



February 6, 2020

Questions and Answers Report



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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

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No, the department declared this service as a professional service exempt from competition due to the unique experience and qualifications of this organization.

This multi-year contract will provide for the continuation of the project to allow completion of phases 2-5 after proving successful in completing phase 1. From the beginning, this was planned as a possible five-year program in the headwaters of Waller Creek, but the first year (Phase 1) was on a very small scale to test and refine logistical details of the program before determining if it would run for that initial year or the full five years. Results from the first year helped determine that the program should move forward for four additional years before potentially being expanded citywide.

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4) *It is our understanding that the sites within the former pilot program area included "Reilly Elementary School, West Skyview Road, several right of ways, and private homes. The incentive package for homes was offered to 25 pre-selected homes in 2018 and was to expand to a larger area in 2019." What areas will be served by this new contract?*

The program will expand to include the full headwaters of Waller Creek, referred to in Watershed Protection Department geographic tracking as Waller 3 or WLR3. The planned scope of the outreach includes:

- Year 1: 448 residential properties
- Year 2: 440 residential properties
- Year 3: 439 residential properties
- Year 4: all remaining homeowners in WLR3 will have been contacted.

Item #46: Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Woody Harrison D/B/A Friendly Universe Inc., LLC D/B/A Woody Harrison Films, to provide videography services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$675,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

1) *Please provide a breakdown of each Department's contribution to the cost of this proposed contract.*

The departmental Breakdown for the Item 46, Videography Services are as follows:

	TOTAL	Initial (2 yrs.)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total	\$675,000	\$256,500	\$135,000	\$139,500	\$144,000
Austin Convention Center	\$270,000	\$94,500	\$54,000	\$58,500	\$63,000

Economic Development	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Financial Services Department & others	\$150,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Communications and Public Information	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Services	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

2) *What are the deliverables associated with this contract?*

Deliverables for Item 46, Videography Services include but are not limited to:

- Production of Videos that are available to the City for marketing and promotion of its facilities online or through a variety of viewing formats including DVDs, social media and web marketing, desktop computers, high-definition broadcast television, smartphones, etc.
- All post-production editing necessary to ensure the highest quality videos, such as background music and/or closed captioning when applicable.
- Meeting videography of images specific to small meeting engagements
- Event Videography for large events, festivals, or community engagement activities that the Redevelopment team hosts or plays a major partnership role.
- Capture events of e-engagement and interaction of participants in small group or larger stakeholder meeting settings, specific to the Souly Austin program, Public Improvement Districts, or Redevelopment Projects

3) *Please provide the specific City facilities and events, meetings, consumer shows, banquets, and receptions for large-scale conventions that will be documented under this proposal.*

The City facilities identified for this contract include, but are not limited to:

- The ACCD portfolio - Austin Convention Center (ACC), Palmer Events Center (PEC), three Parking Garages, Trask House, and the Castleman-Bull House.

The events identified for this contract include but are not limited to:

- Trade shows, community or civic events, arts and crafts shows, antique and memorabilia shows, local trade and technical programs, civic luncheons, local fundraising events, and sporting events
- Events associated with the Souly Austin Program (Annual Meeting, Merchant's Panels, District Events or Festivals), Public Improvements Districts, and Redevelopment Project Sites.

Other departments were unable to provide specific facilities or events at this time and their requirements under the contracts are on an as needed basis.

Item #53: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify funding sources and partnerships for a prospective public safety awareness campaign on safe firearm storage.

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.

APD anticipates the impact on our staff time and existing budget to be minimal. The public safety awareness campaign will dovetail seamlessly with APD's existing outreach programs.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

How does Item 9 relate to Item 82?

Item 9, speaks to the upcoming March 2, 2020 Enterprise Project Application, in which the item described SHI over the next five years, with plans to invest \$5 million into building improvements and enhancements including \$2.25 million in tenant improvements and signage as well as \$2.75 million in building security, audio visual equipment, and IT infrastructure. SHI will retain 477 full time employees for benefit, which meets the definition of a "retained job" in accordance with Texas Government Code 2303.401. The new divisional headquarters will position SHI International Corp. with the ability to expand their operations and better support their growing customer base."

