

June 10, 2021  
Council Member Kathie Tovo  
Amendment to Item 96  
Austin Convention Center Redevelopment

Strike the following on p. 3 of 4:

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:~~

~~The City Manager is directed to use a portion of the Austin Convention Center's Capital Budget to partner with an appropriate entity with expertise in sustainable development to host a design competition to solicit the most innovative ideas in programming and placemaking for a new convention center that would be, like its companion civic building to the west, the Austin Central Library, a landmark of great distinction, a bustling and vital public gathering place, and a point of pride for the community.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:~~

~~The City Manager is directed to initiate the work directed by this Resolution immediately returning to the City Council no later than July 29, 2021, with a proposed competition framework, required design elements, and timeline.~~

Replace with:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to incorporate the following into the REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS RELATIVE TO THE SELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for a new Convention Center:

The City Council seeks to work with a design team capable of delivering a world class design befitting a city of Austin's size and prominence. The Convention Center design shall provide more than just functional spaces for conventions; the design shall incorporate the most innovative ideas in programming and placemaking and shall aim to create a civic building that draws and serves Austinites as well as visitors. The City Council affirms its intention that the Convention Center be, like its companion civic building to the west, the Austin Central Library, a landmark of great distinction, a bustling and vital public gathering place, and a point of pride for the community.

The Convention Center design should engage the disparate elements of the eastern quadrant of Downtown identified in the Palm District Planning Initiative, including the iconic Rainey Street Historic District, Palm Park and Palm School, the Red River Cultural District, the Innovation District, Mexican-American Heritage Corridor, Project Connect and the Downtown Station, Waller Creek, and historic Brush Square, and the design shall seize the opportunities and solve for the challenges and conflicts presented by these multiple uses.

Respondents must exhibit knowledge of and be committed to the goals of the Palm District Planning Initiative, the UT Center for Sustainable Development's "Frameworks for Placemaking," the Urban Land Institute's Technical Advisory Panel (in response to Council Resolution No. 20141211-218); the Downtown Austin Alliance-commissioned 2020 Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel Report for the I-35 Corridor; the Waterloo Greenway/Waller Creek Design Plan; the Downtown Austin Alliance's Downtown Vision; and other City of Austin initiatives including citizen input in design processes, sustainability, Urban Design Guidelines, Great Streets, Art in Public Places, family-friendly features per

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policy direction in Resolution No. 20120301-051; and team participation by minority and women-owned businesses.

**SUSTAINABILITY/LEED CERTIFICATION:**

The new Convention Center will meet the requirements of the City's Green Building Policy to implement sustainable building practices necessary to conserve energy, water, and other natural resources; to promote human health and safety; and to create high quality enduring structures. The City Council directs that the new Convention Center be constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating Systems with a minimum rating of Silver.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the City Manager is directed to immediately notify the Council upon issuance of the solicitation.

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The City Manager is directed to establish an evaluation committee capable of assessing submissions with respect to programming, design, construction, and building performance goals as well as to Palm District placemaking goals. The evaluation committee should include the following membership, should they meet the minimum requirements:

- One member of the UT Center for Sustainable Development
- One member from the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy
- One member from the Downtown Austin Alliance
- One member from City Staff representing the Palm District Planning Initiative