



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1642, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

5/7/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract amendment with artist William Tavis for artwork for the Armadillo Water Tank Art in Public Places Project in an amount not to exceed \$90,850, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$223,850. Funding: \$90,850 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Lead Department

Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$90,850 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Prior Council Action:

May 8, 2025 - Council approved a contract for artwork for the Armadillo Water Tank AIPP Project.

August 16, 2023 - Council passed Resolution No. 20230816-015 requesting that Austin Water work with Art in Public Places (AIPP) to assess the feasibility of placing a mural on the Armadillo Park water storage tank located at 910 Armadillo Road.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 3, 2025 - AIPP approved the selection process recommendation for the Armadillo Water Tank AIPP Project, naming William Tavis as the selected artist, Candy Kuo as the first alternate, and Efren Rebugio as the second alternate for the \$133,000 commission. (Motion by Art Commission Liaison Maldonado, second by Panel member Diaz, approved 6-0-0).

March 24, 2025 - Austin Arts Commission approved the selection process recommendation for the Armadillo Water Tank AIPP Project, naming William Tavis as the selected artist, Candy Kuo as the first alternate, and Efren Rebugio as the second alternate for the \$133,000 commission. (Motion by Commissioner Grey, second by Commissioner Schmalbach, approved 9-0).

Additional Backup Information:

Developed by the AIPP program of the Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment (ACME) and Austin Water, the project sought to commission a professional visual artist to design, fabricate, and install an artwork for the Armadillo Water Tank Art as an Art in Public Places project.

The increased scope of the project is to cover additional surface area of the decommissioned water tank

located at Armadillo Park in South Austin.