

WHEREAS, quickly and efficiently connecting the most vulnerable residents with proper care, treatment, and meaningful help can reduce recidivism and address root causes of unlawful behavior while ensuring accountability; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Manager is directed to issue a Request for Qualifications/Proposals ("RFQ/P") in sixty (60) days for the design of a Community Resource Center facility to house a variety of non-custodial treatment and support services, operated by community-based service providers and organizations and designed to provide a full continuum of care to individuals with mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders, and houselessness, that are diverted from the criminal justice system, with adaptive community re-entry. The CRC facility design shall include a public lobby, intake and assessment, crisis stabilization, non-custodial and custodial treatment and support, food service and laundry, and social services encompassing all the needs of Kansas City's most vulnerable residents.



Authenticated as Passed


Quinton Lucas, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed



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RESOLUTION NO. 250232

Directing the City Manager to issue a Request for Qualifications/Proposals for the design of a Community Resource Center within sixty (60) days.

WHEREAS, in October of 2022, Pulitzer/Bogard & Associates and SFS Architecture submitted a final report with recommendations for a Community Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Resource Center (“CRC”) is to successfully transition justice-involved individuals into the community by establishing a continuum of care, treatment, and services at a central location in collaboration with private and public social services in partnership with the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the detention facility will make it difficult for the CRC to achieve its purpose due to potential contract issues and transportation concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously adopted Resolution No. 240896, which directed the City Manager to analyze the feasibility of developing City-owned parcels in close proximity to the municipal courthouse for the purposes of a Community Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing city-owned parcels and engaging stakeholders from the municipal court, the parking lot adjacent to the courthouse at the southwest corner of Cherry and 11th Street was identified as a viable option for a Community Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, SFS Architecture previously envisioned a courthouse expansion into this lot in the Municipal Courthouse Comprehensive Facility Assessment; and

WHEREAS, providing space for a comprehensive array of services at one location adjoining the courthouse will eliminate many of the barriers that justice-involved individuals and struggling community members face in accessing mental health treatment, social services, and housing support; and

WHEREAS, many of Kansas City’s most vulnerable residents struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues, houselessness, and extreme poverty, which can contribute to a high frequency of contact with law enforcement for low-level offenses and an elevated recidivism rate; and