



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 4

SUBJECT:

Amendment to Funding Agreement: Aquatic & Multigenerational Center Renovation at Palo Alto College (2022 Bond Project)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San Antonio and Alamo Colleges District for the Aquatic & Multigenerational Center Renovation at Palo Alto College project, reflecting the change in scope of work from demolition and new construction to renovation of the existing natatorium at Palo Alto College, located in Council District 4. This ordinance declares the original scope of the 2022 Bond project Aquatic Center and Multigenerational Center at Palo Alto College unnecessary due to the design change.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Project Background

On May 6, 2017, voters approved the 2017 Bond Program authorizing \$5,300,000 in Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces for improvements to the Aquatic Center at Palo Alto College located in Council District 4. The 2017 Bond project supported improvements to the natatorium including a new roof, heating, ventilation, air conditioning replacement, interior and exterior renovations. However, the initial design assessment determined that the existing facility required

extensive renovations and it was best to demolish and construct a new facility. The center has been closed since December 2019 due to the condition of the facility.

On May 7, 2022, voters approved the 2022 – 2027 General Obligation Bond Program authorizing \$10,000,000 in Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces to facilitate construction of a new District 4 Multigenerational Recreation Facility to support senior and constituent services, meeting space and other recreational services at Palo Alto College, located in Council District 4. While negotiating the new funding agreement for the 2022 Bond project, Alamo Colleges proposed using Alamo Colleges funds and both the 2017 and 2022 Bond funds towards constructing a new natatorium and renovating existing space to deliver the multigenerational recreation facility.

Previous Council Actions

On September 7, 2023, through Ordinance 2023-09-07-0613, City Council authorized the execution of a funding agreement between the City and Alamo Community Colleges (ACD) totaling \$15,300,000. The council action deemed the \$5,300,000 2017 Bond Program Aquatic Center at Palo Alto College renovation project as unnecessary and paired the funds with the \$10,000,000 2022 Bond Program District 4 Multigenerational Recreation Facility to create a new project, the Aquatic & Multigenerational Center at Palo Alto College.

During the design phase in the Summer of 2024, Alamo Colleges received a new facility assessment which revealed the natatorium was in a condition where it could be renovated along with the interconnecting space, and gymnasium within the existing project budget. Renovation costs were favorable to the project budget and allowed Alamo Colleges to include enhancements not previously included in the pool design such as new spring and platform diving boards, and designated areas to teach “Learn to Swim” for children and seniors.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San Antonio and Alamo Colleges District for the new Aquatic & Multigenerational Facility Renovation at Palo Alto College, reflecting the change in scope of work from demolition and new construction to renovation of the existing natatorium at Palo Alto College, located in Council District 4. This ordinance declares the scope of the 2022 Bond Project Aquatic Center and Multigenerational Recreation Facility at Palo Alto unnecessary due to the change in project design.

The new project will continue to be overseen by Alamo Colleges. Construction started in Winter 2025 and is estimated to be complete by Winter 2027. City funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis upon verification and approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.