



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of May 20, 2021 Council Agenda Item #25 Regarding Unarmed Security Guard Services for Municipal Court and the Downtown Austin Community Court

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council that staff will withdraw [Item #25](#) on your [May 20, 2021](#) agenda. This will be accomplished through the Changes and Corrections memo.

The City's Building Services Department began contract negotiations with the initial contractor, G4S Secure Solutions, in Fall 2020. The item was initially scheduled for the May 6, 2021 Council agenda; however, the item was postponed to May 20th due to additional contract negotiations regarding pricing. The G4S initial quote of \$1,222,859.72 was increased by G4S to \$1,584,928.20. After careful review, it was determined that the most prudent next step was to proceed with contract negotiations with a new vendor.

On your June 3rd agenda, staff will include a contract with the new vendor, Starside Security & Investigation, Inc.

The long-term goal is to re-establish a Marshal Program that will be managed by the Municipal Court. Once the Marshal program is implemented, APD can remove all APD officers from both the Municipal Court and the Downtown Austin Community Court.

Please contact Darrell Alexander, Building Services Officer (Darrell.Alexander@austintexas.gov (512) 974-7948) should you have any questions.

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