



Legislation Text

File #: 21-4960, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff

Regular or Supplemental RCA:

- ☐ Regular RCA
☒ Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Commercial Paper

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Sheriff for approval of a Preliminary Investment Memo for the Harris County Detention Facilities - IPC Reconfiguration project in the amount of \$250,000 and for commercial paper funding for the Office of the County Engineer for this project in the initial amount of \$250,000.

Background and Discussion:

The Harris County Inmate Processing Center (IPC) at 1201 Commerce Street is a three-story building that currently houses storage and staff offices. The 43,668 square foot building is a concrete structure with a brick exterior. The building has existing tunnels and bridges connecting the facility to the 1200 Baker Street Jail and extends across Commerce to the Criminal Justice Center. The building is considered an option for renovation to create a medical facility for inmates, as a part of larger effort to repair and upgrade Harris County Detention Facilities.

Expected Impact:

The Harris County Sheriff's Office and Harris Health has determined there is a demand for additional facilities to service the healthcare needs of the current prison population. The limited available space at Ben Taub has forced inmates into the corridors of the county hospital, making it a risk to public safety and a hardship on the medical staff to properly care for the patients. Due to the location of the old IPC (Inmate Processing Center) facility and its existing connectivity to the jails, it is advantageous and cost effective to renovate this building into a medical facility.

Alternative Options:

At one time, 1307 Baker Street Jail (Little Baker) was assessed as an alternative, but that option has been eliminated. The 1307 Baker St. Jail is a minimum-security only building and does not connect to the tunnel system.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
☐ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☐ Public Health

- ☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment

☐ Governance and Customer Service **Prior Court Action (if any):** No previous Court Action related to IPC Reconfiguration

Location:

Address (if applicable list below): **1201 Commerce**

- ☐ Countywide
☐ Precinct 1
☒ Precinct 2

☐ Precinct 3

<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct 4	Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		250K	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		\$250K	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	Commercial Pap	250K	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		\$250K	-	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
Total Personnel		-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date:

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:

- ☒ Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item
- ☐ Emergency Item
- ☐ COVID-19 related Item
- ☐ Disaster Recovery related Item

Contact(s) name, title, and department:

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Attachments (if applicable): IPC Reconfiguration PIM & CP Letter