

On-Line Access

Staff language (with minor edits):

Shall the city charter be amended to require that the City create and maintain at City expense, **which may include tax revenue**, a "real time" online electronic document data system for written electronic communication relating to most city business, including ~~personal~~ correspondence with public officials, permit applications, complaints, appointments calendars for elected officials and certain City employees, and other information of a "significant public interest", prohibit the City from exercising state law protection for information that could expose the City to greater financial and legal liability, require the City to maintain all City records beyond state law requirements, and require that companies seeking to do business with the City waive their right to protect proprietary business information submitted to the City?

Requested amended language:

Shall the city charter be amended to require that all private citizens' emails to any public official be placed on the city website in "real time," including emails or electronic communications between private citizens and public officials in the Library Department, Police Department, City Clerk's Office, Austin Energy and the code enforcement office, to limit the ability of private citizens to keep private the details of their communications with public officials in the Library Department, Police Department, City Clerk's Office, City Auditor's Office, Austin Energy and the code enforcement office, among others, to require that the heads of the Police Department, Parks Department, Library Department, all city manager's staff and all City Councilmembers and their staff post online in real time information about all meetings and phone calls with private citizens, and to require the City to create and maintain at taxpayer expense an online electronic data system for written electronic communications extensive enough to preserve all electronic information in a sustainable format so that future generations may have access?

Replace "which may include tax revenue" with:

which is estimated by detailed analysis to cost approximately \$36,000,000 initially and \$12,000,000 annually thereafter if fully implemented,

at an estimated cost that could require a tax increase equivalent to three cents per \$100 valuation or a reduction in City services,