

Minutes

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

Committee Members: Kashmann, Chair; Torres, Vice-Chair; Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer

Committee Staff: Emily Lapel

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 10:30 AM City & County Building, Room 391

Attendance

Present: 6 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer

Action Items

20-0029

Amends Chapter 28, Articles II and IV of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to update language, conform to changes in state law, and add areas of protection in the antidiscrimination ordinance.

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Torres, that Council Bill 20-0029 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

Presentations

<u>20-0034</u> Service contracts from the Department of Housing Stability

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Presentation 20-0034 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

Action Items

<u>20-009</u>

Amends a contract with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless by adding \$566,000 for a new total of \$1,132,000 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 for rental assistance and support services including employment assistance, disability benefits, mental health services and substance treatment for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness

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or are at risk of becoming homeless, citywide (OEDEV-201952715-01; 201846924-01).

Council Resolution 20-009 was approved for filing

20-010

Amends a contract with Colorado Legal Services by adding \$297,517 for a new total of \$597,507 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 provide free legal assistance, including in-court eviction representation, to low-income persons and other members of vulnerable populations in an effort to prevent homelessness and stabilize residents in their homes, citywide (OEDEV-201952697- 01; 201946941-01).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, that Council Resolution 20-010 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

20-011

Approves a grant agreement with The Colorado Health Foundation for the City to receive \$1,500,000 over three years to support and expand housing vouchers and day shelter services programs, citywide (HOST-201952882-00).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Resolution 20-011 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

<u>20-012</u>

Amends a contract with Colorado Health Network by adding \$2,331,187 for a new total of \$3,745,493 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 for tenant based rental assistance, short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, permanent housing placement and other supportive services for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS who need assistance with maintaining long-term, stable, permanent housing, citywide (OEDEV-201952796-01; 201846917-01).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Resolution 20-012 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

20-013

Amends a contract with Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. by adding \$1,000,000 for a new total of \$2,000,000 and one year for a new end date

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of 12-31-20 to administer the city's Temporary Rent/Utility Assistance (TRUA) program to help prevent displacement by assisting low- and moderate-income residents experiencing a housing crisis to maintain stability while obtaining alternative housing by providing rental assistance, utility assistance and other services, citywide (OEDEV-201952754-01; 201846944-01).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Resolution 20-013 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

<u>20-014</u>

Amends a contract with Northeast Denver Housing Center, Inc. by adding \$1,000,000 for a new total of \$2,000,000 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 to administer the city's Temporary Rent/Utility Assistance (TRUA) program to help prevent displacement by assisting low- and moderate-income residents experiencing a housing crisis to maintain stability while obtaining alternative housing by providing rental assistance, utility assistance and other services, citywide (OEDEV-201952786-01; 201846925-01).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Resolution 20-014 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0

20-015

Amends a contract with Volunteers of America Colorado Branch (VOA) by adding \$325,000 for a new total of \$650,000 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 to provide rapid rehousing and rapid rehousing and care services, including case management, housing navigation and temporary behavioral health services, citywide (OEDEV-201952689-01; 201946957-01).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, that Council Resolution 20-015 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ave: 7 - Kashmann, Torres, Sandoval, Kniech, Flynn, Sawyer, Clark

Nay: 0