



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.

**BRIEFINGS**

1. Briefing and discussion related to the departmental proposed budgets.

**Presentations were made by:**

**Austin Water Utility - Greg Meszaros, Director and David Anders, Assistant Director**

**Aviation - Jim Smith, Executive Director**

Direction was given to staff to provide clarification on what is included in the net parking income loss numbers and; provide information on the standard for parking shuttle frequency.

**Communications and Technology Management - Teri Pennington, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Peggy MacCallum, Chief Financial Manager**

Direction was given to staff to provide a list of technology projects approved by the IT Governance Committee and; provide an update on the request to purchase tablets for field staff for the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Fleet Services – Gerry Calk, Fleet Officer and Jennifer Walls, Deputy Fleet Officer**

**Financial Services – Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer and Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer**

**Human Resources – Mark Washington, Director, Tommy Tucker, Assistant Director and Chiquita Eugene, Youth and Family Services Program Manager**

Direction was given to staff provide additional information on the increase in total requirements for the department and; provide clarification on the programs provided and the impact of the new positions requested for the Youth and Family Services initiative.

**Contract Management – Rosie Truelove, Director**

**Real Estate Services – Lauraine Rizer, Real Estate Officer**

**Small and Minority Business Resources – Veronica Lara, Director**

**Law Department – Leela Fireside, Staff Attorney**

**Direction was given to staff to provide a clarification on the increase in the performance measure “percent of prosecutors who stay with the Law Department longer than 2 years” and its effect on quality of criminal prosecution.**

**Management Services – Marc Ott, City Manager, Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager, Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, and Lucia Athens, Chief Sustainability Officer**

**Direction was given to staff to provide details on the increase in the total requirements for the Departmental Support Services Activity within Management Services; to verify the turn-over rate and; to provide more information on the research analyst position requested for the Star Community Index Plan.**

**Additional direction was given to staff to provide information on the restrictions that would prohibit the Convention Center from contributing to the economic development fund.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 29th day of August 2013 on Council Member Morrison’s motion, Council Member Spelman’s second on a 7-0 vote.**