

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 3, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Items, August 26, City Council Agenda – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Air Monitoring Grant Contracts**

The following two items will be considered by the City Council on the August 26, 2020 City Council Agenda:

**Renewal of the contract with TCEQ for the Rockwall and Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 Monitoring Program** – Authorize the continued operation and monitoring of the ambient air monitoring station in Rockwall County and air quality monitoring of the PM 2.5 network. The PM 2.5 particles are measured at less than 2.5 microns in diameter, which are small enough to be transported through the upper respiratory causing direct health hazards. This network consists of several samplers located within the City of Dallas. The site in Rockwall County is part of the Dallas/Ft. Worth region's ambient air monitoring network. TCEQ purchased and installed major components of the station and will maintain these components for the facility to be operational. The contract amount is \$96,707.48 for the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. No matching from the City is required.

**Renewal of the contract with TCEQ for the Whole Air Monitoring (Biowatch)** – Authorize the continued operation and monitoring of the Whole Air monitoring network in the Dallas area. In turn, TCEQ serves as liaison between the contract awardee and the Department of Homeland Security on matters of BioWatch field operations in the state of Texas. This program was established in 2003 to help provide early warning of a bioterrorist attack. This early warning helps decision makers plan an effective, coordinated, and rapid response. The work requires daily collection operations and equipment maintenance on dozens of air samplers across Dallas County. The air samples are transported to a local lab for daily testing. The contract amount is \$309,511.31 for the period September 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. No matching from the City is required. TCEQ is in the process of firming up the schedule to extend the contract past April 2021.

Should you require additional information, please contact me or Sheila Delgado, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability at [Sheila.Delgado@dallascityhall.com](mailto:Sheila.Delgado@dallascityhall.com).

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