



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 29, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Council discussion related to the City's economic outlook, five-year financial forecast, and City budget and tax rate issues.

General comments were made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Additional questions may be submitted by Council as part of the Budget Q&A process.

Questions and answers were responded to by:

Austin Resource Recovery:

Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, Bob Gedert, Director and Jessica Edwards, Division Manager. Direction was given to staff to provide Council a list of services provided under the Clean Community Fee.

Austin Transportation:

Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, and Robert Spillar, Director. Direction was given to staff to provide Council to provide a breakdown of the costs listed in the unmet needs related to the Integrated Traffic Management System and identify which items are maintenance requirements versus system enhancements.

Aviation:

Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager and Jim Smith, Director.

Code Compliance

Michael McDonald, Deputy City Manager and Carl Smart, Director

Convention Center:

Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager and Mark Tester, Director

Economic Development:

Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager, Kevin Johns, Director, Rodney Gonzales, Deputy Director and Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Financial Manager. Direction was given to staff to provide information on what services are included under Third Party Agreements managed by the department.

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development:

Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Betsy Spencer, Director and Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director. Direction was given to staff to provide a list of developments that are generating revenue for the City and to explore possible options relating to a property owner ability to protest their property tax.

Public Works:

Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, Howard Lazarus, Director and James Snow, Assistant Director. Direction was given to staff provide information on the amount of the State and the City's share of all traffic related fines.

Watershed Protection:

Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager, Victoria Li, Director, and Diane Gonzales, Financial Manager. Direction was given to staff to provide a breakdown of the increases in the Drainage Utility Fee and provide additional information on the debt service increase relating to the Waller Creek Tunnel project.

Communications and Public Information:

David Matustik, Deputy Officer and Keith Reeves, ATX Manager.

Office of the City Clerk:

Jannette Goodall, City Clerk

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the Work Session at 3:35 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of June, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.