



May 7, 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 #7: Approve ratification of an agreement with Sustainable Food Center to provide food access points to low-income households in an amount not to exceed \$112,541 for an eight-week term beginning April 5, 2020, with two, two-week extension options.

COUNCIL MEMBER FLANNIGAN'S OFFICE

How is this agreement to be funded? Will CARES act funds be used?

This agreement will be funded under the current APH operating budget. Grant funds will not be utilized to meet this need. These funds could be considered for reimbursement for the COVID-19 response.

MAYOR PRO TEM GARZA'S OFFICE

What criteria is being used to pick the site where these markets will be established?

Through the Neighborhood Pop-Up Grocery, Sustainable Food Center (SFC) is creating between three and five strategically located food access points within and serving neighborhoods with high barriers to accessing fresh, healthy foods. The intended outcomes include support for local and regional food system businesses and their employees, and increasing accessible healthy food options for nearby residents. These access points are located within restaurants who meet the criteria of being located for maximum impact on the local community, creating minimal disruption to other local food access points, and having capacity to distribute food effectively and safely.

Below is the criteria the Sustainable Food Center is implementing for analyzing 1) the ability of restaurants to undertake the transition to a food retail operation, and 2) the ability of restaurants to serve target communities. These criteria include:

- Positioned to serve communities that are impacted by 3 or 4 of the following:
 - far from healthy food retail
 - limited availability of nearby healthy food options
 - limited household budget available for healthy food purchase
 - have less access to a car or other transportation options
- Ability to be accessed by pedestrian traffic, reducing use of public transit.
- Cultural value within a given neighborhood.
- Ability to communicate with community members, by word of mouth, social media, or other built networks.
- Infrastructure to store goods (dry and fresh).

- Infrastructure to facilitate set up of retail space.
- Capacity for safe customer movement, including parking space and in/egresses.
- Ability to operate at a set profit without further endangering the future viability of their business.

Item #15: Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with GCA Services Group Mountain States LP D/B/A GCA Services Group, for continued janitorial services, for an increase in the amount of \$1,636,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,088,932. (Note: This contract was awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

1. *Are there any future budget concerns associated with approving only one extension? Put another way, will it be more expensive to only approve the contract for one year?*

There would be no significant cost impact if only 1 year were approved; more specifically, the cost for the next extension would not change if both extensions were not authorized.
2. *Do you anticipate that these future in-house positions would be subject to a hiring freeze?*

A hiring freeze is a consideration, since Austin Energy would prefer Building Services provide these services if insourced. Building Services is currently under a hiring freeze.



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Related To

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Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

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