



**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, March 07, 2013**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, March 07, 2013 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



**Mayor Lee Leffingwell
Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1
Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2
Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3
Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4
Council Member William Spelman, Place 5**

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 the final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

1. Agenda Items # 2-4
 - a. QUESTION: Please indicate total cost of the energy efficiency improvements and percentage AE proposes to reimburse. COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO
 - b. ANSWER: For agenda item # 2: The total cost of the Austin City Lights project is \$109,025 and the rebate will cover 90% of the cost. For agenda item # 3: The total cost of the Hudson Miramont project is \$110,415 and the rebate will cover 90% of the cost. For agenda item # 4: The total cost of the Toscana Apartments project is \$135,109.33 and the rebate will cover 90% of the cost. Austin Energy will include this information in future RCAs for multi-family rebates.
2. Agenda Items # 2-8
 - a. QUESTION: Are any of these properties located outside the city limits? COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ
 - b. ANSWER: No, these projects are located within the Austin city limits.
3. Agenda Item # 18
 - a. QUESTION: Please describe the community outreach that was performed in preparation for the addition to the park, and the process for determining that the community is in favor of the new amenity. When were the elements presented to PARB (2 nature trails and dog park)? COUNCIL MEMBER MORRISON
 - b. ANSWER: See Attachment
4. Agenda Item # 26
 - a. QUESTION: Please provide the bid tabulation that was included in the Electric Utility Commission's back up materials. The bid tabulation indicates that the pricing represents a 16% increase since the last (2009) contract. Did the other bid received by the COA offer lower pricing? How much? Please indicate why the other bid was disqualified. If there were errors in the bid package, was there an attempt by the bidder to make corrections? Can the City elect to re-bid the contract? References to a 2009 settlement agreement indicate that the Allied Waste facility is scheduled to be closed in November

2015. Is that accurate? If so, why would the contract before the City this week be proposed to include renewals beyond November 2015? COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO

- b. ANSWER: For the bid tabulation, please see attachment. The other bid received from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) could not be evaluated nor compared to the Allied Bid pricing because it failed to provide pricing for 19 service items of 30 required items (plus 6 optional items) included in the Invitation For Bid (IFB). The Bidders were required to provide pricing for all line items for award of this turn-key waste disposal contract. \$137,273.20 for the 11 line items was proposed by TDS. Bid disqualified because incomplete pricing was provided for the service items required in the solicitation and no signature on the Bid Sheet nor for the offer proposed. Per the local government code, purchases over \$50,000 requires us to follow a competitive sealed bidding process with bids publicly opened and read. Yes, they attempted to provide the missing prices after notified by the Purchasing Office that such pricing errors existed in their bid. However, per the terms of the solicitation the completed bid sheet must be submitted with each bid. Technically yes, however in this case the City did receive a responsive bid for this solicitations. Usually rebids are allowed when a significant scope change is required, or as directed by the governing body. Yes, Allied Waste has confirmed this date. The IFB solicitation indicated to the public that we were seeking three annual extension options beyond the 24 month contract term. The extension options are not automatically approved, but rather agreed upon by both parties at the anniversary date. Allied Waste has a current permit for their operations thru November, 2015. The City does not have knowledge at this time whether Allied Waste will seek renewal of their permit to continue operations beyond November 2015.
 - c. FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: What is our typical process for incomplete bids such as this? What would be the consequences or concerns of rebidding this contract? COUNCIL MEMBER SPELMAN
 - d. FOLLOW-UP ANSWER: Per the local government code, for purchases over \$50,000, we are required to follow a competitive sealed bidding process with bids publicly opened and read. Incomplete bids like this are deemed nonresponsive. Rebidding this solicitation with a responsive bid after pricing is disclosed in such a specialized market could compromise the integrity of the process and discourage the responsive bidder from submitting a future bid.
5. Agenda Item # 27
- a. QUESTION: Does ISS Facility and Goodwill provide benefits to their employees? If this information is available, what are the benefits? COUNCIL MEMBER MORRISON
 - b. ANSWER: See attachment.

6. Agenda Item # 33

- a. QUESTION: What are the current boundaries and why the need for the change? How did this request come about? Is the block grant funding is tied to population in each zone? Would it increase the allocation of money to the Dove Springs area with the expansion? COUNCIL MEMBER SPELMAN
- b. ANSWER: The current boundaries are North: East St Elmo Rd. South: East William Cannon Dr. East: Nuckols Crossing Rd and West: South IH35. Several members of the Southeast Austin contact team expressed concerns about the current boundaries of the Dove Springs geographic area in the Ordinance. These members requested the CDC consider expanding the boundaries to encompass the entire 78744 zip code. This would enable larger representation of the concerns of this area and provide a larger pool of potential candidates the opportunity to seek election to the Commissioner's seat. Several members of the Southeast Austin contact team initially contacted HHSD to request the change in boundaries and also met with the Mayor and/or his staff. HHSD worked with the contact team members, Ryan Robinson, and Neighborhood Centers Working Group to research the request to determine what impact changing the boundaries might have on whether the area would still remain low-income. The funding is not directly tied to population in each zone. The City of Austin receives a formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The grant requires each sub-recipient to administer its funds through either a board or another approved mechanism. The CDC serves as the City of Austin's required tripartite advisory board. The Dove Springs area is one of the 7 geographic areas whose Commissioner is elected to represent a low income neighborhood. The term for the Commissioner from Dove Springs geographic area expired on September 30, 2012. COA must fill this seat in the near future or we will be out of compliance with the grant. The expansion will not increase the allocation of CSBG funds to the Dove Springs area as this is a formula-based grant. The funding is used for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment services to low income residents through the City's six neighborhood centers. The Commissioner representing this area would be one member of the 15 members of the CDC who provide their recommendations to Council.

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

 *The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.*

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Council Question and Answer

Related To

Agenda Item # 18

Meeting Date

March 7, 2013

Additional Answer Information

Stakeholders Meetings for Yett Creek OLA:

- May 25, 2011 First walking tour of Yett Creek Park with the Off-Leash Area Advisory Committee
- June 4, 2011 Second walking tour of Yett Creek Park with the Off-Leash Area Advisory Committee
- June 13, 2011 First Community Meeting
- July 11, 2011 Briefing Land, Facilities and Programs Committee
- July 26, 2011 Briefing Parks and Recreation Board
- August 31, 2011 Second Community Meeting
- February 13, 2012 Action taken in support - Land, Facilities and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board
- February 28, 2012 Action taken in support - Parks and Recreation Board
- April 5, 2012 Council Resolution requesting Council approval of the design

Based on feedback received we received at the meetings and from emails we received. The staff ascertained there was considerable support of the off-leash trail in Yett Creek Park.

The information contained in this bid tabulation is for information only and does not constitute actual award/execution of a contract.

**BID TABULATION
CITY OF AUSTIN**

BID NO. IFBDKC0093

RX NO.

DATE: 1/9/2013

BUYER: DOLORES CASTILLO

Special Instructions: Be advised that exceptions taken to any portion of the solicitations may jeopardize acceptance of the bid.

TASK 1: CLASS 2 SPECIAL WASTE AND MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

		Allied Waste Services #843							
ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CONTAINER	ANNUAL EST. QTY.	UNIT	TREATMENT	POTENTIAL TSDF(s)	UNIT PRICE	STATE FEE (if applicable)	TOTAL PRICE
1	DISPOSAL								
1	Weathered & Non-weathered Utility Poles (cut to fit roll-off)	Roll-off	6,240	Cu Yd	Grind & Reuse in disposal processes of Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$18.00	included	\$112,320.00
2	Scrap Wood)from broken pallets, crates, or construction debris)	Roll-off	200	Cu Yd	Recycle	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
3	Asbestos, friable, bulk		40	Cu Yd	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$25.00	included	\$1,000.00
4	Asbestos, non-friable bulk		40	Cu Yd	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$25.00	included	\$1,000.00
5	Solids - Bulk contaminated soil		600	Cu Yd	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$25.00	included	\$15,000.00
6	Solids - drained capacitors and oil switches		180	Cu Yd	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$25.00	included	\$4,500.00
7	Solids - loose bulk plant trash and constr debris		1,530	Cu Yd	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$17.00	included	\$26,010.00
8	Solids - Drum	55 G Drum	80	EA	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$50.00	included	\$4,000.00
9	Solids - Drum	30 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$50.00	included	\$250.00
10	Solids - Drum	20 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$50.00	included	\$250.00
11	Solids - Drum	8 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill	Sunset Farms	\$50.00	included	\$250.00
12	Liquids - Bulk	Tanker	25,000	Gallons	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$0.50	included	\$12,500.00
13	Liquids - Drum	55 G Drum	30	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$1,800.00
14	Liquids - Drum	30 G Drum	4	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$240.00

15	Liquids - Drum	20 G Drum	4	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$240.00
16	Liquids - Drum	8 G Drum	4	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$240.00
17	Sludge - Bulk	Vac Box	6	each 3000 gal	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$1,500.00	included	\$9,000.00
18	Sludge - Drum	55 G Drum	10	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$600.00
19	Sludge - Drum	30 G Drum	2	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$120.00
20	Sludge - Drum	20 G Drum	2	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$120.00
21	Sludge - Drum	8 G Drum	2	EA	Solidification AND Landfill	Tessman Road	\$60.00	included	\$120.00
TRANSPORTATION									
1	20 Yd3 Roll-off Delivery Rate	N/A	18	EA	N/A	N/A	\$150.00	N/A	\$2,700.00
2	20 Yd3 Roll-Off Rental Rate	N/A	300	Days	N/A	N/A	\$3.00	N/A	\$900.00
3	20 Yd3 Roll-Off Haul Rate	N/A	6	EA	N/A	N/A	\$280.00	N/A	\$1,680.00
4	30 Yd3 Roll-Off Delivery Rate	N/A	6	EA	N/A	N/A	\$150.00	N/A	\$900.00
5	30 Yd3 Roll-Off Rental Rate	N/A	1095	Days	N/A	N/A	\$3.00	N/A	\$3,285.00
6	30 Yd3 Roll-Off Haul Rate	N/A	220	EA	N/A	N/A	\$280.00	N/A	\$61,600.00
7	40 Yd3 Roll-Off Delivery Rate	N/A	2	EA	N/A	N/A	\$150.00	N/A	\$300.00
8	40 Yd3 Roll-Off Rental Rate	N/A	365	Days	N/A	N/A	\$3.00	N/A	\$1,095.00
9	40 Yd3 Roll-Off Haul Rate	N/A	10	EA	N/A	N/A	\$280.00	N/A	\$2,800.00
OTHER - List any other charges not included in above line items that are necessary for completion of wast mgmt task. Please specify each additional									
1	Over weight fee	Maximum per load is 10 tons. Anything over 10 tons will be charged \$.40 per pound.							
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TOTAL PRICE FOR TASK 1									\$264,820.00

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5	Solids - Bulk contaminated soil		600	Cu Yd	Landfill		\$54.40		\$32,640.00
6	Solids - drained capacitors and oil switches		180	Cu Yd	Landfill		\$54.40		\$9,792.00
7	Solids - loose bulk plant trash and constr debris		1,530	Cu Yd	Landfill		\$17.90		\$27,387.00
8	Solids - Drum	55 G Drum	80	EA	Landfill		\$25.10		\$2,008.00
9	Solids - Drum	30 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill		\$25.10		\$125.50
10	Solids - Drum	20 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill		\$25.10		\$125.50
11	Solids - Drum	8 G Drum	5	EA	Landfill		\$15.04		\$75.20
12	Liquids - Bulk	Tanker	25,000	Gallons	Solidification AND Landfill		\$0.00		\$0.00
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	TOTAL PRICE FOR TASK 1								\$137,273.20

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Council Question and Answer

Related To

Agenda Item # 27

Meeting Date

March 7, 2013

Additional Answer Information

ISS benefits offered to their employees include:

- Life Insurance \$10,000 and ADD insurance is provided to all full time officers at no cost to employees.
- Health Insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Full time employees have access to this insurance coverage. ISS spends \$8.5 million dollars annually in health insurance premiums with BCBS.
- 401K available to all officers who work more than 1040 hrs per year.
- Holiday pay and vacation, education assistance, merit increases and uniforms.
- Dental/Vision plan
- Short Term Disability Plan

Goodwill Staffing benefits offered to their employees include:

- Health Insurance through United Healthcare
- Supplemental medical policies
- Dental plan through MetLife
- Basic Life insurance and AD&D insurance
- Short & Long Term Disability
- Retirement plan
- Various other benefits