



AVIATION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jacqueline Yaft, Chief Executive Officer
Aviation Department 

DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Response to Resolution No. 20210603-075: Austin Bergstrom Landhost Enterprises, Inc. (ABLE) Hotel Management Agreements

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to Council Resolution No. 20210603-075. Council adopted the resolution directing the Austin Bergstrom Landhost Enterprises, Inc. (ABLE) to follow the approval policy described in Resolution No. 20191017-024, including minimum briefing and Council approval standards therein, regarding any future amendment, renewal, successor, or extension of the ABLE Management Agreement and all future ABLE hotel management agreements.

Staff can confirm following actions have been taken in response to the resolution:

- Aviation Department staff briefed the Austin Bergstrom Landhost Enterprise (ABLE) Board on July 28, 2021, regarding the directives from the council resolution. The ABLE Board has committed to follow the approval policy as it relates to future hotel management agreements.
- Aviation Department staff are scheduled to present at the December 15, 2021, meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee. Staff will be presenting updates related to the operations, finance, and competitive elements of the Austin Hilton Hotel enterprise.

There are no future amendments, renewals, successors, or extensions of the ABLE Management Agreement pending at this time. The current management contract term expires on September 30, 2022, and the contract provides for two (2) successive one (1) year renewal options.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tracy Thompson at tracy.thompson@austintexas.gov.

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