

**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, May 21, 2015**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

1. Agenda Item # 4: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to authorize the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) to allow a FBI SWAT employee to temporarily ride out on an EMS ambulance.
 - a. QUESTION: In the past 5 years, how many FBI EMT personnel have ridden out on Austin EMS ambulances? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: In the past 5 years there have been no FBI personnel that have ridden out with EMS in the capacity to maintain their EMT skills. This is the first time EMS has received a request from the FBI asking for this type of agreement.
2. Agenda Item # 6: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES contract with VERIZON WIRELESS, AT&T MOBILITY, and T-MOBILE USA to provide wireless communication services and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 each and combined, with four 12-month extension options in an amount each and combined not to exceed \$2,575,000 for the first extension option, \$2,652,250 for the second extension option, \$2,731,818 for the third extension option, and \$2,813,772 for the fourth extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,272,840 each and combined.
 - a. QUESTION: 1) How does the COA get charged - is it per connection, per device, based on the amount of data transmitted/received, etc.? 2) Given this, what is the maximum number of connections; devices; amount of data transmitted/received, etc.? 3) Given this, what is the expected number of connections; devices; amount of data transmitted/received, etc. used by the city per year for each of the initial and 4 year extension options? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: 1) The City is charged per connection, per month, as well as a one-time equipment charge for each new connection, which varies depending on the type of equipment that's associated with the connection. Our monthly

charge for each public safety connection is \$37.99 for unlimited data with AT&T (mostly Fire and EMS) and Verizon (mostly Police). Some public service departments pool their voice and/or data plans while others go with unlimited plans, depending on their needs. (For example, a public service connection for automatic vehicle location requires very little data and can usually be handled under a pooled data plan. Public safety mobile data requires several gigabytes per month for each connection and often spikes depending on events and operations. Pooling for public safety therefore is not effective.) One-time equipment prices range up to \$1,000. Aircards, "mi-fi" portable hot-spots, and basic cell phones are free with each new connection. Smart phones, iPads and other small tablets, and modems for automatic vehicle location cost anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 each. 2) Presently, the City has approximately 2,937 active Verizon connections, 2,240 active AT&T connections, and 57 active T-Mobile connections. With a requested contract value not to exceed \$2,500,000 in the initial term, covering all three carriers, the maximum number of connections would be 5,484. However, this contract value also includes funds for one-time equipment costs, which are variable and exceedingly difficult to predict. 3) Apart from usual and expected growth in public safety vehicle fleets, each of which requires at least one wireless data connection (APD adds anywhere from 20 to 60 new officers and vehicles each year), it is difficult to accurately estimate the growing need for wireless data service among all City departments. As the City workforce becomes more mobile, demand grows for wireless connectivity into the City network. These connections make the City more agile, more responsive, and better prepared to deliver City services. In illustration of this growing demand, in August 2009, the first month of the current contract, the City paid \$105,000 for wireless services and equipment. In January 2015, the Citywide monthly cost for cellular service alone was \$172,000. Going forward, we estimate a monthly expenditure of about \$208,000 for services and equipment for the initial contract period, with 3% annual growth for each of the four succeeding renewal options.

3. Agenda Item # 7: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month service contract with ALLIED FENCE & SECURITY to provide fencing repair and installation in an amount not to exceed \$2,831,296, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$943,765 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,662,592.
 - a. QUESTION: 1) Which commodity code(s) was used for this bid? 2) Is Allied Fence & Security an MBE? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S
 - b. ANSWER: Based on the scope of work, the following commodity codes were utilized for this solicitation: 33013 – Fencing, chain link, 98815 – Fence installation and repair. 2) Yes, Allied Fence & Security is an MBE.
4. Agenda Item # 9: Authorize award and execution of a 60-month service contract with TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC., or another qualified offeror to Request for Proposal No. PAX0120, to provide total waste management services

for the Aviation Department in an amount not to exceed \$6,450,000, with two 36-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 per option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$14,850,000.

a. QUESTION: 1) Which commodity code(s) was used for this bid? 2) Any reasons why only 2 responses were received after 601 notices were sent out? 3) Is Texas Disposal Systems Landfill, Inc. in the COA ETJ? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE

b. ANSWER: Based on the scope of work, the following commodity codes were utilized for this solicitation: 91027 - Garbage/Trash Removal and Disposal, 92645 - Hazardous Material and Waste Services, 96871 - Solid or Liquid Waste Disposal, 9687156 - Waste Disposal, Non-Hazardous, 99874 - Oils, Waste, Sale of Surplus. 2) The City's vendor registration and account maintenance program, Vendor Connection is used by all vendors. The Small and Minority Business Resources department uses Vendor Connection to manage data elements for the certification of minority and women owned business. Vendors register the goods and services they wish to sell to the City by means of commodity codes, which function like the classification in the yellow pages. Vendors may register as many codes as they desire, with the expectation that the City, by means of email & fax, will notify them when we are interested in purchasing the goods & services they have registered. In addition, Vendor Connection is the single location where the City posts its solicitation document packages. Solicitations are advertised and vendors are notified in an attempt to gain vendor participation. Vendor Connection also provides for "subscription," which is the ability for an interested party, vendor, citizen, City staff member or media, to follow our solicitations from issue to award. There are different factors for each solicitation that can contribute to the lack of vendor participation. A few examples are scope of work, capacity, bonding and financial requirements, specialized services required, lack of product distributors and patented technology. 3) No, they are located in Creedmoor, Texas.

