

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-066

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN AND THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF HUTTO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; PROVIDING PROPER NOTICE & MEETING, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hutto is a member government of the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (“WCRAS”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown desires to enter into a partnership with other local governments to expand the WCRAS; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve the memorandum of understanding and a draft of the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement to incorporate the City of Georgetown into the WCRAS; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor to execute the memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) and the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”), attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1: The findings set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council and are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.


Section 2: The Hutto City Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the MOU and the Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, a copy of same being attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 3: The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

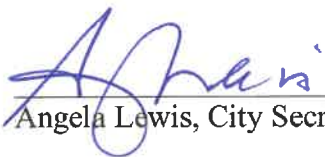
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED & APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF HUTTO, on the 4th day of April 2024 on vote of 7AYES; 0NAYS; 0ABSTENTIONS.

THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS


Mike Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Lewis, City Secretary



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN
AND
THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made by the County of Williamson and the Cities of Cedar Park, Round Rock, Hutto, and Leander (collectively the "Member Governments") and the City of Georgetown ("Georgetown").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to set forth the intention of the Member Governments and Georgetown; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown currently operates an animal shelter within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown's animal shelter performs animal sheltering and control functions substantially similar to the WCRAS (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, Georgetown's animal shelter is regularly at capacity and Georgetown's shelter and operations need to significantly expand in order to meet Georgetown's public need; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, the Interlocal Cooperation Act provides that any one or more public agencies may contract with each other for the performance of governmental functions and for the joint use of facilities or services for the promotion and protection of the health and welfare of the inhabitants of this State and the mutual benefit of the Parties; and

WHEREAS, each of the Member Governments require a regional animal control shelter with the capability of providing animal control services within the Williamson County, Texas, area on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Interlocal Agreement, as amended (the "Agreement"), the Member Governments jointly operate the William County Regional Animal Shelter ("WCRAS") for the purpose of providing the public need for animal sheltering and control services within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the WCRAS also regularly operates at capacity and needs to expand its facility and operations in order to provide the public need for animal shelter and control services within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties share a common interest in designing and expanding a facility to better serve animal sheltering and control needs as described in Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 823; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement allows for the Agreement to be further amended to admit a new party, located within Williamson County, as long as the new party agrees to: abide by all of the Agreement's conditions; pay the Equity Buy-in Fee; and be responsible for its share of the M&O expenses; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2022, WCRAS voted to proceed with exploring a partnership with Georgetown and formed a working group; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2022, the Georgetown City Council directed City staff to continue to explore a partnership with WCRAS, in part, by funding a feasibility study looking at the expansion to the Williamson County-owned WCRAS facility; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2023, the Georgetown City Council approved an interlocal agreement with Williamson County, and on March 21, 2023 the Williamson County Commissioners Court approved the same agreement, for design services for WCRAS expansion project; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2023, the Williamson County Commissioners Court approved advertising and receiving sealed qualifications for an Architectural and Engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study for the WCRAS Expansion, under RFQ #23RFSQ61; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, the Williamson County Commissioners Court approved awarding 23RFSQ61, the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Expansion Feasibility Study to Quorum Architect, Inc. in an amount of \$42,000; and

WHEREAS, the results of the feasibility study indicate that an expansion, inclusive of Georgetown, is feasible, provided Georgetown funds the constructions of at least 106 new dog kennels; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown City Council was briefed on what a proposed expansion of the regional animal shelter on October 10, 2023 and the governing board for WCRAS was briefed on a possible expansion on October 27, 2023, and there is stated consensus to move forward with a partnership; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, the residents of the City of Georgetown approved a general obligation bond for the purpose of expanding animal sheltering services for the City of Georgetown; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown has proposed becoming a new party to the Agreement in exchange for the City abiding by all terms of the negotiated agreement attached as Exhibit A (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Member Governments have considered and wish to execute the Amendment subject to any revisions required in conjunction with Georgetown's issuance of its general obligation bond to finance the WCRAS expansion; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Member Governments agree to work cooperatively and in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding to take the steps set forth herein.

ARTICLE I.

The Member Governments and Georgetown agree to execute the Amendment to the Agreement attached once Georgetown receives confirmation it can use its general bond obligation funds to finance the WCRAS expansion. Any material changes to the Amendment must be ratified by each Member Government.

ARTICLE II. LEGAL EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to provide an outline of the current understanding of the parties hereto, and is not intended to legally bind the parties to the terms and conditions stated herein. The parties, however, agree that the terms and conditions stated herein are reasonable and provide an outline for future actions by the parties.

Executed and effective this 4th day of April, 2024.

[Signatures on the following pages.]

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

By: _____

Mike Snyder, Mayor

Date: _____