



# MEMORANDUM

OCPPA Agenda  
Item No. PPA. A  
8/13/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Chairman and Trustees of the Oklahoma City Public Property Authority

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager/General Manager, OCPPA

Second Amendment to the Energy Services Agreement with Vicinity Energy Oklahoma City, LLC, formerly known as Veolia Energy Oklahoma City, Inc., to provide heating and cooling service to the Myriad Gardens Crystal Bridge, 301 West Reno Avenue. Ward 6.

**Location:**

301 West Reno Avenue

**Purpose:**

Vicinity agrees to supply, and Customer agrees to accept, Customer's total requirements of the services for chilled water at Myriad Gardens Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory ("Myriad Gardens"). The services shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth on Exhibits F through J, of the Agreement.

**Background:**

In November 2022, the Myriad Botanical Gardens completed an \$11 million renovation to the Crystal Bridge Conservatory. After the Bridge was reopened, it was discovered that the removal of several overgrown plants during the renovation reduced the natural canopy of the space, resulting in the summer temperatures exceeding tolerable levels. The main floor of the Conservatory will commonly exceed 100 degrees, and the temperatures on the third level have risen well over 120 degrees during the summer months. City Staff worked with the Myriad Gardens Foundation to develop a permanent solution to moderate the temperatures in the Crystal Bridge.

The OCPPA is the entity responsible for contracting for heating and cooling services of municipally owned facilities.

City staff has negotiated the energy service agreement with Vicinity Energy, Oklahoma City, LLC to provide chilled water, steam or hot water to the Myriad Botanical Gardens Crystal Bridge Conservatory ("Crystal Bridge").

**Previous Action:**

Agreement for energy service with Veolia Energy Oklahoma, Inc. to provide heating and cooling service for the new Police Headquarters, new Municipal Court Building and Civic Center building, 701 Couch Drive and 201 North Walker Avenue (Item No. PPA.A. 1/27/2015).

Resolution authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement or an amendment to the current agreement with Veolia Energy Oklahoma City, Inc. to provide heating and cooling service for the MAPS 3 Convention Center, 500 South Robinson Avenue (Item No. VII.AT. 12/5/2017).

Amendment was approved to add the new Convention Center to the Veolia Energy Oklahoma City, Inc's. agreement (Item No. PPA.A. 9/11/2018).

January 2, 2020, The City received notice that Veolia's district energy systems was sold to Antin Infrastructure Partners and was being rebranded as Vicinity Energy. This did not require an assignment of the contract. The corporate parent sold all of the assets to the new owners and Veolia conducted a name change to Vicinity.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$240,000

**Source of Funds:**

Operating costs for the service will be the sole responsible of the Myriad Gardens Foundation

**Review:**

Finance Department

**Recommendation:** Agreement be approved.