

RESOLUTION NO. 20210610-090

WHEREAS, the City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 20210520-039 to update the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint with a goal of housing more than 3,000 people in the next three years, provide more services and reduce homelessness in our community, and equitably rehouse people from encampments; and

WHEREAS, a community-led Homelessness Summit held between March 23 and April 15, 2021, established the goal of housing over 3,000 people experiencing homelessness in three years, including revamping our response system; providing housing stabilization such as prevention, diversion and rapid exit; fully rehousing across the spectrum of need; and specifically including the development of 1,000 units of permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 20140417-055, which declares freedom from domestic violence to be a fundamental human right, and commits the City of Austin to incorporating this principle into its policies by identify gaps and barriers to securing this human right on behalf of all Austinites; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, due to long-standing community need, the City of Austin sought a qualified domestic violence service provider to operate a facility, and provide robust and holistic services for persons who have experienced domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in May 2021, the council authorized funding and execution of an agreement to manage a City-owned domestic violence shelter and provide supportive services, housing assistance, and direct client assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin seeks to acquire the real property and improvements located at 13311 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property was constructed as a hotel with 65 guestrooms; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property will provide 65 units to be used for public purposes including the provision of services, shelter, or housing; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition cost will be approximately \$100,000 per unit and the anticipated renovation costs to make the units ready to provide service, shelter, or housing will be approximately \$20,000 per unit for a total per unit cost of approximately \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, based upon the development costs incurred by entities such as Foundation Communities to develop comparable units, the anticipated total cost per unit for the City to construct new comparable units would range between \$196,000 and \$223,000; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property will serve a public purpose by providing units to be used for shelter, housing, or related social services and the benefit of acquiring the Property for public purposes will equal or exceed the price paid to acquire the property; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

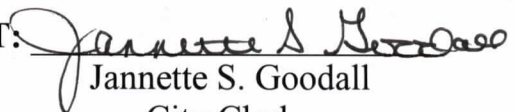
1. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple approximately 1.2230 acres of land and a building containing approximately 28,902 square feet out of the Francisco Garcia Survey No. 60, Abstract 312, in Travis County, Texas comprised of the

remainder portion of that tract conveyed as 169,089 square feet to Joe David Ross, Trustee, per Volume 8954, Page 157, Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, known locally as 13311 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78727 from Visvanath LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,500,000, including closing costs.

2. The City Manager is instructed that the Property is to be used only for domestic violence or other shelter, housing, or related social services.
3. The City Manager, or designee, is directed to use any combination of appropriate funding to acquire the Property including affordable housing bonds, certificates of obligation, General Fund funds, America Rescue Plan Act funds, philanthropic gifts, and the Housing Trust Fund.
4. The City Council makes the following findings:
 - a. the acquisition of the Property will provide a public benefit by providing 65 units to be used for shelter, housing, or related social services;
 - b. the public benefit provided constitutes adequate consideration to the City; and
 - c. achievement of the public purpose is assured by the direction to use the Property only for shelter, housing, or related social services.
5. This Resolution amends previous Council action on January 27, 2021 (Agenda Item #32) related to the acquisition of the Property.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2021

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk