



Legislation Text

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Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Interlocal Agreement.

In 2006, the cities of Round Rock, Cedar Park, Hutto, Leander and Williamson County created the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (WCRAS) to address the cumulative animal care and sheltering needs of the partner cities and county. The shelter opened in 2007 and was immediately at full capacity.

The growth of the cities and the county has stretched the capacity of the shelter. The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Board, acting through Williamson County, engaged the services of Jackson & Ryan Architect in 2014 to evaluate the future needs of the shelter and to develop a facility plan through 2035 and 2050.

In order to accomplish an expansion and remodel, the original agreement creating the partnership needs to be amended. This Interlocal Agreement includes language on the ownership of the shelter, expansion and payment and admission of new parties. There are also minor administrative changes related to budget process and quarterly reporting requirements.

With the approval of the ILA, the Council is authorizing the WCRAS board representative to vote to move forward with the design and construction of the expansion and remodel. Each entity will pay their proportional share of the expansion cost based on the number of animals they take to the shelter annually. The total estimated cost of the expansion and remodel is \$10,092,078. Round Rock's portion is 27.23% of the total cost which equates to \$2,748,073. This amount will be paid over a course of two to three years depending on the timing of the construction.

Staff recommends using existing balances in the General Self-Finance Construction fund for this project, and it is included in the 2016/17 proposed budget.

Staff recommends approval