

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026

Topic:

Workshop Discussion Only – Approve a contract with On Par Civil Service for the implementation and construction of the Downtown Bollard Plan (Project No. 2026-10002) as part of the Special Event Security Improvements, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$135,531.95 (Bid No. 2026-04), authorize the expenditure of funds therefor, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents. The expenditure was included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Background:

During the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, City Council directed staff to evaluate and identify opportunities to enhance public safety and security measures for special events held in the Downtown area. This direction was primarily focused on improving conditions within the southern four blocks of Downtown, which serve as a central location for community gatherings, festivals, and high-attendance events.

In response, City staff coordinated with AIG Technical Services, Inc. to develop a comprehensive Downtown Bollard Plan. The plan was designed to provide both functional and aesthetic improvements that enhance pedestrian safety while maintaining the character and accessibility of the Downtown corridor.

The proposed plan includes the installation of removable bollards anchored within reinforced concrete pavement bands. This design allows for flexibility in daily operations while providing the ability to secure roadways during events. The reinforced concrete bands ensure structural integrity and long-term durability, particularly in areas subject to repeated installation and removal of bollards.

This effort is part of a broader strategy to improve event safety, which has also included the evaluation and use of additional protective measures such as decorative rock barriers, temporary barricades, and expanded camera coverage. Together, these elements are intended to reduce vehicular conflict points, improve crowd protection, and enhance overall situational awareness during special events.

Funding for the design and engineering of the Downtown Bollard Plan was provided in part by the Tomball Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) through its Downtown Mobility Plan initiative, reflecting a coordinated approach to improving both safety and accessibility in the Downtown area.

The implementation of these improvements will support the City's ongoing commitment to providing safe, welcoming, and well-managed public spaces for residents, visitors, and event organizers.

Origination:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends awarding a contract to On Par Civil Service for the implementation and construction of the Downtown Bollard Plan as part of the Special Event Security Improvements for an amount not-to-exceed \$135,531.95.

