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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16254	Agenda Number	8.
Meeting Date:	6/14/2012		Department:	Planning and Development Review
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Budget of the Planning and Development Review Department (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) by increasing revenue by \$318,463, increasing expenditures by \$187,081 and adding eleven new full-time equivalent positions; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Budget of the Fire Department (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) by increasing expenditures by \$65,104 and adding three new full-time equivalent positions; and by increasing the fund balance of the FY 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) by \$66,278. (Related to Item # 7.)</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available through anticipated increased revenue associated with a companion fee schedule amendment to increase various development fees.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>Purchasing Language:</p>				
Prior Council Action:	<p>September 12, 2011: Council approved Ordinance No. 20110912-005 adopting the 2011-2012 operating budget. May 24, 2012: Council approved Resolution No. 20120524-096 directing the City Manager to locate bottlenecks in the City's permit review process and to develop proposed strategies for improving the timelines and efficiency of permit review without compromising enforcement of public safety codes or consistency of development with city zoning regulations.</p>			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

On May 24, 2012, the City Council directed the City Manager to identify areas and processes within the Planning and Development Review, Fire and Watershed Protection departments that were causing process delays in reviews, permitting and inspections. Approval of this ordinance will add eleven new full-time equivalent (FTE) employee positions in the Planning and Development Review and three new full time equivalent (FTE) employee positions in the Austin Fire Department. The FTEs proposed by this action will address staffing deficiencies which have been identified in the Development Assistance Center, Plan Review, Inspections and Technology Information Services. Staff will continue to review policies and procedures to identify additional process improvements.