



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session on Thursday, July 30, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Council Member Zimmerman arrived at 10:30 a.m. Council Members Gallo and Renteria were absent.

1. Briefing and discussion regarding the City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Presentation was made by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Kimberly Springer, Deputy Budget Officer.

The following direction was given to staff to provide the following information: the national average for dissatisfaction with the overall value for City tax dollars and fees; an estimate on the increase to employee benefit cost for employees who are on a plus one or family plan; description of any difference between the assumptions in the percent in increase in insurance cost provided in the forecast vs. in the proposed budget; the percent of cost of service being paid through the fees; how often we conduct a cost of service analysis and what is the schedule for reviewing and updating fees and licenses; additional information on the schedule for Austin Energy plan for fully funding the Strategic Reserve funds; provide details on increase in Austin Water Utility fees between 2015 and 2016 that the typical customer will experience; add Human Resource Department to the department schedule for the August 10 and 12 schedule; and consider adding additional budget work sessions on August 17 and 19, 2015.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 6th day of August 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on an 11-0 vote.