Item 82 speaks to the November 14, 2019 council approval, in which the item described SHI as planning to invest \$25 million into the construction and build out of the new divisional headquarters facility. The project will include \$15 million for building construction and \$10 million in furniture, fixtures and equipment. SHI has 977 full time employees, 500 full time employees will be retained for benefit, in accordance with the Texas Government Code 2303.401. This action will correct deficiencies from the November 14, 2019 council approval.

In summary, both Enterprise Projects are on SHI's campus; 1) on each project there are different capital investment amounts (\$25 million vs \$5 million); 2) different retained full time employee number (500 vs 477 retained employees), and 3) different set of employees (with a total of 977 employees, each project can only count one set of employees per project for benefit. There can be two simultaneous projects on any given corporate campus, thus allowing two active applications to be submitted to the Governor's Office. They are called "concurrent project applications".



Council Question and Answer

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PID Policy Question: Provide five year historical revenues and five year projections for all M&O PIDs.

Downtown PID												
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	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection		
Source	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Notes	
Assessed Value	\$4,042,948,425	\$5,319,715,944	\$6,881,080,347	\$7,782,145,641	\$8,619,051,829	\$10,088,332,658	\$12,113,061,022	\$14,544,152,370	\$17,463,163,750	\$20,968,020,715	Projections for 2021-2024 are based on the average growth rate of 20.07% from 2015-2020.	
Assessment Rate	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100	.10/100		
Total Assessments	\$4,042,949	\$5,319,716	\$6,881,080	\$7,782,146	\$8,619,052	\$10,087,833	\$12,113,061	\$14,544,152	\$17,463,164	\$20,968,021		
Collection Rate	95%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	Projected 96% collection based on previous year trends.	
PID Assessment Revenue	\$3,887,724	\$5,047,681	\$6,605,837	\$7,470,860	\$8,274,290	\$9,684,320	\$11,628,539	\$13,962,386	\$16,764,637	\$20,129,300		
City contribution	\$210,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	Assumes the value to remain constant. Subject to City Council approval annually.	
Total Revenue	\$4,136,678	\$5,182,889	\$7,338,103	\$7,862,657	\$8,735,686	\$10,352,156	\$11,838,539	\$14,172,386	\$16,974,637	\$20,339,300		

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Assessment Rate	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100		
Total Assessments	\$92,795	\$97,111	\$99,932	\$100,312	\$103,693	\$103,581	\$104,824	\$106,082	\$107,355	\$108,643		
Collection Rate	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	Projection assumes 90% for Collection Rate percentages based on Council-approved projection convention. Real rates have ranged from 90% to 100% since 2015.	
PID Assessment Revenue	\$85,989	\$87,400	\$89,939	\$90,281	\$93,324	\$93,223	\$94,342	\$95,474	\$96,619	\$97,779		
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Total Revenue	\$126,656	\$120,692	\$165,026	\$157,426	\$184,087	\$137,715	\$130,842	\$131,974	\$133,119	\$134,279		

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- Executive Director has a lifetime of continuing education spanning ecosystem stewardship and restoration, water and habitat systems health, urban planning and design, biomimicry, biofiltration, riparian and bog systems, native habitat and landscape, and landscape design

2) Was there a competitive bid for this contract?

No, the department declared this service as a professional service exempt from competition due to the unique experience and qualifications of this organization.

This multi-year contract will provide for the continuation of the project to allow completion of phases 2-5 after proving successful in completing phase 1. From the beginning, this was planned as a possible five-year program in the headwaters of Waller Creek, but the first year (Phase 1) was on a very small scale to test and refine logistical details of the program before determining if it would run for that initial year or the full five years. Results from the first year helped determine that the program should move forward for four additional years before potentially being expanded citywide.

