

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 28366 Agenda Number 54.

Meeting Date: 11/7/2013 Department: Economic Growth and Redevelopment

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District 2014 assessments. (Suggested date and time: November 21, 2013, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX). Related to Item #13 and Item #14.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 11, 2012-Council reauthorized the Austin Downtown PID and authorized negotiation and execution of a new management contract with the Downtown Austin Alliance to provide PID services.
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Boards and	
Commission	
Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In related items on the November 7, 2013 agenda, the City Council will consider approval of the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District (PID) 2014-2015 Service Plan and Budget, setting the assessment rate for the District (proposed at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation), and approval of the proposed 2014 assessment roll. The proposed 2014 assessment rate at \$0.10/\$100 valuation is estimated to produce \$3,426,715 at a 96% collection rate. Assessments on real property fund the PID services.

State law requires a public hearing by Council to consider the proposed assessments. This action would set the public hearing on the Austin Downtown PID 2014 assessments for November 21, 2013. Approval of the assessment rate and proposed roll on November 7, 2013 allows notices to be sent to property owners, giving them an opportunity to review the property valuations prior to the public hearing. Property owners have a right to challenge their assessment at the hearing. At the hearing, the Council must hear and pass on any objection, made orally or in writing, to any proposed assessment, prior to approval of the ordinance levying assessments and setting the method of collection and the rate of interest for late payments.