



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: May 9, 2024

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1, District 2

SUBJECT:

Renovations to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the San Antonio Botanical Garden

SUMMARY:

This item will authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San Antonio, Midtown TIRZ Board of Directors, and San Antonio Botanical Garden Society, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,355,000.00 for renovations to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the Botanical Garden, in City Council District 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 2, 2022, the Midtown TIRZ Board, through Resolution T31 2022-02-02-03R, approved funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the repair and replacement of glass panels on the conservatory structures, replacement of the green houses, lighting improvements and the development of a master plan for the project. This funding agreement was subsequently approved by City Council on February 10, 2022 through Ordinance 2022-02-10-0093.

Due to inflation and the need for additional waterproofing that was discovered after the project started for the Conservatory's Desert Room and fern Grotto, the project's budget increased by \$1,354,983.00.

On April 15, 2024, the Midtown TIRZ Board of Directors through Resolution No. T31 2024-04-15-03R approved the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San Antonio, Midtown TIRZ Board of Directors, and San Antonio Botanical Garden Society, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,355,000.00 for renovations to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the Botanical Garden.

ISSUE:

City Council consideration is requested for the approval of an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San Antonio, Midtown TIRZ Board of Directors, and San Antonio Botanical Garden Society, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,355,000.00 for renovations to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the San Antonio Botanical Garden.

ALTERNATIVES:

If City Council chooses not to approve the amendment to the funding agreement, the San Antonio Botanical Garden Society, Inc. will need to seek an alternative funding source for the renovations to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. This may delay or lead to cancellation of the public improvements which are critical to the use of the Conservatory.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this amendment is available through the tax increment produced by the Midtown TIRZ. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.