TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Rebecca Giello, Interim Director
Economic Development Department

DATE: August 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Clarification Memo for Item #18 & Related Item #106 – Amount and Source of Funding and Additional Backup Information, Downtown Public Improvement District

The August 9th City Council agenda includes Item 18 to consider the approval of a resolution adopting the 2019 Downtown Public Improvement District (DPID) Service and Assessment Plan and Budget and related Item 106 to conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance setting the assessment rate and approving the certified assessment roll for DPID.

The posted Request for Council Action (RCA) for Item #18 describes a budget of $9,495,598, which was based on the proposed assessment roll current as of March 31. This clarification memo brings current the budget based on the certified assessment roll and includes resources available from past year's collections to further the mission of the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA), the DPID’s management organization. The second and third paragraphs under “Additional Backup Information” should read as follows:

DAA submitted a 2019 budget for the PID in the amount of $8,735,686. This amount includes $8,274,290 in 2019 assessments (at a 96% collection rate) from the 2019 certified assessment roll; $360,000 City contributions for funds in lieu of paying an assessment on City-owned tax exempt property and other City priorities, $101,396 in interest accrued and late payments in the Austin DPID Account, less $118,915 for City and County fees.

Approval of the proposed PID Service and Assessment Plan and Budget, and the ordinance adopting an assessment rate and certified assessment roll are part of the annual process of approving PID assessments and subject through City Council approval in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Appropriation of the $8,735,686 in the Economic Development Department Special Revenue Fund will require City Council authorization to the proposed FY 2019 Budget during the budget adoption process. This appropriation is based on the certified appraisal roll from the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD).

An updated Exhibit A, the FY 2019 DAA PID Service Plan Budget is attached as backup to the RCA and consistent with the clarification information stated above. For Item #106, an updated Exhibit A – Austin DPID, 2019 Certified Assessment Roll and Rate is attached as backup to the RCA.
xc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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