



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 18

Agenda Date: February 16, 2023

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

The Witte Museum – First Amendment for ADA Improvements

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves the First Amendment to the Funding Agreement between the Midtown #31 Board of Directors, the City of San Antonio, and the Witte Museum for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00 for ADA improvements to the Dawson Family Hall at the Witte Museum, located in Council District 2 and capital administration fees for project oversight. This item also appropriates funds and amends the 2023-2028 Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 10, 2022, City Council approved an agreement with the Witte Museum for \$3,000,000.00 for the expansion and renovation of the Prassel Auditorium now known as the Dawson Family Hall. The addition will double capacity for the Museum's Science Showcase STEM programs, which reach over 50,000 local students each year with auditorium capacity of 450 for STEM students.

Due to elevation changes associated with the project, an additional \$500,000.00 is needed for Americans with Disabilities Access (ADA) improvements. Additionally, the Witte Museum

Project will be overseen by the Public Works Department on behalf of the City, which requires an additional \$70,000.00 in capital administration fees.

On December 13, 2022, the Midtown #31 Board of Directors approved the First Amendment to the Funding Agreement with the Witte Museum through Resolution T31 2022-12-13-01R for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00 for additional improvements to the Dawson Family Hall for Americans with Disabilities Access (ADA) improvements due to elevation changes associated with the project and capital administration fees for project oversight.

ISSUE:

City Council consideration is requested for the approval of Funding Agreement between the Midtown #31 Board of Directors, the City of San Antonio, and the Witte Museum for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00 for additional improvements to Dawson Family Hall.

ALTERNATIVES:

If City Council chooses not to approve the Funding Agreement, the Witte Museum will need to seek an alternate funding source for the ADA improvements. This may delay or lead to the cancellation of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this agreement is available through the tax increment produced by the Midtown #31 TIRZ. This ordinance also appropriates funds and amends the 2023-2028 Capital Budget. There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Funding Agreement between the Midtown #31 Board of Directors, the City of San Antonio, and the Witte Museum for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00 for additional improvements to the Dawson Family Hall at the Witte Museum and capital administration fees; appropriating funds and amending the 2023-2028 Capital Budget.