



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The public hearing on the proposed maximum property (ad valorem) tax rate was closed by the Mayor without objection. The second public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

The public hearing on the budget that was continued from August 27, 2009 was closed by the Mayor without objection.

2. Approve an ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, beginning on October 1, 2009, and ending on September 30, 2010.

Ordinance No. 20090914-002, adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, was approved with the following amendments on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Cole's second on a 7-0 vote. The amendments were:

- Increase property tax revenue in the amount of \$643,678 to reflect the certified tax roll and the adoption of a tax rate of 42.09 cents per \$100 valuation.
- Increase transfers in from Austin Energy in the amount of \$1,000,000 to reflect updated current year estimates in revenue.
Total General Fund Revenue increases are \$1,643,678.
- Increase appropriations in the individual General Fund Departments to reinstate the Service Incentive Pay (SIP) program in the amount of \$1,643,678.
- Reduce other revenue in the Austin Energy Proposed Budget in the amount of \$5,200,000 to reflect the postponement of a new Transmission Rider to recover increasing state-wide transmission grid costs to FY 2011.
- Increase transfers out of the Austin Energy Proposed Budget to the General Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 to reflect updated current year estimates in revenue.
- Decrease revenue in the Solid Waste Services Proposed Budget in the amount of \$1,142,977. The reduced revenue reflects a change in proposed fees. There was a friendly amendment from Council Member Morrison to amend the proposed budget of the Solid Waste Services Fund by decreasing revenue in the amount of \$686,097. The reduced revenue reflects a change in the proposed fees for the 90-gallon trash containers. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Cole, who made the second.
- Decrease appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$80,000 for the Rapid Anticonvulsant Medications Prior to Arrival Trial (RAMPART) Grant Program.

- Decrease appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$25,000 for the Health and Wellness Program grant.
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$128,000 for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$4,000 for the HIV Prevention grant.
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$1,000 for the Women, Infants and Children-Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) grant.
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$821,000 and adding six full-time equivalent positions for the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section grant.
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$13,000 for the Ryan White Part A - Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and adding one full time equivalent.
 - Increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Library Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for the Loan Star Libraries grant.
3. Approve an ordinance adopting the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, beginning on October 1, 2009, and ending on September 30, 2010.
Ordinance No. 20090914-003 was approved with the following amendment on Council Member Cole's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' second on a 7-0 vote. The amendment was to increase appropriations in the Proposed Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department in the amount of \$8,500,000 for affordable housing.
4. Approve an ordinance authorizing fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, beginning on October 1, 2009, and ending on September 30, 2010.
Ordinance No. 20090914-004 was approved with the following amendments on Council Member Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.
The Proposed Solid Waste Services fees were amended as follows:
- Residential anti-litter fee will remain the same as in FY 2009 at \$5.00; this is a reduction from the proposed amount of \$5.20.
 - Commercial anti-litter fee will remain the same as in FY 2009 at \$7.50; this is a reduction from the proposed amount of \$7.80.
 - Commercial charges in the central business district and all residential base charges will remain the same as in FY 2009 at \$8.75; this is a reduction from the proposed amount of \$9.10.
 - The 90-gallon trash container for residential and commercial customers is amended to be \$17.15, a reduction from the proposed amount of \$18.20, and an increase from the FY 2009 amount of \$16.50. There was a friendly amendment from Council Member Morrison to have this amendment read, "90-gallon trash container for residential and commercial customers will remain at the proposed amount of \$18.20, an increase from the FY 2009 amount of \$16.50." This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Spelman, who seconded the motion.
- The Proposed Electric Rate Schedule was amended by removing the Transmission Service Adjustment Rider.
5. Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
The motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 was approved on Council Member Cole's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Leffingwell noted this is not a vote on the tax rate. A separate vote on the tax rate will occur on October 1.

Items 6 through 12 were approved in a combined action on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Riley's second on a 7-0 vote.

6. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department, eliminating positions in a certain rank, establishing pay rates, and repealing Ordinance No. 20090611-016. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.
Ordinance No. 20090914-006 establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department and repeal Ordinance No. 20090611-016 was approved.
7. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Police Department and repealing Ordinance No. 20090618-023 relating to police department classifications and positions. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating budget of the Austin Police Department.
Ordinance No. 20090914-007 establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Police Department and repeal Ordinance No. 20090618-023 was approved.
8. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from November 2000 Proposition 1 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$10,242,000 related to street improvements; to reimburse itself from November 2006 Proposition 1 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$43,640,000 related to street reconstruction, sidewalks, and traffic signals; to reimburse itself from November 2006 Proposition 2 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$24,000,000 related to watershed protection master plan projects; to reimburse itself from November 2006 Proposition 3 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$17,645,000 related to parks facilities improvements and renovations, parkland acquisition, playscapes, pool improvements and renovations and trails; to reimburse itself from November 2006 Proposition 4 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$1,100,000 related to community and cultural facilities; to reimburse itself from November 2006 Proposition 5 General Obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$15,800,000 related to affordable housing programs; to reimburse itself from Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$7,700,000 for expenditures related to the Single Stream Recycling Facility; and to reimburse itself from Contractual Obligations in the amount of \$1,100,000 for expenditures related to golf capital equipment. \$112,427,000 in General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds to be issued in August 2010 or later; \$7,700,000 in non tax-supported General Obligation Certifications of Obligation to be issued in August 2010 or later; and \$1,100,000 in non tax-supported General Obligation Contractual Obligations to be issued in August 2010 or later.
Resolution No. 20090914-008 declaring official intent to reimburse \$112,427,000 in General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds; \$7,700,000 in non tax supported General Obligation Certifications of Obligation; and \$1,100,000 in non tax supported General Obligation Contractual Obligations was approved.
9. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$171,000,000 for expenditures related to the acquisition and construction of electric utility capital improvement projects.
Resolution No. 20090914-009 declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$171,000,000 for expenditures related to the acquisition and construction of electric utility capital improvement projects was approved.

10. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued through October 2010 for acquisition and construction costs in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$250,000,000 related to Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Austin Water Utility Capital Improvement Projects.
Resolution No. 20090914-010 declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued through October 2010 for acquisition and construction costs in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$250,000,000 related to Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Austin Water Utility Capital Improvement Projects was approved.
11. Approve a resolution adopting the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) 2009-2010 Marketing Plan and Proposed Budget in the amount of \$9,012,429, set the contract payment from the City to ACVB in an amount not to exceed \$6,969,914 for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010, and direct the City Manager to file the approved documents with the City Clerk's office as required by the Texas Tax Code. Funding in the amount of \$6,969,914 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed Operating Budget for the Tourism and Promotion Fund. The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Tourism and Promotion Fund is attached. Funding for the remaining \$2,042,515 of the ACVB Budget is available from the sources shown in the attachment.
Resolution No. 20090914-011 adopting the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) 2009-2010 Marketing Plan and Proposed Budget in the amount of \$9,012,429, set the contract payment from the City to ACVB in an amount not to exceed \$6,969,914 for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010, and direct the City Manager to file the approved documents with the City Clerk's office as required by the Texas Tax Code was approved.
12. Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in an amount not to exceed \$5,328,941. Funding in the amount of \$5,293,941 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; \$35,000 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant for a total of \$5,328,941. Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission.
Resolution No. 20090914-012 awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was approved.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council meeting at 9:49 a.m. without objection.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.

Mayor Leffingwell called to order the Board of Director's Meeting of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation at 9:50 a.m. See separate minutes.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the AHFC meeting at 9:51 a.m. without objection.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MUELLER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION.

Mayor Leffingwell called to order the Board of Director's Meeting of the Mueller Local Government Corporation at 9:51 a.m. See separate minutes.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the Mueller Local Government Corporation meeting at 9:52 a.m. without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell reconvened the City Council Meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:53 a.m. without objection.

The minutes for the special called meeting of September 14, 2009 were approved on this the 24th day of September 2009 on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Riley's second on a 7-0 vote.