



Legislation Text

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Agenda Section: Consent

Item Title:
Throne Public Bathrooms - Contract Extension

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the renewal of Throne Labs rental services for five public restrooms for 1-year under their existing contract with the City. This expenditure, not to exceed \$230,000, will be funded using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as part of the Public Restrooms and Shower Facility project pre-approved by the Council during the April 17th, 2023 meeting. The Treasurer is authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the budget to facilitate this expenditure

Summary Background:

In evaluating the feasibility of restroom facilities at 38th Ave Park, Driskell Park, Heurich Park, Hyatt and Spot Park, it became apparent that the cost of constructing permanent restrooms presents a significant financial burden. The City will continue to explore cost effective permanent options, however, the need for accessible restroom facilities at these locations remains essential for public health and convenience.

The cost per site varies based on proximity to the nearest WSSC water and sewer lines and cost and time to construct.

Below, is the rationale outlined for choosing portable restrooms over permanent facilities at each park location.

- **38th Ave Park:** The cost of permanent restroom construction is over \$934,000 for sewer, water main, power supply, Portland Loo purchase, and site preparation. Opting for Throne Portable Restrooms is offering a cost-effective alternative that meets immediate needs without burdening the park's budget. Portable restrooms provide flexibility for relocation and adaptability to changing park usage patterns.
- **Driskell Park:** The cost of adding additional permanent restroom facilities ranges from \$350,000 to \$400,000, including infrastructure and purchase of a Portland Loo. Despite being less expensive than at 38th Ave Park, it will strain the park's budget. We will continue to seek more cost effective options.
- **Heurich Park and Hyatt Park:** Both require temporary restrooms until the Portland Loos that were purchased with CARES Act funding are installed in Q1 of FY25. Throne Portable Restrooms offer a viable interim solution that meets immediate restroom needs at a fraction of the cost of permanent construction.

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From August 2023 to February 2024, there were 10,948 total users of the Throne. Please refer to the attached document for a detailed analysis of Throne usage.

Next Steps:

Issue purchase order and deploy 1 additional restroom.

Fiscal Impact:

NTE \$230,000

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Support. The staff will continue to explore lower cost options with closer access to water and sewer lines.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A