

AGENDA



Monday, September 8, 2008

Budget**Item No. 12****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$137,000,000 for expenditures related to the acquisition and construction of electric utility capital improvement projects.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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U. S. Treasury Regulations require that the City adopt an Official Declaration of Intent to Reimburse. By this action, Council is asked to declare the City's intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of one or more series of obligations to be issued in the future for current costs related to acquisition and construction costs for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Electric Utility Capital Improvement Projects. The City reasonably expects to incur debt as one or more series of obligations through October 2009, with an aggregate maximum principal amount equal to \$137,000,000, for the purpose of paying for costs incurred from October 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, which are associated with Electric Utility Capital Improvement Projects. All costs to be reimbursed will be capital expenditures within the meaning of applicable Treasury Regulations.

A city must have budgeted for and provided a source of funds in order to enter into a contract. For the City to spend money today, but reimburse itself from the issuance of debt obligations in the future, a reimbursement resolution is required by state and federal law. The resolution must contain certain information to protect the tax-exempt status of the future issuance. The resolution must be passed not more than 60 days after the date that the cost to be reimbursed is paid. Failure to adopt a qualified declaration of official intent will prohibit the City from reimbursing the costs with the proceeds of tax exempt obligations. Reimbursement bonds generally must be issued no later than 18 months after the later of, the date the expenditure was made, or the date that the project paid for with the funds, is placed in service.

FUND and FUND DESCRIPTION:

3080 E-Fayette I & II Capital
3230 E-Transmission Capital
3240 E-Distribution Substations Capital
3250 E-Distribution Capital
3260 E- Metering Capital
3290 E-Support Services Capital