5. Agenda Item # 12: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with COPPER RIVER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LLC to complete the upgrade of the City's fiber optic networking system including software and hardware in an amount not to exceed \$4,331,067.

a. QUESTION: 1) Which commodity code(s) was used for this bid? 2) Any reasons why only 1 response was received after 708 notices were sent out? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE

b. ANSWER: Based on the scope of work, the following commodity codes were utilized for this solicitation: 20623 - Communications Processors & Protocol Convertors, 2062372 - Switches, computer, network, 96218 - Cable construction, installation, maintenance, 92037 - Networking services. 2) The City's vendor registration and account maintenance program, Vendor Connection is used by all vendors. The Small and Minority Business

Resources department uses Vendor Connection to manage data elements for the certification of minority and women owned business. Vendors register the goods and services they wish to sell to the City by means of commodity codes, which function like the classification in the yellow pages. Vendors may register as many codes as they desire, with the expectation that the City, by means of email & fax, will notify them when we are interested in purchasing the goods & services they have registered. In addition, Vendor Connection is the single location where the City posts its solicitation document packages. Solicitations are advertised and vendors are notified in an attempt to gain vendor participation. Vendor Connection also provides for "subscription," which is the ability for an interested party, vendor, citizen, City staff member or media, to follow our solicitations from issue to award. There are different factors for each solicitation that can contribute to the lack of vendor participation. A few examples are scope of work, capacity, bonding and financial requirements, specialized services required, lack of product distributors and patented technology.

6. Agenda Item # 13: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC., for a subscription to access the database of bibliographic records in Machine Readable Cataloging format at the Austin Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$267,276, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$89,092 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$534,552.
 - a. QUESTION: Which commodity code(s) was used for this bid? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: Based on the scope of work, the following commodity codes were utilized for this solicitation: 95610: Cataloging Services.
7. Agenda Item # 14: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract with PURE TECHNOLOGIES US, INC. for non-destructive leak and condition assessment of large diameter transmission mains for Austin Water in an amount not to exceed \$685,508, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$685,508 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,056,524.
 - a. QUESTION: 1) How frequently are these used? 2) How many of each product (Smartball, Sahara, P-Wave, PipeDiver) will this be for? 3) Are there other competing technologies that do similar functions? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: 1) Frequency varies and is partially determined by funding and amount of linear feet for each leak canvassing and condition project for our large (24" & up) transmission mains. Both the leak detection and condition assessment projects for our large transmission mains require an extensive amount of planning and coordination within the utility to execute. We plan these projects well in advance by identifying risk factors such as consequence

of failure, pipeline redundancy, criticality to operations and also use historical failure data. Typically we try utilize leak detection and condition assessment from the treatment plant to the reservoir. This program is integral to our pipeline asset management program by assisting us in creating benchmarks for pipe conditions and supporting conservation measures including non-revenue water loss mitigation. SmartBall and Sahara are used for leak detection. P-Wave and PipeDiver are used for condition assessment. For example here is what we have done over the last few years: 2012 – SmartBall 3 times (40,051 linear feet); P-Wave 2 times (14,974 linear feet), 2013 – SmartBall 2 times (47,953 linear feet); P-Wave once (2,939 linear feet), 2014 – SmartBall once (21,261 linear feet); P-Wave 3 times (23,422 linear feet); PipeDiver once (20,075 linear feet); Sahara once (8,713 linear feet). 2) For this Fiscal Year we have one SmartBall project planned (26,172 linear feet), one PipeDiver project planned (26,172 linear feet) and one P-Wave project planned (14,184 linear feet). There will be a similar mix of projects in future Fiscal Years. 3) No. Research into the American Waterworks Association website on leak detection technologies and utilization of the internet resulted in no findings of similar technologies existing currently in the industry.

8. Agenda Item # 15: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with COMVERGE, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal No. OPJ0113, for the installation and maintenance of load-control devices in single-family and multi-family residential housing and commercial facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$2,574,075, with two 12-month extension options, in an amount not to exceed \$858,025 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,290,125.
 - a. QUESTION: 1) Which commodity code(s) was used for this bid? 2) Any reasons why only 4 proposals were received after 857 notices were sent out? 3) How many new installations of load-control devices will this include? 4) What is the expected number of maintenance trips this will include? COUNCIL ZIMMERMAN OFFICE'S
 - b. ANSWER: 1) Based on the scope of work, the following commodity codes were utilized for this solicitation: 91017 – Energy Computerized Control System (HVAC, Lighting, Utilities) , 91438 – Electrical 2) 91450 – Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC), 96246 – Installation Services (Not Otherwise Classified). 2) The City's vendor registration and account maintenance program, Vendor Connection is used by all vendors. The Small and Minority Business Resources department uses Vendor Connection to manage data elements for the certification of minority and women owned business. Vendors register the goods and services they wish to sell to the City by means of commodity codes, which function like the classification in the yellow pages. Vendors may register as many codes as they desire, with the expectation that the City, by means of email & fax, will notify them when we are interested in purchasing the goods & services they have registered. In addition, Vendor Connection is the single location where the City posts its solicitation document packages. Solicitations are advertised and vendors are


notified in an attempt to gain vendor participation. Vendor Connection also provides for "subscription," which is the ability for an interested party, vendor, citizen, City staff member or media, to follow our solicitations from issue to award. There are different factors for each solicitation that can contribute to the lack of vendor participation. A few examples are scope of work, capacity, bonding and financial requirements, specialized services required, lack of product distributors and patented technology. 3) 1,100 new or replaced water heater timers per year, 1,000 installation/replacement of thermostats. 4) Approximately 1,350 trouble calls for thermostats and water heater timers, 500 scheduled checks for thermostats and 1,000 scheduled checks per year of water heater timers.


9. Agenda Item # 16: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 4 to a contract with LONGHORN CAR-TRUCK RENTALS, INC., to provide vehicle rental services in an amount not to exceed \$149,500, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,312,500.
 - a. QUESTION: How many vehicles does the COA lease through this amendment? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: Currently there are 37 vehicles being leased. We are anticipating leasing another 16 vans for Parks and Recreation's summer projects and programs. This amendment also includes any unforeseen leases that may occur due to emergency situations, such as flooding.
10. Agenda Item # 23: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to increase the City's minimum wage for City employees in the FY2015-2016 budget and future budgets. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Ora Houston CO 3: Council Member Leslie Pool)
 - a. QUESTION: We are looking for a matrix for each of the below hourly wage bands showing the number of non-sworn COA employees meeting the criteria as well as the estimated annual total wages (not including overtime and benefits) for each band (example: if there are 200 employees making between \$7.26-9.19/hour, the estimated total wages for this band could be something like \$3,240,000). Hourly Wage Bands: 1) Under \$7.25/hr 2) At \$7.25/hr 3) Between \$7.26-\$9.19/hr 4) Between \$9.20-\$10.10/hr 5) Between \$10.11-\$14.99/hr 6) Between \$15-\$19.99/hr 7) Between \$20-\$24.99/hr 8) Between \$25-\$49.99/hr 9) Over \$50/hr. COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: See attachment
11. Agenda Item # 24: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to take steps to increase opportunities to let dogs out of their kennels while housed at the Austin Animal Center; and to provide a report on long-term options to improve animal welfare at the Austin Animal Center and to increase the Animal Service

Office's online capabilities. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar
CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 3:
Council Member Ann Kitchen)

- a. QUESTION: 1) What costs to the City are associated with this resolution? 2) what are the estimated cost to the City for the Animal Advisory Commission recommendations? COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: See attachment
12. Agenda Item # 35: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP166, to provide engineering services for the Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Related to Item # 36. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.90 % WBE participation.) (Contract Management)
- a. QUESTION: According to the Request for Qualification (RFQS): "The Bridge Designer shall prepare the appropriate materials for consultation with the Texas Historical Commission under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of Texas." The RCA indicates that this "authorization provides funding for only the preliminary engineering services (Bridge Conceptual Engineering Report)..." Will the Section 106 process be initiated with this authorization? MAYOR PRO TEM TOVOS OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: Yes, the Section 106 Process will be initiated within the Preliminary Engineering Phase.

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #23

Meeting Date

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Additional Answer Information

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Hourly Wage Bands

- Under \$7.25/hr
- At \$7.25/hr
- Between \$7.26-\$9.19/hr
- Between \$9.20-\$10.10/hr
- Between \$10.11-\$14.99/hr
- Between \$15-\$19.99/hr
- Between \$20-\$24.99/hr
- Between \$25-\$49.99/hr
- Over \$50/hr

ANSWER:

**Represents a larger spread of employee salaries*

Report: As of May 1, 2015

Hourly Wage Bands	Regular FT non-sworn CoA employees	Regular FT non-sworn CoA employees estimated annual wages	Temporary Employees	Temporary Employee estimated annual wages	Budgeted: Summer/ Youth Hire	Budget Summer/ Youth Hire estimated wages
Under \$7.25/hr	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
At \$7.25/hr	0	\$0	49	\$484,257	0	\$0
\$7.26 - \$9.19/hr	0	\$0	483	\$6,256,812	850	\$639,750
\$9.20 - \$10.10/hr	0	\$0	120	\$2,148,588	0	\$0
\$10.11 - \$14.99/hr	345	\$10,081,614	752	\$12,165,162	0	\$0
\$15.00 - \$19.99/hr	1,985	\$72,003,131	247	\$7,311,176	0	\$0
\$20.00 - \$24.99/hr	1,682	\$78,211,078	126	\$4,743,367	0	\$0
*\$25.00 - \$49.99/hr	3,980	\$283,169,203	247	\$13,196,585	0	\$0
\$50.00/hr or more	498	\$63,779,849	21	\$1,814,668	0	\$0
	8,490	\$507,244,875	2,045	\$48,120,615	850	\$639,750

