

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 5, 2021

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **November 10, 2021, Upcoming City Council Agenda Item #27; 21-1944: Highland Hills Hotel Expenditure Ratification**

The following item is scheduled to go before City Council on November 10, 2021.

Agenda Item #27; 21-1944

Authorize the ratification of **(1)** \$300,000.00 for hotel lodging services rendered for displaced individuals to support emergency congregate shelter prevention and homelessness resulting from the Highland Hills Apartment explosion; and **(2)** \$125,000.00 for meal services to displaced individuals resulting from the Highland Hills Apartment explosion - Total not to exceed \$425,000.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Treasury - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

BACKGROUND

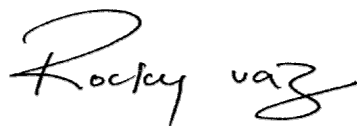
This item allows for the emergency ratification for hotel lodging services and meal services to individuals being housed by the City of Dallas in response to the Highland Hills Apartment fire that occurred on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

These services were procured utilizing emergency procurement guidelines which allow for the procurement of goods and services where routine bidding requirements cannot be followed. Emergency procurements are exempt from competitive bidding under the City Charter and State Law. Due to the nature of the emergency, all charges were made through the Office of Emergency Management travel-card and purchasing-card.

This response was necessary to protect health and safety due to the residents' financial inability to find immediate and affordable housing combined with the continued COVID-19 regulations prohibiting congregate sheltering.

The following hotels were used throughout the duration of the emergency from September 29, 2021 through October 22, 2021: Cambria Hotel Downtown Dallas, TownePlace Inn & Suites by Marriott Dallas Downtown, Hotel Indigo Dallas Downtown, Hilton Anatole, TownePlace Suites by Marriott DeSoto, Extended Stay America Dallas Vantage Point, Extended Stay America Dallas Greenville, and Sonesta ES Suites Dallas Market Center.

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