

# June 8, 2023

# Questions and Answers Report



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# **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

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9. Are any of the books available through the cultural & resource centers or lent to them on any kind of basis?

No, these books will not be available through the cultural & resource centers at this time.

10. Do the contracts include periodicals? If not, does the library have and/or plan to purchase foreign language periodicals?

No, these contracts do not include periodicals. Austin Public Library currently has a limited selection of foreign language periodicals.

11. What kind of librarian support is available to non-English speakers looking for books in a non-English language? Does the library's system allow patrons to search for foreign language works? Does the system accept non-Roman alphabet inputs?

The library's supports non-English speakers by utilizing the iSpeakAustin language system. This system allows the library staff to provide services to non-English speakers. The library's catalog now supports non-Latin characters, so customers or staff can search the catalog using a foreign language keyboard.

12. Will any of the books be available digitally?

No, these contracts will be specifically for print books, not digital content.

Item #23: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for helicopter parts with Airbus Helicopters Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$825,000. [Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established]. COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1. What types of parts are the most needed for repair?

This contract will be used to purchase routine aircraft component replacement parts and parts related to inspections. The component replacement parts vary considerably per inspection, but include aircraft parts like the main rotor, tail rotor, canon plug, drive shaft, landing gear, safety lights, flight controls, actuators, and avionic components. Additional parts that will be purchased include general preventative maintenance parts, such as, aircraft lubricants, oils, and o-rings.

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1. How was the monthly rate determined?

The proposed rental rate was arrived at through negotiations with The Salvation Army. The third-party fair market rent study procured by the City verified that the proposed rent did not exceed fair market value.

2. How does it compare to the fair market value for the area?

The proposed rental rate compares favorably to the area (given the specific use and utility of the subject facility vs. surrounding land uses).

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3. How has the community, specifically people experiencing homelessness been engaged/consulted on this agreement and associated lease?

HSD has been conducting significant community engagement with people experiencing homelessness as part of its ongoing shelter assessment. While program-specific community-engagement was not carried out, there was significant concern raised about the closure of TSA by people experiencing homelessness.

4. What services will be provided onsite?

The services proposed are to provide temporary low barrier emergency shelter for 150 people with 150 beds, provide supportive services, case management, and assistance with accessing affordable housing under a harm reduction approach. The shelter is proposed to help clients meet their basic needs, including acting as a gateway into a variety of programs and services designed to help move clients into housing and achieve self-sufficiency as quickly as possible

5. As a temporary shelter, can you please provide more information regarding the transition plan for shelter residents upon the contract's termination?

The proposed vendor is willing to support the city in its' transition plan. The City will work intentionally with Urban Alchemy and other community providers to demobilize the facility in an orderly fashion, with a focus on transitioning clients to permanent housing or other shelter locations.

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Due to the nature and timing of the need, there was not an RFP process held. This is an amendment to the current emergency contract with Urban Alchemy to provide expanded emergency shelter services.

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1. What are the current deadlines for 1) a Land Use Commission to hold a public hearing after an application is filed 2) City Council to hold a public hearing after the Land Use Commission makes a recommendation.

25-2-282(A) - 60 days for Land Use Commission to hold a public hearing on a zoning or rezoning application following the date an application is filed;

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9. Are any of the books available through the cultural & resource centers or lent to them on any kind of basis?

No, these books will not be available through the cultural & resource centers at this time.

10. Do the contracts include periodicals? If not, does the library have and/or plan to purchase foreign language periodicals?

No, these contracts do not include periodicals. Austin Public Library currently has a limited selection of foreign language periodicals.

11. What kind of librarian support is available to non-English speakers looking for books in a non-English language? Does the library's system allow patrons to search for foreign language works? Does the system accept non-Roman alphabet inputs?

The library's supports non-English speakers by utilizing the iSpeakAustin language system. This system allows the library staff to provide services to non-English speakers. The library's catalog now supports non-Latin characters, so customers or staff can search the catalog using a foreign language keyboard.

12. Will any of the books be available digitally?

No, these contracts will be specifically for print books, not digital content.



Related To Item #23 Meeting Date June 8, 2023

# Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for helicopter parts with Airbus Helicopters Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$825,000. [Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

#### COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1. What types of parts are the most needed for repair?

This contract will be used to purchase routine aircraft component replacement parts and parts related to inspections. The component replacement parts vary considerably per inspection, but include aircraft parts like the main rotor, tail rotor, canon plug, drive shaft, landing gear, safety lights, flight controls, actuators, and avionic components. Additional parts that will be purchased include general preventative maintenance parts, such as, aircraft lubricants, oils, and o-rings.



Related To Item #29 Meeting Date June 8, 2023

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#### COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1. How was the monthly rate determined?

The proposed rental rate was arrived at through negotiations with The Salvation Army. The third-party fair market rent study procured by the City verified that the proposed rent did not exceed fair market value.

2. How does it compare to the fair market value for the area?

The proposed rental rate compares favorably to the area (given the specific use and utility of the subject facility vs. surrounding land uses).



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Related To Item #37 Meeting Date June 8, 2023

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# **COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE**

1. What other organizations submitted a bid for the RFP?

Due to the nature and timing of the need, there was not an RFP process held. This is an amendment to the current emergency contract with Urban Alchemy to provide expanded emergency shelter services.



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3. How has the community, specifically people experiencing homelessness been engaged/consulted on this agreement and associated lease?

HSD has been conducting significant community engagement with people experiencing homelessness as part of its ongoing shelter assessment. While program-specific community-engagement was not carried out, there was significant concern raised about the closure of TSA by people experiencing homelessness.

4. What services will be provided onsite?

The services proposed are to provide temporary low barrier emergency shelter for 150 people with 150 beds, provide supportive services, case management, and assistance with accessing affordable housing under a harm reduction approach. The shelter is proposed to help clients meet their basic needs, including acting as a gateway into a variety of programs and services designed to help move clients into housing and achieve self-sufficiency as quickly as possible

5. As a temporary shelter, can you please provide more information regarding the transition plan for shelter residents upon the contract's termination?

The proposed vendor is willing to support the city in its' transition plan. The City will work intentionally with Urban Alchemy and other community providers to demobilize the facility in an orderly fashion, with a focus on transitioning clients to permanent housing or other shelter locations.



Related To Item #78 Meeting Date June 8, 2023

# Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code) related to deadlines and submittal dates for zoning and rezoning applications.

# COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁSQUEZ'S OFFICE

- What are the current deadlines for 1) a Land Use Commission to hold a public hearing after an application is filed
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  - 25-2-283(A)- 40 days for City Council to hold a public hearing on a zoning or rezoning application following the date the Land Use Commission made a recommendation;
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  - 25-2-246 (A)(2) An application expires the 181<sup>st</sup> day after the Land Use Commission or City Council grants an indefinite postponement.