

**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, August 04, 2016**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, August 04, 2016 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
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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 # 10: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement continuing the relationship between the City and the Capital of Texas Public Telecommunications Council, KLRU TV-18 Austin, for production underwriting of the Austin City Limits television concert series from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 annually, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.
 - a. QUESTION: How long have we had this agreement and how has the cost risen in the last 15 years? COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: The agreement with KLRU for production underwriting of the Austin City Limits concert series has been in place since 2008. Council authorized the negotiation and execution of the agreements with KLRU from 2008 – 2011 and 2011 – 2016. The cost of the agreement with KLRU increased \$25,000 annually during the 2011 – 2016 contract period resulting in an additional \$125,000 over the 5 year term. The annual cost of the agreement from 2008 – 2011 was \$225,000.
2. Agenda Item # 26: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for A Community for Education Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools.
 - a. QUESTION: Why isn't this in the regular cycle? COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSTON'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: The agreement in question is an interlocal agreement. The first amendment of the agreement expires on September 30th, 2016. The Parks and Recreation Department is attempting to be proactive in requesting Council Action to ensure ample time for Austin Independent School District to review and allow the agreement effective dates to coincide with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. This agreement was originally written as a 1 year agreement with two 1 year renewal options. Authoring the agreement with renewals demonstrates the intent to continue the relationship;

b. ANSWER: 1) The City uses planimetric data derived from aerial imagery since it is the most accurate and complete data source available. City development services data (from AMANDA or site/subdivision plans) is typically only available for development after the 1970s or 1980s. Also, site plan information does not capture any unpermitted changes that may have occurred after development. This was the data source we previously used and have moved away from. TCAD data reflects interior (not exterior) building square footage. It does not consistently capture non-building impervious cover such as exterior walkways, driveways, outbuildings, or parking areas. Use of planimetric data from aerial imagery has allowed significant automation with respect to billing as well as the development and use of the popular and

transparent tool – Find My Drainage Charge at <http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/DrainageCharge/> which shows the limits of impervious cover and the estimated drainage charge at each property. 2) The FY17 budget is proposing a rate change from \$0.005/sqft of IC/month to \$0.00498, which is a reduction in the rate. All non-single family accounts (multi-family and commercial), will see a 0.4% decrease in their bill. For example, a small business with 15,000 sqft of impervious area at 70% impervious cover will see their bill change from \$95.48/mo to \$95.10/mo. The typical single family home (defined as the “median” home) will increase from \$10.82/mo to \$11.80/mo due to the expiration of the single family discount. But, of about 160,000 single family accounts, about 60,000 accounts will see the 0.4% decrease in their bill because their charge was \$9.80/mo or lower, which was the threshold for eligibility of the single family discount.

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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No.	Intersections	Avg. Collisions Per Year	Avg. Casualty Collisions Per Year	Weighted Score
1	<u>Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275) / Rundberg Ln.</u>	41	23	225
2	<u>N. I-35 Service Rd. (SB)/ MLK Jr Blvd</u>	25	14	187
3	<u>I-35 Service Rd. (NB) / 11th St.</u>	21	11	184
4	<u>WB Riverside Dr. / Pleasant Valley Rd.</u>	26	15	180
5	<u>Parmer Ln.(FM 734) / Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275)</u>	33	19	179
6	<u>US 183 SR (NB) / Lakeline Blvd</u>	25	14	173
7	<u>US 183 / Loyola Ln.</u>	30	18	164
8	<u>US 183 Service Rd. (EB) / Cameron Rd.</u>	24	12	162
9	<u>I-35 Service Rd. (SB)/ Riverside Dr.</u>	26	11	161
10	<u>E Oltorf/IH 35 Frontage Rd NB</u>	22	13	160
11	<u>Slaughter Ln. / Manchaca Rd.</u>	25	15	147
12	<u>Intersection of E Braker Ln Middle Fiskville Rd.xls</u>	18	9	146
13	<u>E William Cannon Dr/IH35 Svrd NB</u>	23	12	139
14	<u>Willow Creek Dr./Riverside Dr.</u>	24	12	138
15	<u>Slaughter Ln. / Cullen Ln.</u>	24	11	134
16	<u>Lamar Blvd. (Loop 275) / RM 2222 (Koenig Ln.)</u>	21	15	133
17	<u>US 183 Service Rd. (SB) / Lakeline Blvd.</u>	21	12	122
18	<u>Airport Blvd. / Oak Springs Dr.</u>	20	11	119
19	<u>William Cannon Dr / Congress Ave</u>	18	12	114
20	<u>I-35 Service Rd. (SB) / Parmer Ln.</u>	21	11	113
21	<u>Ben White Blvd (EB) / Riverside Dr.</u>	18	10	111
22	<u>N Lamar Boulevard / Rutland Dr</u>	18	10	106
23	<u>Riverside Dr. / Wickersham Ln.</u>	19	9	106