



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5081, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement, and all other documents necessary or desirable, with the Austin Public Facilities Corporation to make improvements to the property located at 712 East Huntland Drive for a total amount not to exceed \$41,750,000. Related to Item #59.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 1, 2024 - Recommended by the Austin Public Facilities Corporation Board.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2019, Austin Water (AW) completed a study of its facilities with consulting support by RSP Architects. The study noted that AW has various outdated facilities and facilities that do not meet the intended functions. The recommendations included the need to develop building standards, exit leased space for laboratory facilities, develop new hub service centers, and renovate other facilities.

In support these recommendations, the property located at 712 E. Huntland Drive will serve as a new control center to oversee water and wastewater operations in one central location. AW will also consolidate multiple drinking water laboratories into one central location, allowing the utility to exit from leased laboratory space, achieve more efficient laboratory operations, and repurpose current laboratory spaces to meet operational needs.

Additionally, following Winter Storm Uri, the department recognized the need to improve resiliency by co-locating certain staff in proximity to the control center. To achieve this, the property will house multiple business units responsible for emergency response and customer focused activities. Business units located in this building will include Emergency Management, Security Management, the Customer Services Contact Center, the My ATX Water smart meter program office, SCADA Engineering, Process Engineering, and Industrial Waste Control.

The City created the Austin Public Facilities Corporation (APFC) to finance, acquire, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, repair, equip, and furnish public facilities. The City will use the APFC to design and construct the interior improvements to 712 E. Huntland Drive. To complete this work, the City and APFC must enter into an interlocal agreement for design, tenant improvement and furniture, fixtures and equipment. The estimated cost to complete the scope is estimated to not exceed \$41,750,000.

