



**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, August 04, 2016**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, August 04, 2016 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



Mayor Steve Adler
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9
Council Member Ora Houston, District 1
Council Member Delia Garza, District 2
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3
Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4
Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5
Council Member Don Zimmerman, District 6
Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7
Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8
Council Member Sheri Gallo, District 10

The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

1. Agenda Item # 10: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement continuing the relationship between the City and the Capital of Texas Public Telecommunications Council, KLRU TV-18 Austin, for production underwriting of the Austin City Limits television concert series from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 annually, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.
 - a. QUESTION: How long have we had this agreement and how has the cost risen in the last 15 years? COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: The agreement with KLRU for production underwriting of the Austin City Limits concert series has been in place since 2008. Council authorized the negotiation and execution of the agreements with KLRU from 2008 – 2011 and 2011 – 2016. The cost of the agreement with KLRU increased \$25,000 annually during the 2011 – 2016 contract period resulting in an additional \$125,000 over the 5 year term. The annual cost of the agreement from 2008 – 2011 was \$225,000.
2. Agenda Item # 26: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for A Community for Education Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools.
 - a. QUESTION: Why isn't this in the regular cycle? COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: The agreement in question is an interlocal agreement. The first amendment of the agreement expires on September 30th, 2016. The Parks and Recreation Department is attempting to be proactive in requesting Council Action to ensure ample time for Austin Independent School District to review and allow the agreement effective dates to coincide with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. This agreement was originally written as a 1 year agreement with two 1 year renewal options. Authoring the agreement with renewals demonstrates the intent to continue the relationship;

however, because the agreement is between two government entities, it is appropriate for each governing body to annually review and formally agree to the terms and dedicate government resources (in this case \$100,000 of the Parks and Recreation Department's general fund). As the Parks and Recreation Department participates in the general fund budget development process, it is expected to have the \$100,000 in general fund allocation for school year 2016-2017 and has brought this forward for Council's approval of future funding. AISD's Board of trustees will likely consider the agreement after Austin City Council takes action.

3. Agenda Item # 49: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to appropriate 1,016,455 for arterial congestion and crash mitigation.

- a. QUESTION: 1) Is there any data to demonstrate the number of crashes over the last five years in the specified arterials? 2) Were other arterials identified or observed? If so, which ones? COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE

- b. ANSWER: ATD used APD's crash data between 2012 and 2014 to analyze intersections through frequency, severity level of crashes, and persistence of crashes – to develop opportunities for high frequency intersections. The attachment summarizes the intersections that ATD analyzed in 2015 and highlights the five intersections that have the most concerns occur in all parts of the City but tend to be along streets designed to carry high volumes of traffic. The intersection on US 183 was not selected because the solution is not an easy quick one and will be addressed, should council approve. The link included in the below link, which represents the next set of intersections that could be considered for mitigation. http://coaspweb1/programs/Mobility/16PC/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/programs/Mobility/16PC/16PC%20-%20Intersections%20to%20be%20considered%20for%20mitigation%20-%2008-2015

4. Agenda Item # 80: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-2 relating to the drainage charge.

- a. QUESTION: 1) Why doesn't the City use impervious cover data from Planning & Development services or Travis County Appraisal District (TCAD) instead of using aerial photographs to calculate the Drainage Fee? 2) Can staff provide the average increase for the proposed FY2017 budget for the drainage fee for the various different property types? COUNCIL MEMBER TROXCLAIR'S OFFICE

- b. ANSWER: 1) The City uses planimetric data derived from aerial imagery since it is the most accurate and complete data source available. City development services data (from AMANDA or site/subdivision plans) is typically only available for development after the 1970s or 1980s. Also, site plan information does not capture any unpermitted changes that may have occurred after development. This was the data source we previously used and have moved away from. TCAD data reflects interior (not exterior) building square footage. It does not consistently capture non-building impervious cover such as exterior walkways, driveways, outbuildings, or parking areas. Use of planimetric data from aerial imagery has allowed significant automation with respect to billing as well as the development and use of the popular and

transparent tool – Find My Drainage Charge at <http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/DrainageCharge/> which shows the limits of impervious cover and the estimated drainage charge at each property. 2) The FY17 budget is proposing a rate change from \$0.005/sqft of IC/month to \$0.00498, which is a reduction in the rate. All non-single family accounts (multi-family and commercial), will see a 0.4% decrease in their bill. For example, a small business with 15,000 sqft of impervious area at 70% impervious cover will see their bill change from \$95.48/mo to \$95.10/mo. The typical single family home (defined as the “median” home) will increase from \$10.82/mo to \$11.80/mo due to the expiration of the single family discount. But, of about 160,000 single family accounts, about 60,000 accounts will see the 0.4% decrease in their bill because their charge was \$9.80/mo or lower, which was the threshold for eligibility of the single family discount.

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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No.	Intersections	Avg. Collisions Per Year	Avg. Casualty Collisions Per Year	Weighted Score
1	Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275) / Rundberg Ln.	41	23	225
2	N. I-35 Service Rd. (SB)/ MLK Jr Blvd	25	14	187
3	I-35 Service Rd. (NB) / 11th St.	21	11	184
4	WB Riverside Dr. / Pleasant Valley Rd.	26	15	180
5	Parmer Ln.(FM 734) / Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275)	33	19	179
6	US 183 SR (NB) / Lakeline Blvd	25	14	173
7	US 183 / Loyola Ln.	30	18	164
8	US 183 Service Rd. (EB) / Cameron Rd.	24	12	162
9	I-35 Service Rd. (SB)/ Riverside Dr.	26	11	161
10	E Oltorf/IH 35 Frontage Rd NB	22	13	160
11	Slaughter Ln. / Manchaca Rd.	25	15	147
12	Intersection of E Braker Ln Middle Fiskville Rd.xls	18	9	146
13	E William Cannon Dr/IH35 Svrd NB	23	12	139
14	Willow Creek Dr./Riverside Dr.	24	12	138
15	Slaughter Ln. / Cullen Ln.	24	11	134
16	Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275) / RM 2222 (Koenig Ln.)	21	15	133
17	US 183 Service Rd. (SB) / Lakeline Blvd.	21	12	122
18	Airport Blvd. / Oak Springs Dr.	20	11	119
19	William Cannon Dr / Congress Ave	18	12	114
20	I-35 Service Rd. (SB) / Parmer Ln.	21	11	113
21	Ben White Blvd (EB) / Riverside Dr.	18	10	111
22	N Lamar Boulevard / Rutland Dr	18	10	106
23	Riverside Dr. / Wickersham Ln.	19	9	106