

Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 3024 NEW SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FOOD BANK LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HOPE FOR HUNGER CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS; AND ORDERING THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE FOOD BANK LEASE AGREEMENT AND THIS ORDINANCE BE RECORDED.

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Hope for Hunger Corporation, for the city-owned facility located at 5605 North 55th Avenue, for the purpose of warehousing and distributing food to low and moderate income persons. The lease agreement is for a five-year period.

Background

The Hope For Hunger Corporation is a registered Arizona non-profit 501c (3) and was founded by a Glendale firefighter with a mission to provide supplemental and emergency food through a coalition of partners from both the corporate and private sectors, community groups and individuals. Along with its partners, the organization focuses on providing nutritional assistance with the dignity and respect to each person it serves. On December 13, 2011, the organization entered into a five-year lease agreement with the City after a previous tenant (the Westside Food Bank/St. Mary's Food Bank) closed the facility. This was approved by City Council after a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP).

The food bank officially opened its doors in May 2012 and is now completing its fifth year of operation. The food bank continues to serve disadvantaged residents in Glendale with emergency assistance food boxes, which can be received once a month and contain a three-day supply of nutrition and nourishment for those in a crisis situation.

As the end of the current contract will occur in December, 2016 and because of the sole-source nature of the Hope for Hunger food bank, staff is now requesting Council approval of a new, five-year lease agreement with the organization.

<u>Analysis</u>

In 2016, the food bank distributed approximately 1,500 metric tons of food to 31,000 families utilizing 18,000 volunteer hours while being funded by grants, individual and business/corporation donations and fundraisers.

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The facility continues to address a need in our community for local access to emergency food distribution services. It has continued to serve as a very important presence in the Glendale community after the St. Mary's Food Bank consolidated and relocated its services to the Thomas Road location in 2010, after almost 20 years of service in Glendale at the site.

In order to continue this important service to Glendale residents, Council is requested to renew the lease agreement for the facility to Hope for Hunger for \$1.00 each year, for an additional five year period.

Hope for Hunger will continue to be responsible for all utilities and operating expenses of the facility, while the City will continue to be responsible to maintain and repair all major exterior portions and systems on the premises including the roof, electrical service panel, HVAC system and the plumbing system. Any future maintenance costs associated with the building shall be handled through Facilities Management Department and funded by the Building Maintenance Reserve.

Previous Related Council Action

One December 13, 2011, Council approved the first three-year lease agreement with Hope for Hunger with Ordinance No. 2790. One June 9, 2015, Council approved the two-year renewal option with a retroactive date of December 13, 2014 with Ordinance No. 2914. The organization has also been previously recommended for funding by the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC).

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

The former fire station at 5605 North 55th Avenue has been a food bank for the Glendale community since 1990. The food bank's presence in our community is very important and provides excellent service and community benefit. Currently, Hope for Hunger provides over 700 supplemental and emergency food boxes a week to low-to-moderate income persons. The organization also provides referrals to other social service programs in our community.

Budget and Financial Impacts

The lease agreement has no impact on General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Capital Expense? No

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?