

RESOLUTION NO. 20220728-192

WHEREAS, the Zilker Vision Plan is expected to be completed in 2023;
and

WHEREAS, the contract for a boating concession at the dock located on Lady Bird Lake at 2418 Stratford Drive, entered into in 2000, was set to expire in May 2022 and was extended for one year to expire in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, the public safety and crowd management provisions of the contract are insufficient to meet modern demands and this issue needs to be addressed expeditiously; and

WHEREAS, necessary structural upgrades to the dock have been proactively identified that a concessionaire cannot reasonably make without a new contract; and

WHEREAS, vision plans incorporate robust community input about the future of public park amenities; and

WHEREAS, long-term concessions provide consistent and predictable community benefits and private partnerships in the stewardship of public spaces; and

WHEREAS, requests for proposals for public concessions provide an opportunity for an open and transparent public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, in order for concessionaires to be able to provide these quality services, they need to have a predictable and consistent timeline by which to plan these services and infrastructure maintenance; and

WHEREAS, continued and consistent boating opportunities on Lady Bird Lake are an important source of outdoor recreational activity benefiting the greater community; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

City Council directs the City Manager to issue a request for proposals for a concessionaire to continue boating operations at the dock located at 2418 Stratford Drive and to enter into a new concession contract prior to May 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the terms of the new concession contract do not impede implementation of the relevant recommendations described in the Zilker Park Vision Plan or, if the Plan is not complete, the then-current draft.

ADOPTED: July 28, 2022

ATTEST: _____



Myrna Rios
City Clerk