

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****BUDGET ADOPTION READING
SEPTEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 2017**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a budget adoption reading on Monday, September 11, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council the amount of the various reserve funds contained within the Austin Convention Center Budget; to provide the amount of fees that were reduced from the standard fees as a way of securing specific conventions; the amount and percentage increases over a five year period for the Music, Sports and Film Commissions funded by Visit Austin; the amount and percentage increases over a five year period for the Visit Austin budget; details on changes to services and programs as a result of the budget increases; estimated percentage of the budget that goes to maintenance; amount of the Gain Sharing funds within the Convention Center budget; details on the number of jobs including wages and affordable housing requirements for the Domain project; if the chillers purchased by the City for the Domain project were part of a contract amendment; language in the Domain contract for requirements going forward with regards to the types of jobs, number of jobs created, wages of jobs, whether or not the jobs are required to be local; language in the Domain contract for requirements going forward regarding affordable housing; and if the Domain has challenged their property taxes; if we stop the incentives will the affordable housing end and the current MFI established for the affordable housing requirement.

The motion to adopt the proposed budget with the following staff amendments was made by Council Member Renteria and seconded by Council Member Casar. The staff amendments were:

- General Fund

- Remove 18 Emergency Medical Services sworn staff due to agreed upon service level reductions in Travis County and reduce revenue from EMS County Service revenue to reflect the agreed upon service level reductions in the amount of (\$1,457,937).
- Decrease Development Services expenditures to remove the extended parking validation proposal and reduce related revenue in the amount of (\$400,000).
- Decrease the Parks and Recreation budget to reflect reimbursement from the Historic Preservation Fund to cover eligible historic preservation uses (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of (\$280,000).
- **Support Services Fund**
 - Council carry over: increase Council budgets with saving from current year as listed below:
 - District 1: \$15,028
 - District 2: \$1,237
 - District 3: \$2,242
 - District 7: \$1,430
 - District 8: \$2,839
 - District 9: \$44,881
 - District 10: \$16,866
 - Mayor: \$1,626
- **Austin Energy**
 - Increase Power Supply revenue and expenditures to reflect updated Power Supply Adjustment (PSA) rate and to match power supply revenue to budgeted expenses in the amount of \$6,792,123.
- **Historical Preservation Fund**
 - Create the Historical Preservation Fund and fund through a transfer from the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of \$8,600,000.
 - Appropriate funds to offset existing General Fund expenditures for eligible historic preservation uses (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of \$280,000.
 - Appropriate funds for new General Fund expenditures for eligible historic preservation uses (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of \$220,000.
 - Transfer funds to Parks and Recreation Department's capital budget for historic preservation projects (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of \$8,100,000.
 - Decrease the transfer to the Tourism and Promotion Fund from the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Fund and reduce expenditures for the contract with Visit Austin (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of (\$8,600,000).
- **Special Revenue Funds**
 - Decrease property tax revenue for the Downtown Public Improvement District in the amount of (\$1,009,628).
 - Decrease expenditures for the Downtown Public Improvement District in the amount of (\$1,007,879).
 - Decrease property tax revenue for the South Congress Public Improvement District in the amount of (\$1,814).
 - Increase expenditures for the South Congress Public Improvement District in the amount of \$80,545.
 - Increase property tax revenue for the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District in the amount of \$630.

- Increase expenditures for the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District in the amount of \$30,840.
- Increase requirements for the University Neighborhood Overlay Housing Trust Fund to fund lead abatement for the University Inter-Cooperative Council in the amount of \$928,089.
- **Debt Service Funds**
 - Reduce Airport Bond Interest Holding Fund Other Revenue to \$27,844,736 due to computation error for a total reduction of (\$49,559,598).
- **Capital Budget**
 - Increase Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget for the Morris Williams Golf Course Maintenance Barn from insurance proceeds in the amount of \$210,533.
 - Increase Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget for historic preservation projects for other eligible uses (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of \$8,100,000.
 - Decrease Convention Center's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) transfer (HOT Reallocation) in the amount of (\$6,600,000).

