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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2697, Agenda Item #: 12.

9/1/2022

Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for billing and collection of Downtown Public Improvement District assessments.

Lead Department:

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Financial Services. Initial setup amount is set at \$1,000.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 372 allows for the creation of special purpose districts by the City, which are used to fund improvements in defined geographic areas. The City administers six Public Improvement Districts (PID/PIDs): three operating/maintenance PIDs and three capital improvement PIDs.

On April 18, 2017, the City executed six interlocal agreements with Travis County for billing and collection services for all six of the then-existing PIDs.

Council authorized the new Downtown PID on June 9, 2022. Due to the significant changes to the boundaries of the new Downtown PID, the City is required to negotiate and execute a new interlocal agreement with Travis County for the billing and collections of the Downtown PID assessments.

Travis County possesses and maintains a system for assessing, billing, and collecting ad valorem taxes from homeowners. This interlocal agreement will allow Travis County to continue to include the PID special assessment as part of the bill to the affected property owner, simplifying the process both for the property owner and the City.

The intent of this agreement is to streamline the payment and collection of Downtown PID assessments and annual assessment installments for the taxpayer and the City. The unified property tax and assessment billings to property owners will increase transparency, reduce compliance costs for taxpayers and decrease overhead costs of maintaining duplicative systems by the City and Travis County.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.