

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo called the Council Meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.  
**Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.**

**The following items were discussed from the Budget Concept Menu:**

- **S-101: Selectively reduce AFD staffing levels on certain apparatus and/or adjust the four-person staffing model for some stations based on call volume and demand for service.**

**Note: The amounts listed for this item are not currently in the roll-up page because the possible reduction amounts are listed as a range.**

- **E-201: Increase the Senior Homestead Exemption to hold steady from the previous year the median senior's homestead tax bill.**

**Direction was given to staff to include Council Member Kitchen as a co-sponsor.**

- **Public Safety Contract negotiations**

**Direction was given to staff to schedule an executive session to provide Council with an update on the negotiations.**

- **M-2: Use funding in existence at Austin Transportation Department to expand the capacities of Parking Enforcement Officers to serve as Mobility Services Officers and consider the hiring of new Mobility Services Officers to expand team capacities.**
- **S-102: Temporarily close AFD stations or institute partial closures or "off-shifts", where doing so will not affect response times.**
- **S-103: Consider hiring sworn AFD retirees to supplement administrative, call center or other staff functions, permanently moving sworn firefighters to operations.**

- **S-20: Repurpose partial funding for EMS Service Delivery Model Study.**

Direction was given to staff to provide Council information on the various studies being proposed across the safety departments and information on the scope of those studies; and to confirm the amount of funding needed for the EMS Service Delivery Model Study.

- **O-106: Fulfill recommendation from Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities to attend Beyond Diversity Training.**

Note: If other Council Offices are interested in participating in this training and have available funds from FY17, please notify Council Member Alter.

- **E-33: Austin CityUp Data Hub.**
- **E-36: Austin CityUP Phase 1 -- Funding for Tracking, Monitoring, and Affirmative Marketing of Subsidized Rental Units**
- **E-37: Austin CityUP Phase 2 -- Funding for Tracking, Monitoring, and Affirmative Marketing of Subsidized Rental Units**

Direction was given to staff to remove item E33 and add Mayor Pro Tem Tovo as a co-sponsor for items E-36 and E-37.

- **E-38: Updates to DSD's AMANDA system -- Funding for Tracking, Monitoring, and Affirmative Marketing of Subsidized Rental Units.**
- **E-39: CTM Tracking Needs -- Funding for Tracking, Monitoring, and Affirmative Marketing of Subsidized Rental Units.**

Clarification was given to staff that item E-39 is a request to confirm is the Development Services Department's budget includes costs for E-38.

- **E-35: Eviction Intervention Program and E-42: Create a pilot program to assist tenants in navigating the eviction process.**

Direction was given to staff to combine items E-35 and E-42.

- **S-7: Convert nonpermanent positions in the Austin Fire Department Wildfire Division from temporary to permanent.**

Direction was given to staff to provide an analysis of the impact of implementing this item.

- **S-104: For the following 18 months or until vacancies at Austin Fire Department stabilize to 40 vacancies; implement an added time rule at Austin Fire Department that requires priority for Mandatory Kelly Added time, followed by volunteers, late volunteers, then comprehensive mandatory added time.**

Direction was given to staff to an analysis of implementing this type of overtime policy within the in department including addressing the related item in the City Auditor's Audit Report relating to overtime within the Austin Fire Department.

- **C5: Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum and S15: Address unmet safety needs at Umlauf Garden.**

The sponsors of these items will clarify if these items are related and can be combined.

**E-21: Quality of Life (African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and LGBTQ); E-46: Hispanic Quality of Life Initiatives; and C15: Funding to Mexic-arte for a video documentary on Chicano artist as recommended by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission; C-16: Funding to meet programmatic and technical needs of Red Salmon Arts as recommended by the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission ; C-17: Funding to A.B. Cantu Pan-Am Cultural Center for the 60th Hillside Summer Concert Series as recommended by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission; C-18: Funding for an ESB-MACC full time Outreach Coordinator as recommended by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission; C-19: Continue funding of Sam's Corner as recommended by the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission**

The sponsors of these items will clarify if these items are related and can be combined.

- **E20: Support for scaling of Capital IDEA's work with soon-to-graduate seniors in low income high schools and Capital IDEA's RN and IT tracks and E26: Workforce Development training.**

Direction was given to staff to add Council Member Garza as a co-sponsor for E20 rather than E26; and to provide fiscal impact of the contributions from other funds for E20 would have on the enterprise departments.