3) What are the deliverables and performance metrics?

<i>Deliverable/Milestone</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Acceptance Criteria</i>
Web Content, Backend Development, Online Contracts and Forms	Initial Website Upgrades and Design- Portal for RCPP for public interface, internal team communication, and contractor portal.	Within 3 Months of Contract Acceptance	<p>Contractor shall demonstrate:</p> <p>The URL. Visible and accessible website pages available to the public</p> <p>Draft forms and back end portal available to contractors for education and reporting</p> <p>Draft forms for program participants to fill out for application and legal permissions.</p>
Program Expansion Planning	Support Staff Onboarding and Training - Based on a 2-week training period to orient new staff specifically to work on RCPP	Within 2 Months of Contract Acceptance	Contractor shall provide name, contact information and position title of new hire.
Community Engagement	Community Engagement - design, prepare for, execute, and follow up on community engagement opportunities. Up to three times per year at a time agreed upon by Urban Patchwork and CoA.	Within 30 days of each outreach activity.	Contractor shall provide sign in sheets, for public meetings, and a photo of each community engagement effort
Community Engagement	Collateral Design/Ideation - Collaboration meetings with City staff and outside stakeholders to create a variety of collateral items for outreach and marketing. Stakeholder and participant interviews, reporting, assessing. Up to three times per year at a time agreed upon by Urban Patchwork and CoA.	Within 30 days of each meeting.	Contractor will provide a list of the dates of meetings and list of attendees in final report.
Rebate Programs Redevelopment	Efforts early in the program to streamline Rebate applications and approvals - multiple departments involved.	Within 3 months of contract acceptance	List of meetings, phone calls and participants in those conversations. Paragraph or infographic describing existing process and proposed improvements. Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.

Contractor Engagement	Contractor Training - Development and Outreach - Based on involving outside contractor stakeholders to inform a robust Preferred Contractor outreach, onboarding, and training program with equity and education in mind.	Within 3 months of contract acceptance	Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.
Contractor Engagement	Ongoing Contractor Training - Direct Engagement - Ongoing contractor engagement, apprenticeship oversight, site visits, and contractor support.	Annually, one month following the end of each fiscal year.	List of dates of trainings and attendees, including the names of the contractor staff and the business names. Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.
Grant Seeking and Additional Program Support	Seek financial partnerships to further reduce costs for the program participant, create resiliency if other department's funding sources change, and potentially develop an equity fund. Initiate grant seeking during second half of fiscal year. Continued grant seeking during each subsequent year.	Annually, one month following the end of each fiscal year.	Contractor demonstrates list of grants researched for possible application, list of the 6 grants or alternate funding sources applied for, and results for being declined or awarded. Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.
Program Reporting	Invoicing, Documentation - timely project reporting for CoA requirements and other program needs	Within 30 days of community member signing program participation agreement.	Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.
Status Reports	Status reports covering milestones and deliverables	Annually, one month following the end of each fiscal year.	Final status report must include a list of all of the deliverables listed above, # of properties participating in program, site plans for each site, total gallons captured, # of cisterns, # of rain gardens, 1 photo of each site post-installation. Acceptance given with written CoA Approval.

4) *It is our understanding that the sites within the former pilot program area included "Reilly Elementary School, West Skyview Road, several right of ways, and private homes. The incentive package for homes was offered to 25 pre-selected homes in 2018 and was to expand to a larger area in 2019." What areas will be served by this new contract?*

The program will expand to include the full headwaters of Waller Creek, referred to in Watershed Protection Department geographic tracking as Waller 3 or WLR3. The planned scope of the outreach includes:

- Year 1: 448 residential properties
- Year 2: 440 residential properties
- Year 3: 439 residential properties
- Year 4: all remaining homeowners in WLR3 will have been contacted.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #46

Meeting Date

February 6, 2020

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Woody Harrison D/B/A Friendly Universe Inc., LLC D/B/A Woody Harrison Films, to provide videography services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$675,000.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Tovo's Office

