### **Texas State Aquarium Lease Agreement**



Council Presentation September 30, 2014



## Texas State Aquarium



- Texas State Aquarium operated by the Texas State Aquarium Association (TSAA) since 1990
- City owns land and improvements
- TSAA has a lease through 2020



### Texas State Aquarium Expansion



- Largest expansion in its 24 year history
- \$50,000,000 Caribbean Journey completes the Aquarium's original master plan
- 65,000 square feet size of new building



## TSA Expansion Economic Impact



- Increase the overall economic impact to \$69 million
- Support 887 area jobs and provide salaries of \$20 million
- Produce more than \$10 million in hotel room sales
- Generate more than \$5 million for local taxing districts



# Request



- Request a new lease-purchase agreement to use as security on a construction loan.
- Enable Texas State Aquarium Association to own the assets they are investing in.



## Options

- 1. Create a new lease-purchase agreement with essentially the same terms as the existing agreement, but with the option to purchase; based upon level of investment and continued operation over a period of time.
- 2. Create a new long-term lease with same terms as existing agreement.



#### Recommendation

✓ Create a new lease-purchase agreement with same terms as the existing agreement, but with the option to purchase; based upon level of investment and continued operation over a period of time.



#### Process & Timeline

- Work on and finalize agreement
- Present to Council for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on October 21, 2014
- Present to Council for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on November 18, 2014
- New lease-purchase agreement effective January 17, 2015
- \*\* 28 day delay between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is required per City Charter \*\* 60 day delay between 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and effective date is required per City Charter