

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	51794	<b>Agenda Number</b>	69.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/19/2015	<b>Department:</b>	Economic Development
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing to consider the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District 2016 assessments. (Suggested date and time: December 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX). Related to items # 19 and # 20.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	October 11, 2012 - Council reauthorized the Austin Downtown PID and authorized negotiation and execution of a new management contract with the Downtown Austin Alliance to provide PID services.
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<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

In related items on the November 19, 2015 agenda, the City Council will consider approval of the Austin Downtown Public Improvement District (PID) 2016-2017 Service Plan and Budget, setting the assessment rate for the District (proposed at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation), and approval of the proposed 2016 assessment roll. The proposed 2016 assessment rate at \$0.10/\$100 valuation is estimated to produce \$5,047,681 at a 96% collection rate. Assessments on real property fund the PID services.

State law requires a public hearing by Council to consider the proposed assessments. This action would set the public hearing on the Austin Downtown PID 2016 assessments for December 10, 2015. Approval of the assessment rate and proposed roll on November 19, 2015 allows notices to be sent to property owners, giving them an opportunity to review the property valuations prior to the public hearing. Property owners have a right to challenge their assessment at the hearing. At the hearing, the Council must hear and pass on any objection, made orally or in writing, to any proposed assessment, prior to approval of the ordinance levying assessments and setting the method of collection and the rate of interest for late payments.