1) *Please provide a breakdown of each Department's contribution to the cost of this proposed contract.*

The departmental Breakdown for the Item 46, Videography Services are as follows:

	TOTAL	Initial (2 yrs.)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total	\$675,000	\$256,500	\$135,000	\$139,500	\$144,000
Austin Convention Center	\$270,000	\$94,500	\$54,000	\$58,500	\$63,000
Economic Development	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Financial Services Department & others	\$150,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Communications and Public Information	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Services	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

2) *What are the deliverables associated with this contract?*

Deliverables for Item 46, Videography Services include but are not limited to:

- Production of Videos that are available to the City for marketing and promotion of its facilities online or through a variety of viewing formats including DVDs, social media and web marketing, desktop computers, high-definition broadcast television, smartphones, etc.
- All post-production editing necessary to ensure the highest quality videos, such as background music and/or closed captioning when applicable.

- Meeting videography of images specific to small meeting engagements
- Event Videography for large events, festivals, or community engagement activities that the Redevelopment team hosts or plays a major partnership role.
- Capture events of e-engagement and interaction of participants in small group or larger stakeholder meeting settings, specific to the Souly Austin program, Public Improvement Districts, or Redevelopment Projects

3) *Please provide the specific City facilities and events, meetings, consumer shows, banquets, and receptions for large-scale conventions that will be documented under this proposal.*

The City facilities identified for this contract include, but are not limited to:

- The ACCD portfolio - Austin Convention Center (ACC), Palmer Events Center (PEC), three Parking Garages, Trask House, and the Castleman-Bull House.

The events identified for this contract include but are not limited to:

- Trade shows, community or civic events, arts and crafts shows, antique and memorabilia shows, local trade and technical programs, civic luncheons, local fundraising events, and sporting events
- Events associated with the Souly Austin Program (Annual Meeting, Merchant's Panels, District Events or Festivals), Public Improvements Districts, and Redevelopment Project Sites.

Other departments were unable to provide specific facilities or events at this time and their requirements under the contracts are on an as needed basis.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #53

Meeting Date

February 6, 2020

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify funding sources and partnerships for a prospective public safety awareness campaign on safe firearm storage.

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.

APD anticipates the impact on our staff time and existing budget to be minimal. The public safety awareness campaign will dovetail seamlessly with APD's existing outreach programs.



Council Question and Answer

Related To	Item #82	Meeting Date	February 6, 2020
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Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution to nominate SHI International Corp. for designation by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism as a single Texas Enterprise Project in accordance with Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code.

QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Alter's Office

How does Item 9 relate to Item 82?

Item 9, speaks to the upcoming March 2, 2020 Enterprise Project Application, in which the item described SHI over the next five years, with plans to invest \$5 million into building improvements and enhancements including \$2.25 million in tenant improvements and signage as well as \$2.75 million in building security, audio visual equipment, and IT infrastructure. SHI will retain 477 full time employees for benefit, which meets the definition of a "retained job" in accordance with Texas Government Code 2303.401. The new divisional headquarters will position SHI International Corp. with the ability to expand their operations and better support their growing customer base."

Item 82 speaks to the November 14, 2019 council approval, in which the item described SHI as planning to invest \$25 million into the construction and build out of the new divisional headquarters facility. The project will include \$15 million for building construction and \$10 million in furniture, fixtures and equipment. SHI has 977 full time employees, 500 full time employees will be retained for benefit, in accordance with the Texas Government Code 2303.401. This action will correct deficiencies from the November 14, 2019 council approval.

In summary, both Enterprise Projects are on SHI's campus; 1) on each project there are different capital investment amounts (\$25 million vs \$5 million); 2) different retained full time employee number (500 vs 477 retained employees), and 3) different set of employees (with a total of 977 employees, each project can only count one set of employees per project for benefit. There can be two simultaneous projects on any given corporate campus, thus allowing two active applications to be submitted to the Governor's Office. They are called "concurrent project applications".