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24 parks, nature preserves, and greenbelts compared to 2020, at 13.6 percent versus
25 5.2 percent, and

26 **WHEREAS**, in April 2023, the Salvation Army Downtown Shelter closed
27 and was the only shelter that offered beds to single women downtown and the
28 largest shelter accepting single women in Austin; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Downtown Shelter provided 100 beds and
30 the closure resulted in a 10 percent decrease city-wide of overnight shelter
31 capacity; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in August 2022, City Council approved a budget rider
33 directing staff to undertake a shelter assessment process, which included a
34 comprehensive assessment of the year-round general homeless shelter system, with
35 additional planning for weather-based shelter, recommendations on bed capacity,
36 service quality, City contracting, and creating a vision and priorities for the future
37 of our shelter system, and

38 **WHEREAS**, in March 2023, the Homeless Strategy Division provided a
39 briefing to the Public Health Committee, identifying emergency shelter as an
40 unmet need and reporting that the Shelter Assessment Report will be released in
41 June 2023; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

43 The City Council directs the City Manager to identify shortages in shelter
44 bed capacity and navigation services by population served and geographical
45 location, including, but not limited to, City Council District and geographical
46 region. Additionally, areas identified should include locations with fewer shelter

beds relative to other areas and/or fewer shelter beds relative to the unsheltered population in that area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to include cost scenarios to increase shelter capacity and navigation services in areas with an identified need that include capital, ongoing operational, and service expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to utilize the Homeless Strategy Division's Shelter Assessment Report findings and recommendations when identifying shortages and cost scenarios related to shelter capacity and navigation services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a report to City Council by July 21, 2023.

ADOPTED: _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk