



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on fiscal year 2017-2018 proposed budgets for city departments.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

The following topics were covered:

Development Services Continued Implementation of Zucker Study Staffing and Service Enhancement Plan

Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following information: the number of temporary employees within the department; the parking fee structure adopted for One Texas Center and whether the fees will be collected on weekends; which fund receives the fees collected from parking meters; analysis of including the costs for equipment required for new staff eligible as part of the fees; costs for the proposed full-time employees; average salary for the proposed additional staff; timeline for training and implementation of CodeNext; analysis of the past couple of years proposed revenue and expenditures compared to the actual revenue collected and expenditures and whether the actual revenue collected covered the costs for new staff added; recommendations for allocating staff dedicated to assisting small businesses through the permitting process; organizational charts for both Development Services Department and Planning and Development Review Department; and a breakdown of the 51 additional staff being requested.

Human Resources Civilian Employee Pay and Benefits

Presentation was made by Joya Hayes, Director, and Karen Haywood, Assistant Director, Human Resources Department.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following information: the number of temporary employees that are not at the living wage; cost estimates for increasing the living wage to either \$14 or \$15 during FY18; the number of temporary employees that are retired City employees; the cost to accelerate the 2.5% pay increase for employees by one pay period; cost for increasing the 2.5% pay increase to 3%, broken down by enterprise, general and support services funds; options for salary increases based on performance; an update on revisions to the hearing process used by the department; and the per day cost when the department hires an outside hearing officer.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

1. Discussion on fiscal year 2017-2018 proposed budget continued.

AISD Prospective Service Agreement

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Erik Nelson, Corporate Budget Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following information: the assessed home value on the bar graph; the tax rate and recapture amounts for other school districts in Austin; to include the percent of the proposed tax rate increase for future discussions; details on the community benefits for Hays and Elgin School District; the year voters approved the increase in AISD property tax that bumped them into the copper pennies category; the number of students per school district within the City; and a list of programs that the City has funded over the past couple of years for the various school districts.

Direction was given to staff to include the following topics as future discussion items:

- **Briefing regarding the magnitude of the City's vulnerability relating to potential loss of federal and state funding, including how many programs or positions may be stake.**
- **Convention Center**
- **Austin Visitor and Convention Bureau funding**
- **Services provided for people experiencing homelessness**
- **Process for allocating funds for quality of life initiatives**
- **List of parks that would be eligible for the Hotel Occupancy Tax**

2. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.
Withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 31st day of August 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on an 11-0 vote.