

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET (ORDINANCE NO. 20120910-001) TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES FOR THE AUSTIN PLAYHOUSE AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET (ORDINANCE NO. 20120910-001) TO INCREASE EXPENDITURES FOR SKILLPOINT ALLIANCE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. Findings:**

- (A) In Council's mid-year budget amendment (Ordinance No. 20130212-A002), Council allocated \$150,000 to the Austin Playhouse contingent upon the Austin Playhouse obtaining additional funding by March 31, 2013;
- (B) Austin Playhouse did not obtain the additional funding;
- (C) Skillpoint Alliance's outcomes are unmatched in Austin, serving more than 118,124 Central Texas in its history and 17,870 in 2012 alone;
- (D) Skillpoint's job training and computer literacy services focus on the "hard-to-employ" population, defined by the City of Austin as low-income, undereducated and/or former offenders, those at risk for, or currently receiving, federal and state in-kind benefits, including subsidized housing, TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, or CHIP funds, and the transitioning veterans returning to civilian life in Central Texas who need specialized training to earn a living wage;
- (E) Skillpoint Alliance has proven, through 19 years of operation that it is an excellent steward of funds received and a valuable workforce training partner in Central Texas. Highlights and accomplishments include:
  - (1) Partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to offer computer literacy trainings in HACA communities and at no cost to HACA residents;
  - (2) Funding support from key workforce leaders, including the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Solutions, Travis County Health and Human Services, Texas Veterans Commission, and the Texas Workforce Commission;

