



**City Council Questions and Answers for  
Thursday, August 20, 2015**

These questions and answers are related to the  
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on  
Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Austin City Hall  
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



**Mayor Steve Adler**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9**  
**Council Member Ora Houston, District 1**  
**Council Member Delia Garza, District 2**  
**Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3**  
**Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4**  
**Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5**  
**Council Member Don Zimmerman, District 6**  
**Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7**  
**Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8**  
**Council Member Sheri Gallo, District 10**

*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 # 11: Authorize the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method for construction improvements to the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel.
  - a. QUESTION: The Backup shows: "On June 22, 2015 the Historic Landmark Commission reviewed the proposed project and issued a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Certificate of Appropriateness is the Commission's support of the building and site design in preserving the historic architectural character and is done so in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation." However, according the minutes of the June 22, 2015 Historic Landmark Commission (<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=235308>) on their agenda item # 11, only 4 members were at the meeting and one had to recuse themselves for this vote. Therefore, only 3 members voted in it. "11. C14H-2001-0005 Oakwood Cemetery - MOTION: Approve as proposed on a motion by Commissioner Galindo, Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion on a vote of 3 - 0; Commissioner Wolfenden recused. Commissioners Dan Leary, John Rosato and Terri Myers were absent." 1. Wasn't a quorum of 4 people needed? 2. Can the Historic Landmark Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness with only 3 members voting on it? 3. If not, has this item gone back to the Historic Landmark Commission? 4. If the item went back to the Historic Landmark Commission after June 22, 2015; what was that date? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
  - b. ANSWER: 1) Yes, a quorum of 4 Commissioners was needed. The minutes reflecting a 3-0 vote with Commissioner Wolfenden recused are incorrect. Staff have both reviewed the video of this meeting and confirmed with Commissioner Wolfenden her vote to approve this item. This item was approved on a vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Leary, Rosato and Myers absent. Corrected minutes for the June 24th meeting will be submitted to the Commission for approval at the August 24th meeting. 2) No, a quorum is required. 3) N/A 4) N/A.
2. Agenda Item # 12: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month service contract to provide support to local businesses with AUSTIN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ALLIANCE, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$70,000, and

include two additional 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$210,000.

a. QUESTION: 1) Can you provide details as to what programming or offerings AIBA has that is currently also offered by Eco Dev or the SBDP? 2) What was the budget expense for this program last year? COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE

b. ANSWER: 1) Currently, the Economic Development Department and the Austin Independent Business Alliance do not offer any of the same services. 2) In FY14, Economic Development entered into two contracts totaling \$70,000 with AIBA's subsidiary organization, the Local Economies Council. One contract was a \$50,000, 12-month contract for marketing the IBIZ Districts, and the other was a \$20,000, 12-month contract to host and coordinate the activities of a Local Business Conference initiated by the previous Mayor and Council. This action that is being proposed is to continue level funding with ABIA.

3. Agenda Item # 16: Approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by February 20, 2016, of City of Austin Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015, in a par amount not to exceed \$70,755,000 in accordance with the parameters set out in the ordinance, authorizing related documents; and approving related fees.

a. QUESTION: The below the line information on the RCA provides information about the principal and interest payments. Why is the interest payment so much more than for the other bond sales? COUNCIL MEMBER TROXCLAIR'S OFFICE

b. ANSWER: See attachment.

4. Agenda Item # 30: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA DBA CIGNA CORPORATION, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal JRD0306, to provide City paid short term disability and employee paid long term disability insurance coverage for City employees in an amount not to exceed \$7,302,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,434,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$14,604,000. ( Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. )

a. QUESTION: Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE

b. ANSWER: See attachment.

5. Agenda Item # 31: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with DAVIS VISION, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal JRD0308, to provide City employees and retirees with an employee paid vision plan in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,200,000. ( Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. )
  - a. QUESTION: Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE
  - b. ANSWER: See attachment.
  
6. Agenda Item # 32: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with DEER OAKS EAP SERVICES, LLC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal No. JRD0305, to provide employee assistance program services in an amount not to exceed \$714,729, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$238,243 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,429,458. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. )
  - a. QUESTION: Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE
  - b. ANSWER: See attachment.

