



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo called the Council Meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing and discussion related to the fiscal year 2015-16 Proposed Budget, and discussion related to the process for council requests regarding changes to the proposed budget.

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

The following department staff answered questions.

Utilities and Other Enterprise Departments

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

Direction was given to staff to: analyze what would have to be reduced to bring down the debt coverage; provide what the result of lifting the Stage Two water restriction would do to usage and cost; and provide additional information on projections for 2017 should projections for next year be consistent specifically how much lower than 5800 do staff anticipate usage would be.

- **Austin Resource Recover: Bob Gedert, Director and Jessica Frazier, Financial Manager**

Internal Service Departments

- **Human Resources Department: Mark Washington, Acting Assistant City Manager, Joya Hayes, Acting Director and Judy Wallace, Financial Manager.**

Direction was given to staff to provide: information on options of pay wage increases; a revised "Historical Annual Pay Increases" chart adding Austin budget for pay; additional information on living wage, how many city positions are full-time versus part-time and how many have been with the City for over six months; the previous pay for performance process; the State Laws that regulate pay increases for the Convention Center and Aviation; and a legal opinion regarding Social Security and the ability to

“opt-out” of contributing.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of October 2015 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s motion, Council Member Zimmerman’s second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais.