4/9/2020

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1851, Agenda Item #: 71.

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing amendments to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

On January 31, 2019, council authorized a resolution to amend the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation.

On June 14, 2018, the city council approved Resolution 20180614-070 which authorized amendments to the bylaws and the articles of incorporation of the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation.

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Additional Backup Information:

On September 22, 2016, the city council authorized the creation and incorporation of the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) and approved the LGC's Articles of Incorporation (articles) and Bylaws (bylaws). The primary purpose of the LGC is to staff, manage, and operate the Sobering Center for the safe short-term treatment and management of intoxicated persons.

Per its bylaws, the LGC can alter, amend, or repeal these bylaws by affirmative vote of a majority of the full LGC Board. However, any proposed change or amendment to the bylaws must be approved by the city council and Travis County Commissioners Court to be effective. Additionally, the LGC may file with the city council and Travis County Commissioners Court an application requesting permission to amend the articles, specifying in the application the amendment proposed to be made. The LGC has submitted an application to the City to so amend both documents, which is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A.

By approving this resolution, council will authorize the LGC to amend its articles and bylaws in order to broaden the usage of the Sobering Center facility so that it may be utilized by the City and County in times of disaster and emergency.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

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