

RESOLUTION NO. 20230413-077

WHEREAS, City Council has passed multiple resolutions to address public safety on Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS, the Safer Sixth Street Resolutions (Resolution Nos. 20210729-175 and 20220303-061) directed a series of actions aimed at supporting law enforcement officers in increasing safety in this district; and

WHEREAS, staff reported in their May 18, 2022 memo, an analysis of High Activity Location Observation (HALO) cameras in response to Resolution No. 20220303-061 and have identified a need for 13 additional cameras for a total of 60 throughout the Sixth Street area; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution No. 20220609-067 approving the purchase of 13 new HALO cameras within the downtown entertainment district; and

WHEREAS, bars and nighttime music venues currently dominate the uses in the Rainey Street Historic District; and

WHEREAS, especially on weekend evenings, Rainey Street generates large crowds and much activity; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 State of Downtown Report from the Downtown Austin Alliance assessed the four main entertainment districts, the Rainey Street District, East Sixth Street District, West Sixth Street District, and the Red River Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, the report noted that at the end of 2021, the Rainey Street District had the second highest visits by district and taxable alcohol receipts;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to provide an interim pedestrian safety plan for the Rainey Street Historic District and provide a report to Council regarding the status of this directive by April 20, 2023. The plan should explore the capacity for Park Rangers to patrol and have EMS stationed at the Rainey Street Trailhead, along with detailing hours and days when those personnel would be deployed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall provide recommendations related to the possibility of installing more HALO cameras throughout the Rainey Street Historic District area and provide a report to Council regarding the status of this directive by June 13, 2023, and shall include in the recommendations the feasibility and costs of relocating HALO cameras and acquiring new HALO cameras.

If recommended, the City Manager shall provide estimated costs and possible funding sources including, but not limited to, grant funding, the “Tourism and Promotion Fund,” and Austin Police Department asset forfeiture funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

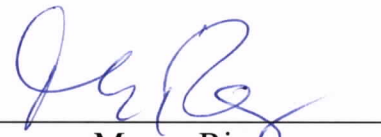
The City Manager is directed to coordinate with the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission on additional strategies for curbing overserving alcohol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to work with Rainey Street bar owners and stakeholders to encourage written safety plans, training for door staff, peer-to-peer communication, and codes of conduct that outline expected standards of behavior for staff and patrons, which includes a plan to prioritize the prevention of overserving alcohol.

ADOPTED: April 13, 2023

ATTEST:



Myrna Rios
City Clerk