- **E-19: Provide funding for childcare to serve the children of adults participating in education and career advancement programs.**
- **H-7: Increase PARD's maintenance funding and H-24: Hiring of 3 FTEs for playground safety and maintenance team.**

Direction was given to staff to include Council Member Garza on item H-7 and remove item H-24.

- **H-21: ADA improvements at parks and H-25: ADA compliance of parks to ensure that Austin is moving towards compliance with federal law and ensure equitable access to city resources**

Direction was given staff to combine items H-21 and H-25.

- **E-22: Place Based Planning (Purpose Built Communities); E-23: Equity Office - Task Force Training; E-27: Displacement Task Force.**

The sponsor of the items will provide additional clarification on the purpose of these items.

- **E-2: Passages Program.**
- **E-19: Provide funding for childcare to serve the children of adults participating in education and career advancement programs.**
- **E-40: Childcare continuity services.**
- **E-41: Childcare Facilities Study.**

Clarification was provided by the sponsor that the purpose of the item was to conduct a city-wide study. Direction was given to staff to include Council Member Pool as a co-sponsor.

Direction was given to staff to provide an accounting of the funds not expended that will be going back to the general fund or reserves.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED**

1. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.
  - **C-18: Funding for an ESB-MACC full time Outreach Coordinator as recommended by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission.**
  - **G-12: Translated Documents Availability and G-16: Expand funding for language access (translation/interpretation services) for city boards and commissions for both posted and community meetings.**

Direction was provided to staff to combine these items.

- **AsAQOL: Facility Services Representative.**  
Direction was given to staff to confirm the amount and item number for this menu item.
- **G-101: Merge the Office of Innovation with the Office of Performance Management, CTM or other department that would best offer operational efficiencies.**
- **Policing Levels**

Direction was given to staff to provide and update from Public Safety on FY17 budget rider relating to staff levels.

- **E-27: Displacement Task Force.**
- **G-4: City Manager salary & benefits.**
- **E-18: Interlocal with UT to study gentrification and displacement.**

Note: the amount associated with this item was increased by Council Resolution to \$69,000.

- **E-35: Eviction Intervention Program**
- **E-42: Create a pilot program to assist tenants in navigating the eviction process.**
- **C-27: City Arborist pilot educational program.**

**Direction was given to staff to include Council Member Alter as a co-sponsor.**

- **H-11: Tree Folks**  
**Direction was given to staff to add Council Member Pool as a co-sponsor and to confirm if the tree mitigation funds could be used for this item.**
- **H-9: Fund a PARD Program Manager position for the Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) program and H-22: Fund a portion of Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) program.**

**Clarification will be provided by the sponsors to determine if any duplication exists and include Council Member Alter and Pool as co-sponsors on the items.**

- **Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness**
- **S-4: Funding for polarized directed lighting underneath a portion of the US 290/71 overpass at Manchaca Road and permanent trash receptacles in the same area.**
- **E-5: Long-Term Housing & Services Increase Permanent Supportive Housing capacity.**
- **E-7: Redesign of Downtown Homelessness Services.**
- **E-8: Create 100 new temporary shelter beds throughout the city.**
- **E-9: Create an incentive and risk mitigation fund for landlords who provide Permanent Supportive Housing units.**
- **E-11: Increase rapid re-housing capacity for 181 persons per year.**
- **E-12: Additional system planning and coordination.**
- **H-4: Respite Services.**
- **E-201: Increase the Senior Homestead Exemption to hold steady from the previous year the median senior's homestead tax bill.**
- **G-11: Increase General Fund reserves by \$1.5 million.**
- **H-23: Pilot program for healthy food in schools.**
- **E-13: Additional funding for home repair and architectural barrier removal services.**
- **E-44: Del Valle Youth Workforce Program.**

**Direction was given to staff to move this to one-time funding.**

- **S-8: Additional lighting in Parks in underserved areas and H-8 Recreational and security lighting for parks.**

**Direction was given to staff to combine these items.**

- **S-9: Increase Downtown Public Restrooms.**
- **C-25: Upgraded theater at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex.**
- **C-24: Sound and lighting equipment for the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex.**

**Direction was given to staff to provide details on the justification on the increase in fees for Code Compliance and what type of return is expected with the increase and what operational impact the department would experience with the fee increase was not approved.**

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of September 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.**