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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	63109	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2016	Department:	Economic Development
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Subject

Approve a resolution adopting the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Budget update for 2017-2018. Related to Items # 16 and # 58.

Amount and Source of Funding

The Downtown Austin Alliance submitted a 2017 - 2018 budget for the Public Improvement District (PID) in the amount of \$7,338,103. This amount includes \$6,605,837 in 2017 assessments (at a 96% collection rate), \$302,463 in collections from 2016; \$69,803 interest accrued in the PID account and late payments; and a City contribution in lieu of paying an assessment on City-owned tax exempt property by the City in the amount of \$360,000, which includes \$150,000 for a public toilet and \$60,000 for security for the museums located in Brush Square. Appropriation of the \$7,338,103 in the Economic Development Department Special Revenue Fund will require City Council authorization, and possible adjustment, after the assessment roll public hearing on December 1, 2016.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 11, 2012 - Council approved Resolution No. 20121011-115 reauthorizing 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

This action will approve the proposed Austin Downtown Public Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Budget update for 2017-2018, as provided to the City by the Downtown Austin Alliance. State law requires City Council review, update and approval of the Service and Assessment Plan and Budget which serves as the basis for the proposed 2017 assessment roll. The PID assessment will provide services in the following program areas: Safety and Hospitality; Clean and Beautiful; Retail Development; Mobility and Streetscapes; Homelessness Support; Downtown Plan Implementation; Historic Squares, Parks, & Open Space; Congress Avenue; Communications; Music, Culture, & Events; Education, and; Administration.

The total projected revenue within the budget is \$7,338,103, which includes \$6,605,837 in 2017 assessments (at a 96% collection rate). This estimate is based on the appraisal roll from the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) as of August 11, 2016. Adjustments to the roll may be required based on new information from TCAD and City Council

action as a result of the December 1, 2016 public hearing.

The 2017 budget also includes \$302,463 in collections from 2016; \$69,803 interest accrued in PID account and late payments; and a City contribution in lieu of paying an assessment on City-owned tax exempt property in the amount of \$360,000, which includes \$150,000 for a public toilet and \$60,000 for security for the museums located in Brush Square. The Council items related to the PID remain on the agenda in order to ensure the PID assessment bills coincide with the real property tax bills. However, the City and DAA are still discussing the options and responsibilities for the public toilet and security items, and may not be performed by the DAA. If so, then the PID budget will be reduced accordingly. Since the numbers for these two projects are based on preliminary estimates, the budget allows for reallocation of funds between these two line items only.

Approval of the proposed PID Service and Assessment Plan and Budget update, and the ordinance adopting an assessment rate and proposed assessment roll are the first steps in the annual process of approving PID assessments.