



April 23, 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

Item #6: Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Sefbo Pipeline Bridge, Incorporated, for the ADA Ramp and Bus Stop Improvements 2020 - 2023 Citywide Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 for an initial one-year term, with two one-year extension options of \$1,000,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS' OFFICE

Where can we find information on site improvements that were completed under this contract? Have there been any projects identified for the proposed contract?

This is a new contract and thus no work has yet to be performed. Below is a list of projects staff anticipates to perform under this contract upon Council approval and contract execution.

Action	Location	Stop ID	Notes
ACC Riverside Transit HUB	1020 Grove	New stop	This is a major deliverable and stop construction.
New floating bus stop	On S. Johns just west of Berkman, EB/SB	New stop	Install for improved stop spacing.
New floating bus stop	Far side Nearcrest EB	New stop	Install for improved stop spacing.
New floating bus stop	Far side Nearcrest WB	New Stop	Install for improved stop spacing. Consider challenges in having a stop near bridge/creek.
Relocate/Build new floating bus stop	Far side Blessing EB	1308	Coordinate with PHB installation. Check with adjacent Day Care use.
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Relocate/Build new floating bus stop	Bethune EB	2886	Coordinate with PHB installation.
Relocate/Build new floating bus stop	Across from Spring Terrace Housing	1410	Coordinate with PHB installation. Consider how bus will continue straight and not get constrained with right-turn queue onto IH-35.
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Item #13: Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Giddings, Texas authorizing the City of Austin to perform communication equipment installation, maintenance, and repair services for the City of Giddings. The City of Giddings will reimburse the City of Austin for services provided and parts used.

COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

Are all parts, labor, and administrative costs being reimbursed in full? (It isn't clear what costs are encompassed in "services.")

Reimbursement will cover all parts and equipment in addition to the services, including installation, maintenance, and repair, of those items.

Item #19: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$750,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resource and Service Administration, to implement the grant deliverables for Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan of America and support direct services to those living with HIV.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPER-MADISON'S OFFICE

What funds are currently being budgeted in the FY 2020 budget for this grant?

This is new grant funding for Ending the HIV epidemic. This grant funding was not included in the FY20 budget adopted by Council in September 2019.

Item #40: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to use the Creative Spaces Assistance Program funding, or such other funds as may be available, to assist Austin artists with necessities such as rent during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPER-MADISON'S OFFICE

1. *Among the 2019 awardees, how will CSAP determine who is a "vulnerable local artist"?*
Provided the direction from Council, a new application, scoring and award process would be launched for 2020 administration of the program that incorporates "vulnerable local artist".
2. *When does CSAP plan on beginning and ending the application process for 2020?*
The posted resolution requests staff immediately begin facilitating the process for awards. Provided this direction from Council, staff will develop a timeline that balances a short enough process to act expeditiously with a process that is long enough to be inclusive. Staff will review the process and resulting timeline with the CSAP Working Group of the Arts and Music Commissions to seek feedback, guidance and support.
3. *Please explain the selection process for how "emergency grants" will be disseminated to 2019 CSAP awardees? How will their respective award amounts impact the amounts they will receive through the "emergency grants"?*

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QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Ellis' Office

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QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Member Kathie Tovo's Office

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