

## City Council Questions and Answers for Thursday, October 08, 2015

These questions and answers are related to the Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 08, 2015 at Austin City Hall 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



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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

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## **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

- 1. Agenda Item # 4: CD-2015-0009 Approve the baseline site development standards for determining development bonuses and the trigger for affordable housing in The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development.
  - a. QUESTION: 1) Please provide an estimate of the maximum development potential for The Grove PUD if the baseline were set to the following standard. The Grove property is primarily surrounded by SF-2 and SF-3 zoned properties developed as single-family residential homes. However, there is a pocket of commercial and multi-family uses located along Mopac Expressway on western edge of The Grove property. 2) What is the maximum development potential of the property if the baseline was entirely SF-3? 3) Recognizing that a portion of the nearby properties are zoned commercial or multi-family, the baseline could reflect those more intense zonings on a proportionate scale. Thus, please calculate the acreage of those nearby commercial and multi-family zoned sites and divide that acreage by the total acreage of The Grove property. (Eg. The MF-6-CO property to the west is 1.54 acres. The Grove is 75.74 acres. 1.54 / 75.74 = 0.0203.) Then, apply the resulting percentage to the baseline. Thus, 2.03% of the baseline should be calculated with MF-6-CO (60 ft. height, 70% building coverage, and 2.25 FAR) standards. 4) If the above equation was done to reflect the four nearby commercial and multi-family zoned properties, what would be the resulting development potential for the baseline? (SF-3 would be the remainder). MAYOR PRO TEM TOVO'S OFFICE
  - b. ANSWER: Pending
- 2. Agenda Item # 16: C14H-2014-0014 Bluebonnet Hills Historic District District 9 Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning properties bounded by Annie Street on the north, East Side Drive on the east, Leland Street on the south, and Brackenridge Street on the west, and incorporating the south side of the 500 block of E. Annie Street, the 500 block of E. Mary Street, portions of the 400 block of Lockhart Drive, the 500 block of Lockhart Drive, the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of Terrace Drive, the north side of the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of Leland Street, the west side of the 1800, 1900, and 2000 blocks of East Side Drive, the 1900 and 2000 blocks of

Newning Avenue, and the portions of the east side of the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Brackenridge Street (Blunn Creek Watershed) from family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning and family residence-historic landmark-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning to family residence-historic area-neighborhood plan (SF-3-HD-NP) and family residence-historic landmark-historic area-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-HD-NP) combining district zoning. First Reading approved on June 11, 2015. 7-3. Council Member Renteria, Troxclair and Zimmerman voting nay and Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Applicant: Michele Webre, Bluebonnet Hills Historic District Nomination. City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Planning and Zoning Department, 512-974-6454.

- a. QUESTION: What is the estimated annual tax abatement for the proposed district? COUNCIL MEMBER GALLO'S OFFICE
- b. ANSWER: There is no annual tax exemption for properties within a historic district.

## END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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