

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

June 5, 2020

Notice is hereby given that, prior to the adjournment of the regular meeting of Commissioners Court on **Tuesday, June 09, 2020**, the Court will consider the following supplemental agenda items.

1. Recommendation by the County Engineer for authorization to negotiate a professional landscape architecture and engineering services agreement with Asakura Robinson Company LLC as the primary consultant in connection with a Harris County Equity in Transportation Study.
2. Request by the County Attorney for authority to retain a consultant to advise on options for computer hardware and software to aid in collecting taxes owed to Harris County and that the Purchasing Agent help to select a qualified consultant who can provide advice and guidance at an estimated cost of less than \$50,000 in preparation of the report requested by Commissioners Court.
3. Request by the County Attorney for authority to continue environmental enforcement litigation against persons responsible for the unauthorized discharge of waste from 1017 Church Street in Crosby into the waters of the State of Texas.
4. Transmittal by the County Treasurer of a report of monies received and disbursed for March 2020.
5. Request by the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., in the additional amount of \$500,000 for the lease of 50 additional vehicles for Harris County Precinct Two using The Interlocal Purchasing System.
6. Request by the Purchasing Agent for approval of a sole source exemption from the competitive bid requirements for Axon Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$29,002 for hardware, accessories, warranty, and services through the Taser 60 Program for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, for the period of June 9, 2020-June 8, 2021, with four one-year renewal options, and that the County Judge execute the agreement.
7. Request by the County Judge for discussion and possible action on tasking the Justice Administration Department and representatives of Commissioners Court with developing a process for meaningfully engaging the community in the current budgeting evaluations for all criminal justice departments funded by Harris County.
8. Request by the County Judge for the Harris County Sherriff's Office and the Harris County Constables Precincts to submit monthly reports to the Justice Administration Department, for sharing with Commissioners Court and publishing on a public site, on officer uses of force, including, but not limited to those, where a weapon was discharged and any related video footage, with the data identifying whether the officer was on or off duty, what kind of injury or injuries resulted, where the use of force occurred, and the race, ethnicity, and gender of the person on whom the officer used force.
9. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for approval for staff to assist with the Emancipation Trail Bike Ride from Houston to Galveston in collaboration with the Texas Center for African American Living History on June 14, 2020.
10. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for authorization to allow the precinct and the Office of the County Engineer to engage and collaborate with Houston Parks Board regarding an agreement for a mural installation at 1019 Congress.

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11. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion regarding of the Office of the County Engineer's process for licensing of junkyards and automotive wrecking and salvage yards.

12. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for approval of a study to be conducted by the Justice Administration Department, in conjunction with the Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office, to analyze the feasibility of creating a county level emergency responder program to handle certain first-responder responsibilities that Harris County law enforcement agencies currently handle, with an initial update on findings within 30 days and the convening of public hearings upon completion of the report. The study should address:
 - How the county could route 911 calls for mental health and substance abuse crisis to a non-law enforcement crises response team.
 - An assessment of how best to structure crisis response teams to prevent crises before they occur and engage with vulnerable populations to provide referrals for preventive care.
 - An assessment of the cost of fully funding enough crisis response teams to handle all appropriate calls for service.

13. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for approval of a study to be conducted by the Justice Administration Department, in conjunction with the Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office, to analyze the feasibility and cost of creating a new county level agency or program to administer violence interruption programs based on proven public health techniques to end cycles of violence in the community, the study should contemplate that this agency or program would operate independent of law enforcement, with the initial report on the findings of the study within 30 days and the convening of public hearings upon completion of the report.

14. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion and possible action regarding improvements to our indigent defense system.

15. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion and possible action to improve accountability and transparency in use-of-force incidents by law enforcement, including the need for an independent oversight body (with power to subpoena documents and witnesses), greater transparency after incidents of force, and improved use-of-force policies and data keeping, with possible action including approval of a study to assess the feasibility and cost of creating a Harris County Civilian Oversight Board with subpoena power, independence from law enforcement, authority to discipline, sufficient resources, and access to specially trained non-law enforcement investigators to investigate claims against law enforcement officers in order to review allegations of use of force by law enforcement within Harris County, it should assess best practices and make recommendations about how to empower a rigorous community oversight authority in Harris County, and for an initial report on findings of the study within 30 days and the convening of public hearings upon completion of the report.

16. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for approval of a study by the Justice Administration Department, in conjunction with the Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office, that identifies best practices and makes recommendations for effective intervention alternatives to the utilization of punitive criminal justice responses to address issues of poverty, homelessness, public health and mental health, substance use, and violence prevention, it should identify the best approaches to improve public and community health, improve violence prevention, reduce racial disparities in our justice system, reduce incarceration, and otherwise enable our communities to thrive, the analysis should look at programs in Harris County and other large cities and counties (such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) designated to reduce criminal justice system involvement and disparities in the criminal justice system, including but not limited to non-law enforcement violence prevention and first-responder programs based on proven public health techniques, analyze the short and long-term cost effectiveness of current criminal justice approaches compared to potential non-criminal justice intervention alternatives, and make recommendations for funding or investing in existing or potential programs and structures that further these goals, and to provide preliminary responses within 30 days with preliminary findings, recommended next steps to complete the analysis, and additional resources needed to expedite the process, upon completion of a final report, there shall be a public hearing to present findings.

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17. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion and possible action to address the criminalization of poverty within Harris County, including the imposition of criminal fines, fees, and cash bail, and the disparate impact of such practices on individuals on low income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups. The Justice Administration Department shall submit a report and recommendations regarding the imposition of fines and fees associated with criminal offenses, the consequences of unpaid fines, the use and consequences of cash bail in pretrial detention, and disparate enforcement or impact of such practices on low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and any other vulnerable groups, and report preliminary findings within 60 days, and once the report is complete, the findings shall be presented at a public hearing.
18. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion and possible action to address mass incarceration in Harris County, and the need to reduce racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in our criminal justice system. The Justice Administration Department shall bi-annually report on current racial disparities in our justice system, and shall be responsible for regularly collecting, tracking, and reporting such information, and also report on how the County should perform a root cause analysis to reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice system, with the initial report to track disparities at various stages of the criminal justice process, from patrol to case disposition; identify the root causes of those disparities; and provide evidence-based recommendations to remedy the identified disparities, and report preliminary findings within 60 days, once the report is complete, the findings should be presented at a public hearing.
19. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for approval of a resolution remembering George Floyd, condemning use of the criminal justice system to use mass incarceration to systematically oppress, discriminate, and inflict violence on people of color, and calling for fundamental reforms to shift away from over-criminalization to focus on public health and violence prevention services that will make our communities safer.
20. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct Two for discussion and possible action on directing the Justice Administration Department to work with Harris County law enforcement agencies to develop a model use of force policy that such agencies may adopt, and work with such agencies to develop training budgets for the implementation of said policy, the model policy should be designed to prevent unnecessary use of force, ensure transparency and accountability, and build and strengthen relationships between Harris County law enforcement and the communities they are charged to protect and serve, the policy should address both deadly and nondeadly use of force, alternatives to use of force and de-escalation techniques, as well as reporting requirements, including development of a data collection form that may be used to report use of force incidents, allegations and findings by officer, the Justice Administration Department is authorized to work with academic, nonprofit and community organizations on this task and provide Commissioners Court with a status update at its July 28, 2020 meeting.

COVID-19 Items:

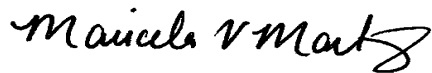
21. Transmittal by Budget Management on behalf of the The CARES Act Committee to establish the Small Business Recovery Fund in the amount of \$30 million.
22. Request by Public Health Services for approval to continue in readying a Non-Congregate Medical Sheltering at NRG facilities for COVID-19 Pandemic Response in Harris County.
23. Request by the Sheriff's Office to work with Budget Management and HRRM to create and hire any positions needed to comply with the City of Houston Control Order as it relates to the COVID-19 outbreak in the jail
24. Request by the Purchasing Agent for approval of the service agreement with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., in the amount of \$125,000 for COVID-19 Testing Services for Harris County Public Health Services for the period of June 9, 2020-June 8, 2021, and that the County Judge execute the agreement.
25. Request by the County Judge for recommendation to limit the length of time that any carceral facilities-such as the Baker Street Jail at 1307 Baker Street --are used to house inmates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to only the time of use that is necessary to mitigate viral spread, and after that time, any such facilities should be used for non-carceral purposes only.

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26. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion and possible action to address eviction of renters in Harris County and for possible action that may include studying the feasibility of a pilot program to support the right to legal counsel of indigent renters as well as other forms of advocacy and education for renters and individuals at risk of losing their shelter.
27. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct One for discussion about the activities that the Justice Administration Department has undertaken, in coordination with the Justice Management Institute, to address the systemic issues that drive the jail population especially during the COVID-19 outbreak, including best practices employed nationally to prevent a COVID-19 outbreak within or outside of jails and prisons and recommendations for what should be done in Harris County.
28. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct Four for discussion and possible action concerning the previously approved Interim 2040 County Transportation Plan, Chapter 9, Exhibit F, and steering and technical advisory committees, and that the plan be amended as a guideline for expending the HCTRA Mobility Funds rather than restricting and auditing the expenditures to certain categories, additionally we request removing the requirement for a steering and technical advisory committee and bringing this requirement back to court for discussion closer to the adoption of the final 2040 County Transportation Plan in 2021.



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