**END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

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**Council Question and Answer**

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| <b>Related To</b> | Item #16 | <b>Meeting Date</b> | August 20, 2015 |
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Additional Answer Information

**QUESTION:** The below the line information on the RCA provides information about the principal and interest payments. Why is the interest payment so much more than for the other bond sales? COUNCIL MEMBER TROXCLAIR'S OFFICE

**ANSWER:** As part of the below the line information for this council action, staff provides estimated principal & interest costs on the bond sale items. The Interest line for the "Total over 20 Years" contained a typo. It should read \$42,799,250. Likewise, the Interest line for "Average Per Year" should state \$2,139,962. Below is the restated chart:

|                    | <i>2015-16</i>     | <i>Total Over<br/>20 Years</i> | <i>Average<br/>Per Year</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Principal          | \$2,141,000        | \$70,755,000                   | \$3,537,750                 |
| Interest           | <u>\$3,537,750</u> | <u>\$42,799,250</u>            | <u>\$2,139,962</u>          |
| Total Debt Service | \$5,678,750        | \$113,554,250                  | \$5,677,712                 |



**Council Question and Answer**

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| <b>Related To</b> | Item #30 | <b>Meeting Date</b> | August 20, 2015 |
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**Additional Answer Information**

**QUESTION:** Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE

**ANSWER:** See chart below:

| <b>Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability Rate Sheet</b> |                |                |              |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>SECTION 1 - SHORT TERM DISABILITY</b>                         |                |                |              |                |
| <b>SHORT TERM DISABILITY</b>                                     | <b>Current</b> |                | <b>2016</b>  |                |
| Total Covered Payroll  | Annual Rates   | Annual Premium | Annual Rates | Annual Premium |
| 70% of Total Covered Payroll Per \$100                           | \$0.120        | \$649,548.76   | \$0.090      | \$487,161.57   |
| <b>SECTION 2 - LONG TERM DISABILITY</b>                          |                |                |              |                |
| <b>LONG TERM DISABILITY</b>                                      | <b>Current</b> |                | <b>2016</b>  |                |
| Total Covered Payroll  | Annual Rates   | Annual Premium | Annual Rates | Annual Premium |
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - Under 30                       | \$0.094        | \$29,082.94    | \$0.082      | \$25,370.23    |
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - 30-39                          | \$0.127        | \$187,797.95   | \$0.108      | \$159,702.19   |
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - 40-49                          | \$0.274        | \$565,978.24   | \$0.236      | \$487,484.90   |
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - 50-59                          | \$0.512        | \$742,484.99   | \$0.442      | \$640,973.37   |

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|--|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - 60-69        | \$0.391 | \$142,089.79 | \$0.338 | \$122,829.54 |
| Total Covered Payroll Per \$100 - 70 and older | \$0.137 | \$2,107.75   | \$0.118 | \$1,815.43   |



**Council Question and Answer**

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| <b>Related To</b> | Item #31 | <b>Meeting Date</b> | August 20, 2015 |
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Additional Answer Information

**QUESTION:** Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE

**ANSWER:** See chart below:

| <b>Classification of Eligible Subscriber</b>           | <b>Monthly Rate for Current Year</b> | <b>Monthly Rate for Plan Year 2016</b> |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Employee Only  | \$4.36                               | \$4.48                                 |
| Employee and Spouse or Domestic Partner                | \$8.64                               | \$8.88                                 |
| Employee and Child(ren)                                | \$8.48                               | \$8.72                                 |
| Employee and Spouse or Domestic Partner and Child(ren) | \$12.90                              | \$13.28                                |
| Retiree Only   | \$4.36                               | \$4.48                                 |
| Retiree and Spouse or Domestic Partner                 | \$8.64                               | \$8.88                                 |
| Retiree & Child(ren)                                   | \$8.48                               | \$8.72                                 |
| Retiree and Family or Domestic Partner and Child(ren)  | \$12.90                              | \$13.28                                |
| Surviving Spouse                                       | \$4.36                               | \$4.48                                 |
| Surviving Spouse and Child(ren)                        | \$8.48                               | \$8.72                                 |
| Surviving Children Only                                | \$4.36                               | \$4.48                                 |



**Council Question and Answer**

**Related To**

Item #32

**Meeting Date**

August 20, 2015

**Additional Answer Information**

**QUESTION:** Please provide the current prices paid versus the proposed price paid. COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE

**ANSWER:** See chart below:

| Employee Assistance Program Rate Sheet |              |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|
|  | Current Year | Rate for 2016 |
| Rate                                   | \$259,016.20 | \$232,502.40  |