

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Council Members Alter and Garza were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tom Stribling, Interim Labor Relations Officer, provided clarification to Council on outstanding questions from the February 8, 2016 Budget Work Session relating to the Austin Fire Department's collective bargaining agreement.

1. Austin Police Department budget and department overview. **Presentation was made by Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager, Brian Manley, Interim Chief of Police and Alice Thomas, Assistant Director, Austin Police Department.**

Direction was given to staff to provide more information on the costs and fines related to false alarms; overtime costs relating to the SXSW Festival; overtime costs incurred by the department from sending 65 officers to Washington, D.C. to provide security assistance at the Presidential inauguration; information on causes for the difference in the percentage of overtime experienced by EMS, Fire and Police; number of false alarms responded to; statistics on cite and release; information on response time to the far East portions of District 1; information on how the department wages compare with peer cities including pension benefits; recommendations on long-term goals and matrix; grants issued by APD; information on the budget line items relating to supplies; information on the long-term resources needed to address the DNA facility issue; ratio of work performed by the Park Police.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 2nd day of March 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 11-0 vote.