



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 25-1497, Agenda Item #: 13.**

**8/28/2025**

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify a contract for construction services for the Palmer Events Center Plumbing and Restroom Upgrade project for Capital Delivery Services with SpawGlass, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,316,095. Funding: \$7,316,095 was available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Capital Delivery Services.

### **Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding was available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

### **MBE/WBE:**

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with SpawGlass, Inc., which has been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

During excavation of Phase 1 of the Palmer Events Center Plumbing and Restoration Upgrade project, it was discovered that the existing cast iron pipes were experiencing premature failure. Extensive deterioration was evident as normal handling of the existing pipes resulted in breakage. Video scoping was done on all other main sanitary lines, to understand if there was a systemic infrastructure problem, and similar deterioration was found within the pipes.

Blockages and cracks resulted in leaks, odors, contaminants, and the presence of insects. Additionally, many of the existing in-wall pipes were too brittle for connection to new piping. It was determined that all the existing cast iron pipes of the sewer system network would need to be replaced prior to continuing the Palmer Events Center Plumbing and Restroom Upgrade project.

This contract allowed the City to hire a qualified contractor to perform the necessary infrastructure construction

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to replace the sanitary sewer lines below slab and in the walls throughout the building. It is anticipated that all major construction will conclude September 1, 2025.

This project is located within zip codes 78704 (District 9).