Economic Development Department staff time would be required to negotiate the scope of work and terms of the ILA and any related consultant scopes of work needed to carry out the overall goal of appropriately preparing 7211 N I-35 and 906 E. St. Johns City-owned properties for a future solicitation for redevelopment proposals. This may take between 10 – 20 hours depending on availability of appropriate services from specified vendor.