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**ORDINANCE**

**APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND BLINK CHARGING COMPANY FOR PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ON CITY PROPERTY**

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**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan on August 11, 2016, to guide the City toward smart, sustainable growth as it prepares for a million more people by 2040. On June 22, 2017, City Council passed a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement, directing city staff to develop a plan to help San Antonio meets the objectives of this agreement. On October 17, 2019, City Council adopted the SA Climate Ready Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) with a main goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting clean and efficient technologies, including electric vehicles (EV), is a mitigation strategy for reducing transportation consumption in the City of San Antonio’s SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan, the CAAP, the Ozone Attainment Master Plan and the American Cities Climate Challenge. The City of San Antonio Electric Vehicle Fleet Conversion and City-Wide Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study, completed in December 2019, explains that charger availability is a major barrier to EV ownership in San Antonio. Large areas of San Antonio have no access to fast forms of public charging. In order to accelerate EV adoption and support EV drivers, the City needs to expand its EV charging infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) for Light Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Level 2 Charging Equipment is a historic opportunity for grant funding that provides a pathway to not only more EV charging stations, but EV adoption among San Antonio’s community, a strategy for improved air quality and public health. TxVEMP grantees must pay project costs upfront, after which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) reimburses grantee for eligible activities. This supports the City’s goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ground-level ozone attributed to the transportation sector by encouraging cleaner fuel technologies, including electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS:** on July 1, 2020 the City issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Publicly-Accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure on City Property (RFP 20-076) for cost-neutral business models with third-party electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) providers to install, operate, maintain, and own publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure on City property. Five firms responded to the RFP; the proposals were reviewed by an evaluation committee of representatives from several City departments with advisory members from CPS Energy and the Natural Resources Defense Council; after initial scoring, three respondents were selected for interviews and Blink Charging Company received the highest ranking and is recommended for award by the evaluation committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this agreement is for one year with the option for the City to renew for four additional one-year terms, under the same terms and conditions. Blink will own and operate the EVSE, assume all costs incurred, and provide a revenue sharing arrangement with COSA, as outlined in the Parking Agreement, which guarantees cost neutrality for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance authorizes an agreement between the City of San Antonio and Blink Charging Company for Publicly-Accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure on City Property (RFP 20-076), at no cost to the City, for a one year term with the option for the City to renew for four additional one year terms, under the same terms and conditions; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director, Office of Sustainability or designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement, and all related documents, with Blink Charging Company for Publicly-Accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure on City Property (RFP 20-076), at no cost to the City, for a one year term, with the option to renew the agreement, without further Council action, for four additional one year terms, under the same terms and conditions. The agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**. The execution authority granted by this ordinance shall expire 60 days after the effective date.

**SECTION 2.** Funds generated by this ordinance will be deposited in Fund 55001000, Internal Order 280005500001, and General Ledger Account 4407725.

**SECTION 3.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2020.**

**M A Y O R  
Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney