



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 25-year license agreement with ENGIE North America, or an ENGIE subsidiary, for use of the airport parking garage carport structure for placement of a distributed rooftop solar-generation facility.

Lead Department

Aviation

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action

December 5, 2019 - Authorization of negotiation and execution of a related power purchase agreement between Austin Energy and ENGIE North America, or an ENGIE subsidiary approved by Council.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

The Airport Advisory Commission approved this item on a vote of 8-0-0-2 on December 10, 2019.

Additional Backup Information:

Pursuant to a project approved by City Council on March 23, 2017, a new six level parking garage has been constructed at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The Department of Aviation ("DOA") and Austin Energy ("AE") are collaborating on a project that will bring an up to 1.8 ac megawatt electricity distributed rooftop solar-generation facility to the completed parking garage ("Facility"). The license agreement recommended for action is necessary to permit the location of the Facility on the parking garage rooftop. The recommendation to authorize the negotiation and execution of the license agreement is a companion authorization to an AE recommendation for action as to a related power purchase agreement providing for it to purchase the power produced by the Facility once installed ("Companion RCA"). The Companion RCA was approved during the December 5, 2019 City Council Meeting.

On April 18, 2019 AE issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for renewable capacity and energy. Offers resulting from the solicitation provided AE with competitively priced renewable energy and environmental attributes, and the opportunity to continue progress toward its renewable energy acquisition local solar goal. In addition to supporting AE's renewable energy goals, DOA will receive an annual license fee and overall parking garage project construction costs will be reduced by \$1.5 million.

The agreement will not require DOA to invest any funds in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the project or Facility. The Facility in addition to providing renewable energy will provide the shade to the parking garage.