

City Manager's Office

City of Richland Hills, Texas

# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Edward Lopez and members of the Richland Hills City Council

From: Candice Edmondson, Assistant City Manager

Date: March 25, 2019

Subject: Resolution No. 508-19 – Best Value in Purchasing

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## **Council Action Requested:**

Consider approval of Resolution No. 508-19 delegating authority to determine best value in purchasing to the City Manager

## **Background Information:**

Chapters 252 and 2269 of the Texas Local Government Code provide for methods of purchasing for municipalities. Under both chapters, the governing body of a municipality that is considering using a method other than competitive sealed bidding (ex: competitive sealed proposals) must determine before notice is given the method of purchase that provides the best value for the municipality. Both chapters also allow for the City Council to delegate authority to determine best value in purchasing to the City Manager.

If City Council chooses to approve the proposed resolution, the City Manager will have the authority to determine which purchasing method is most appropriate for the goods or services requested. Granting this authority streamlines the purchasing process eliminating the need for staff to request approval from City Council prior to using competitive sealed proposals or other purchasing methods.

## **Financial Considerations:**

None

## **Board/Citizen Input:**

None

## **Attachments:**

Resolution No. 508-19

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**RESOLUTION NO. 508-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS DELEGATING ITS AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE BEST VALUE IN PURCHASING TO THE CITY MANAGER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richland Hills is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code and Chapter 2269 of the Texas Government Code both provide for methods of purchasing for municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.021(c) of the Texas Local Government Code permits a city council to delegate its authority to determine best value in purchasing if a method other than competitive bidding is used; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2269.053 of the Texas Government Code authorizes a city council to delegate its authority under that chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it appropriate to delegate authority under both statutes to the City Manager or his designee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1**

The City Council hereby delegates its authority to determine which purchasing method provides the best value to the City to the City Manager or his designee for all purchases made under Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**SECTION 2**

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is so resolved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019.**

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Mayor Edward Lopez

ATTEST:

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary