

Agenda Questions/Responses
July 28,2005

12a. Is there is any money allocated to support any of the activities identified in the "Plan to End Chronic Homelessness?" (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The Representative Payee Program started in Fiscal Year 2004-05 for chronically homeless people, ESG \$40,000, is a strategy listed in the 10 year plan. This program designates a volunteer to accept payments on behalf of the chronically homeless individual in the case of their inability to accept payments, such as Social Security disability income, or supplemental security income payments from the federal government.

The ARCH Program, ESG \$218,903, which primarily provides services to approximately 4000 homeless people annually, serves chronically homeless people; however, this program is not limited to only serve this population.

The Communicable Disease Unit, ESG \$52,672, will provide intensive case management to people who are homeless and HIV positive who are hard-to-reach. As with the ARCH program, this program is not limited to only serve chronically homeless; however, most people served will fit this definition.

12b. Please provide CDC recommendations. Is there allocated funding for marketing businesses in the CP&R zone? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The complete CDC Action Plan recommendations are attached as backup to this Council Action item. The final CP&R recommendations include a partnership with NHCD and Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services on how to market to small businesses within the zone. The proposed CP&R Plan includes areas where federal investment activity is already occurring and therefore, federal dollars, where eligible, may be used in the zone.

13. Are we targeting any specific neighborhoods with daytime spillover parking problems? (Mayor Pro Tem Danny Thomas)

Staff will present the program to neighborhoods already identified as having daytime spillover parking programs. Most of those are near the University of Texas, however, staff will also present the program and encourage applications from other neighborhoods that have voiced concerns with on-street parking. The strongest applications will be from neighborhoods with a high spillover parking demand and that are adjacent to or in close proximity to existing metered areas. Neighborhoods will be informed of the Parking Benefit District program through the City of Austin's At Your Doorstep newsletter, radio announcements, door hang tags (used in areas with known spillover problems) and the City's website.

- 21. The back-up states TxDOT will reimburse the COA of Austin \$1,600.00 per signalized intersection. On page 7 of 10 (Exhibit 2) the reimbursement calculation per intersection states \$1,729.08, what happens to the remaining \$129.08? (Mayor Pro Tem Danny Thomas)**

The additional \$129.08 will also be reimbursed to the City of Austin by TxDOT. The \$1600.00 in the RCA should have been \$1,729.08.

- 22. Please provide a list of the areas in which this preventive maintenance will be administered. (Mayor Pro Tem Danny Thomas)**

There are approximately 100 cul-de-sacs that will receive the maintenance, of which:

Approx. 20 are south of Wm. Cannon, east of IH35

Approx. 6 are in the Montopolis area between Riverside Dr. and US183

Approx. 5 are in the Cesar Chavez/Chicon neighborhood

Approx 13 are south of MLK, in the Springdale Rd./Webberville Rd. area

Approx. 15 are in the area near the intersection of Burnet Rd. and Anderson Lane

Approx. 40 are S. of Research Blvd., between Spicewood Springs Rd. and Loop 360

The following streets are being slurry-sealed to provide a new surface for bike lane striping:

San Jacinto from 5th to MLK

Trinity from 5th to MLK

North Loop between Guadalupe and Lamar.

- 27. What will the customer brochure be used for? Is there a copy available? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)**

The Welcome to Austin brochure will be mailed to all new City of Austin utilities customers and will serve as a reference guide to them. The brochure will have a general welcoming message and includes 10 inserts addressing how to pay their bill, how to understand their bill, water and energy conservation tips, and informing them of City services that are available to them. A glow-in-the-dark magnet with the telephone number to report a power outage and the customer service number will be sent with the brochure. A mock-up of the brochure is available for Council Members to view by contacting Elaine Herrmann at 972-9529.

- 39. Have there been any complaints about management of the pharmacy contract? If so, please summarize. (Council Member Raul Alvarez)**

The response has been attached as a separate document, and also forwarded to Council offices via email.

48. Why are these overhead doors needed? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The Homeland Security Operations Team concurred with an assessment from Building Services that the ease of access to the underground parking area under City Hall constitutes a significant vulnerability in times of heightened threat. Based upon this assessment, the Homeland Security Operations Team, with input by the Building Services Officer and the approval of the City Manager, recommends the installation of overhead doors to allow the entrance and exit to this parking garage to be physically blocked when necessary.

52. Please summarize our previous agreement with AISD for this program. What are the City's responsibilities for administering this program? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

This agreement has changed very little in the eight years that WPDRD has been working with the Education program. WPDRD has put a clause in the Interlocal Agreement allowing us to renew the contract for several years with just some minor changes in the cost in case AISD raises its charges for bus service.

Earth Camp is the City's largest elementary and most inclusive watershed education program. WPDRD administers the entire program including: providing buses, teacher training, in-the-field teaching, and all materials. In return this program has helped foster a life-long commitment to water quality protection in the students. The program has helped through homework assignments and general communication with the children's families, as parents learn from their children. This year WPDRD shows a 70% increase between pre- and post-test scores administered to the fifth graders. WPDRD did a follow up with a portion of 2004 students and found that one year later the students retained 81% of what they learned at the end of their Earth Camp session.

75. What is the proposed use? How close is this to the nearest residential property? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The proposed use is the excavation of sand and gravel.

There is some undeveloped, un-zoned land in the county which appears to have been subdivided for residential development that is roughly 2050 feet (1/3 mile) away.

The closest existing residence is approximately 3250 feet (more than 1/2 mile) away.

Z-15. What is the proposed use? How close is this to the nearest residential property? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

A use has not yet been proposed for the property.

The nearest residentially zoned property is located 1,430 feet away. The nearest existing residence is located 2,064 feet away.

Note: This case will be presented for postponement. Zoning and Platting Commission will consider the case on August 2, 2005.

Z-24. Can we approve the consent items on all 3 readings. If not, can it be brought back in 1 week for final approval? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

Staff is working to finalize the ordinance and recommends the case be brought back for second/third readings on August 18th. This will allow completion of the ordinance and review by neighborhood stakeholders to ensure that the ordinance is accurate and complete.