

**HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR**

The Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego was called to order at 2:27 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Council President Georgette Gómez, District 9
Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry, District 1
Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2
Councilmember Chris Ward, District 3
Councilmember Monica Montgomery, District 4
Councilmember Mark Kersey, District 5
Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6
Councilmember Scott Sherman, District 7
Councilmember Vivian Moreno, District 8

Approval of Housing Authority Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Housing Authority meeting of February 12, 2019, were approved on motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery, and passed by a vote of 9-0.

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Izean Rim spoke about the Plaza Hotel.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ITEM 1: HAR19-004 Approval of Contract renewal between San Diego Housing Commission and Mental Health Systems (MHS) to operate the City of San Diego's Transitional Storage Center, Currently known as the Storage Connect Center, at 116 South 20th Street, San Diego, California 92113

Lisa Jones, Senior Vice President, Homeless Housing Innovations, and Marley Williams, Senior Homeless Programs Analyst, San Diego Housing Commission, presented the request for approval.

Connie Zuniga, Pita Verdin, Father John Auther and Marco Cisneros, Jr. spoke in opposition.
Izean Rim spoke in favor.

Council President Gómez recessed the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Ward to approve staff recommendation and amend the storage facility's inactive bin policy from closing a bin after 90 days of inactivity to 60 days of inactivity to better match the utilization data provided. The contractor shall retain the abandoned items for a total of 90 days from the client's last check-in.

Prior to execution of the third amendment to the agreement with MHS, the City Council or Land Use & Housing Committee shall receive a proposed plan with community feedback for a new transitional storage facility site to serve individuals experiencing homelessness that will open for operation in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020.

Request to staff:

- Receive a report back to the City Council or Land Use & Housing Committee no later than 60 days with an update on efforts to locate, secure, and open transitional storage centers in addition to the center operated by Think Dignity, the center operated by Mental Health Systems at 116 20th Street, and the center referenced above.
- Permit the San Diego Housing Commission to collect from the Contractor additional client-level data, such as who is being served and where people are sleeping the night before. Receive a report back to the City Council or Land Use & Housing Committee no later than 60 days with an update on gathering additional client-level data.

Seconded by Councilmember Sherman and passed by a vote of 7-2 with Councilmember Moreno and Councilmember Montgomery voting no.

That the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) recommend that the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority) take the following actions:

1. Approve a two-month extension of the contract term for the current Agreement (Attachment No. 1) with Mental Health Systems, Inc. (MHS), for the operation of the City of San Diego's Transitional Storage Center, currently known as the Storage Connect Center (Center), at 116 South 20th Street, San Diego, California 92113 (Premises), for an amended term of May 14, 2018, through June 30, 2019, and a corresponding amendment to the contract budget to accommodate the two additional operating months in the amended term at current capacity of 500 storage units at any one time for an adjusted budget of \$1,426,729.26 (an addition of \$160,084.26 for the extension) (Attachment 2);
2. Approve the execution of the first one-year renewal option and third amendment of the Agreement with Mental Health Systems (MHS), contingent on necessary City of San Diego approvals, if any, to operate the Center for a term of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, with a corresponding budget at current capacity of 500 storage units at any one time with an annual budget amount of \$1,190,828.40, on terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement, which is attached hereto as Attachment No. 3, as it may be amended upon advice of General Counsel of the Housing Commission;
3. Authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer (President & CEO), or delegated designee, to execute the Amendments and any and all other documents and agreements that are necessary to implement these approvals;
4. Authorize the President & CEO to take such actions as are reasonably necessary to implement the approvals referenced in this report;
5. Authorize the allocation and expenditure of funds in the Fiscal Year 2020 Housing Commission budget to support the payment of building lease costs for the lease to be renewed by the City of San Diego for the Center (Attachment No. 4), from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. The total expected funding is set forth in Attachment No. 5, and,
6. Authorize the President & CEO, or delegated designee, to substitute funding sources and/or increase funding amounts for services provided under the Agreement for the operation of the Center and for the payment of lease payments for the lease agreement to be entered into by the City of San Diego for the Premises by not more than 20 percent of the original amount allocated herein, if necessary, without further action of the Housing Commission or Housing Authority, but only if and to the extent that such funds are determined to be available for such purposes and when it is determined to be in the best interests of the Housing Commission.

Council President Gómez adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:16 p.m.