



**June 11, 2020**

## Questions and Answers Report



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*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 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.*

## QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

**Item #8:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a competitive sealed proposal agreement with Gadberry Construction Company, Inc. (MBE), for construction services for the Brush Square - O. Henry Museum Restoration project, in the amount of \$874,808.86 plus a \$131,221.14 contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,006,030. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 76.96% MBE and 1.25% WBE participation.]

### COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

*Please clarify why this item is funded through CIP rather than HOT.*

Funding for the Brush Square - O. Henry Museum Restoration project is provided primarily through HOT funding. Minor elements on the project for improvements to Brush Square and accessibility are funded by Parkland Dedication (PLD) funds. Project funding is approximately 80% - estimated at \$940,520 - HOT (Historic Preservation) with the remaining approximately 20% - estimated at \$236,232 - through Parkland Dedication. The total project budget covers the construction contract, project management, construction inspection, architectural design services, testing and other costs.

Parkland Dedication fees carry restrictions on geography (proximity to the site/subdivision development case) and use (land acquisition or new/improved recreational elements). The Parkland Dedication team in Park Planning reviewed and approved the use of PLD for the elements described below:

The O. Henry Museum Restoration project includes exterior improvements that will activate opportunities for programming in Brush Square. These improvements include a new stone patio and landscaping, new sidewalks and exterior lighting, as well as accessibility upgrades. Facing the open lawn of Brush Square, the new stone patio at the back of the museum will facilitate performances and activities in the park. New exterior lighting will enhance the use and safety of the Square for park users. New sidewalks will be installed to allow pedestrian access and connection to Brush Square. ADA/TAS accessibility improvements will be incorporated in the project to facilitate access to the museum and around the grounds.

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#### COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS' OFFICE

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These projects were identified based on condition assessments and Sidewalk Plan prioritization. There will likely be several dozen assignments over the full duration of the contract.

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