



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Veronica Briseño, Director
Economic Development Department

DATE: August 29, 2019

RE: Update on Resolution 20181101-024: Issue a Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of 6909 Ryan Drive

This memorandum serves to update Council on [Resolution 20181101-024](#), which directs the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals the City-owned 6909 Ryan Drive site by August 31, 2019. The Resolution provides staff guidance on the community goals the redevelopment seeks to achieve through a competitive development proposal solicitation process. Several key actions necessitate adjusting the RFP issuance timeline to Spring/early Summer 2020.

- The Economic Development Department recently received authorization from City Council on June 20, 2019, to engage an interdisciplinary consultant team led by Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. to refine and update the prior work of the Ryan Drive Working Group through community engagement, urban planning, financial and market feasibility analysis. Staff is currently finalizing contract negotiations to commence activity within the next 30 days. It is anticipated the consulting work should be accomplished in six months.
- The site is serving both temporary use for the Austin Fire Department and continuation of existing operations of Austin Energy. The Office of Real Estate Services continues their work with Austin Energy to procure a new warehouse facility in North Central Austin that will allow Austin Energy to vacate the site. Additionally, the Austin Fire Department will be using a portion of the site temporarily to house staff while Fire Station #16 undergoes renovations, which is anticipated to take approximately 12 months.

The revised schedule of resetting the target date for issuing the RFP for the redevelopment of the site will allow for the necessary RFP due diligence work through community engagement while advancing AE facility relocation and the completion of Fire Station #16 renovations. Staff will report back to City Council on the progress of the redevelopment planning work as key milestones are achieved and Council guidance is needed. Please feel free to contact me or Mark Gilbert, Redevelopment Project Manager, 512-974-1888 if you have any questions.

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