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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	51795	Agenda Number	19.
Meeting Date:	11/19/2015		Department:	Economic Development	
Subject					
Approve an ordinance setting the assessment rate and approving a proposed 2016 assessment roll for the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District. Related to items # 20 and # 69.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
The 2016 assessment rate of \$0.10/\$100 valuation is estimated to produce \$5,047,681 at a 96% collection rate.					
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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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Downtown Public Improvement District (PID) encompasses an area of approximately 650 acres, from I-35 westward to Nueces and San Antonio Streets, and from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to south of Lady Bird Lake. The PID was created by the City Council on April 15, 1993 to provide constant and permanent funding to implement certain downtown initiatives. Since then, the City has maintained a contract with the Downtown Austin Alliance to manage the Downtown PID.

This action will approve the proposed PID's assessment rate and proposed roll for 2016. Approval of the proposed roll is necessary so that notices may be sent to the property owners, giving them an opportunity to review the property valuations prior to the public hearing. All previously approved exemptions and exclusions from assessments are retained in this year's roll. State law requires Council approval of a proposed roll. Council requested that this assessment process be timed so that it coincides with the receipt of other tax bills.

A related item sets a public hearing on Thursday, December 10, 2015, to consider the 2016 assessments for the Austin Downtown PID. State law requires a public hearing by Council to consider the proposed assessments. Each property owner has a right to appear at the hearing. The Downtown Austin Alliance submitted a 2016-2017 budget for the PID in the amount of \$5,182,888. This amount includes \$5,047,681 in 2016 assessments (at a 96% collection rate), - \$32,228 in collections from 2015; \$17,435 interest accrued in the PID Account and late payments; and \$150,000 annual contribution in lieu of assessment from the City (\$75,000 Austin Convention Center Fund, and \$75,000 in the Water & Wastewater Utility Fund). Approval of the proposed PID budget and the ordinance adopting an assessment rate and proposed assessment roll are the first steps in the annual process of approving PID assessments.