



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item #: 8

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action on a resolution related to the implementation of a Trauma Recovery Center.

Vote:

On a motion by Council Member Fuentes and a second by Council Member Kitchen, the vote passed 4-0 with all Committee members present: Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Kathie Tovo (Chair), Council Member Vanessa Fuentes (Vice-Chair), Council Member Ann Kitchen, and Council Member Harper-Madison off the dais.

Original Sponsors/Department:

Council Member Vanessa Fuentes and Council Member Kitchen

Summary of Discussion:

On a motion by Vice-Chair Fuentes and a second by Council Member Kitchen, Vice-Chair Fuentes presented a draft resolution and led discussion. The resolution would direct the city manager to implement a Trauma Recovery Center in collaboration with Travis County and return to Council with an update.

A friendly amendment from Mayor Pro-Tem Alter was accepted by the Committee to further clarify the resolution.

Direction:

The Committee requests to send a resolution to the full Council for consideration, for recommendations regarding implementation of a Trauma Recovery Center.

The City Manager is directed to examine models and examples of Trauma Recovery Centers across the country and to provide options and recommendations regarding:

- (1) the feasibility of supporting the operation of a Trauma Recovery Center model in our community,
- (2) funding sources to support the startup costs of a Trauma Recovery Center in partnership with external stakeholders and other governmental entities of up to \$500,000 for each of the next two fiscal years to support the startup costs of the center.

- (3) funding models, funding sources, and grant opportunities, including but not limited to hospital systems, foundations, and federal programs that would support the continuation of a Trauma Recovery Center, and
- (4) interlocal collaboration between the City of Austin, Travis and Williamson Counties, local hospitals, and other governmental partners on the implementation and site selection of the Trauma Recovery Center.
- (5) facilitation of a community stakeholder process to provide input and feedback on the implementation of a Trauma Recovery Center.

The City Manager is directed to provide Council within 60 days with an update on the abovementioned recommendations related to the support of a Trauma Recovery Center in the community.

At Council Member Fuentes's request, the Committee agreed that Mayor Pro Tem Alter, who is not a member of the Committee, could be an additional resolution co-sponsor.

Recommendation:

On a 4-0 vote, the Committee requests to send a resolution to the full Council for consideration, for recommendations regarding implementing a Trauma Recovery Center. The City Manager is directed to provide Council within 60 days with an update on the above mentioned recommendations related to the support of a Trauma Recovery Center in the community.