



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the City of Killeen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Army Garrison Fort Cavazos for the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership.

DATE: March 5, 2024

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manger

FROM: Edwin Revell, Executive Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the City of Killeen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Army Garrison Fort Cavazos for the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2009, Fort Cavazos initiated the Central Texas (Cen-Tex) Sustainable Communities Partnership to cultivate and foster collaboration with our neighboring cities and to bring the government and communities together to share experiences and challenges related to implementing sustainability and develop a regional plan for successful integration. The goal for this partnership is to create a regional baseline to see where we are now and then developed strategies to reduce our consumption of resources and track our progress towards developing a sustainable future. By collectively creating targets and milestones, our communities can develop projects that will create measurable environmental benefits. By exchanging sustainability ideas, providing training, and tracking our shared efforts, we can have a large impact on regional sustainability.

The long-term goal of this partnership is to help foster a regional collaboration among city managers, engineers, planners, and other representatives from the Village of Salado and from the cities of Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Nolanville, Belton, Lampasas, and Gatesville. We will help build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will achieve positive environmental impacts, livability, and economic development benefits for many generations to come.

Fort Cavazos is looking for entities willing to commit the time and staff resources necessary for a successful program that will result in projects that address the following issues: air quality, climate change, transportation, energy, land use, green buildings, and resource efficiency. This partnership is intended to result in projects that maximize federal, state, regional, and local resources to provide tangible cross-cutting projects that result in substantial environmental benefits.

Through this initiative the parties involved are expected to actively cooperate in the following areas:

- Developing an Initiative project work plan;
- Identifying funding to support Initiative projects;

- On an as-needed basis, recruiting new participants to support the Initiative in both advisory and project implementation roles;
- Participating in periodic conference calls and face-to-face meetings;
- Developing a mechanism for evaluating and measuring Initiative progress, including emission reductions and other environmental benefits achieved;
- Devoting staff time to support Initiative project activities; and
- Analyzing, selecting, and implementing a variety of sustainable and environmentally beneficial projects for the Central Texas Region.

The City of Killeen has been a member of Cen-Tex since its inception. This membership coincides with the city's stormwater management goals and objectives and TCEQ MS4 permit. Every ten (10) years a new agreement is needed to be executed between all members of the Cen-Tex Partnership. This agreement if executed will be in effect until July 15, 2034.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

N/A

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

N/A

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item conforms to state, city, and local purchasing policies and regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the revenue/expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

N/A

Is this a one-time or recurring revenue/expenditure?

N/A

Is this revenue/expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this revenue/expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City to execute and renew the Memorandum of Agreement with Fort Cavazos for the Cen-Tex Partnership. This will ensure the City of Killeen continued partnership and participation within the Cen-Tex Partnership. This partnership will continue to support the City's goals and objectives in managing the Stormwater Management and TCEQ MS4 Permit.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Development Services
Finance
City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agreement
Presentation