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number 1 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 3:18 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments.

Direction was given to staff to provide dollar amounts of settlements/judgements that have been paid out by the City involving Austin Resource Recovery vehicles; number of vehicles that need additional cameras for the proposed technology upgrade requested in the FY18 Budget; estimated payout of the technology upgrade contract for FY17 and FY18; a recommendation of what would be eliminated from the department's budget if the fee increase for the technology

project is not approved; the impact on the fees if the organics program is rolled out on a three-year plan.

The motion to include Budget Concept Menu 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 by an amount of \$255,091 for the General Fund was made by Council Member Alter. The motion was approved as amended below on Council Member Alter's motion on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen and Pool.

An amendment was made by Mayor Adler and seconded by Council Member Alter to revise the motion to read: "The City Manager is requested to find a savings in the amount of \$255,091 in the Austin Fire Department budget that does not impact safety and bring those recommendations back to Council. The amendment was approved on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen and Pool.

An amendment was made to the amendment by Council Member Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo to revise the motion to read: "The City Manager is requested to find a savings in the amount of \$255,091 in the budget that does not impact safety and bring those recommendations back to Council. The motion failed on Council Member Garza's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on a 2-9 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Member Garza. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Houston, Kitchen, Pool, Renteria and Troxclair.

Mayor Adler adjourned the Council Meeting at 5:25 p.m. Council will reconvene the Budget Adoption Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments and direction approved on Monday, September 11, 2017.

The motion to reduce the Development Services budget by \$1,000,000 from the \$5,200,000 from the General Fund was made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo. No action occurred.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the budget items included in the \$5,200,000 listed in Development Services Significant Budget changes; and the impact of not implementing the transfer in of Watershed Protection Development environmental review and inspection

services; provide recommendations relating to methods to reduce Development Services fees to ensure fees are increased as little as possible; the recommendations should include information relating to the requirements that drive the fees.

A motion to delay the Development Services fee increases related to the additional full-time employees and not authorize the 51 new full-time employees was approved on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Flannigan's second on an 11-0 vote.

Direction was given to staff to provide a breakdown of the type and number of radios for Animal Services Center.

Direction was given to staff to provide the total cost for CodeNext consulting services.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the increase for Mayor and Council Admin costs; and the increase in the differential in the increase in the Mayor's budget compared to the individual Council Office budgets.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the travel budget for the Communications and Technology Management Department and the Austin Police Department.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number 1 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 2:31 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments listed above.

A motion to include the following items in the FY18 Budget was accepted without objection on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's, Council Member Casar's second. The amendments were to include the following:

- AISD Afterschool in the amount of \$950,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item C-1)

- AISD afterschool expansion at Mendez and Burnet middle schools in the amount of \$80,000 in one-time funds.
- AISD Parent-teacher support specialists in the amount of \$1,292,676 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item C-2)
- Increase Permanent Supportive Housing capacity/ “Pay for Success” in the amount of \$1,200,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-5)
- PrEP in the amount of \$110,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item H-20)
- Passages in the amount of \$160,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-2)
- Increased capacity in homelessness services in the amount of \$1,000,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Items E-7, E-8, E-9, E-11, H-4)
- Navigators in the amount of \$355,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-16)
- Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex equipment upgrades in the amount of \$331,422.57 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item C-21, C-24, C-25)
- Asian American Resource Center master plan in the amount of \$250,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item C-3)
- Immigrant legal services in the amount of \$200,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-28, E-47)
- Quality of life mini-grants to outside organizations in the amount of \$150,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item C-14 thru C-19)
- City Up in the amount of \$25,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item E-36)
- Sexual assault counselor training in the amount of \$50,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item S-6)
- Public health contracts 3% increase in the amount of \$840,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item H-1)
- Increase minimum wage by 2.5% and benefits including ability to accrue paid sick leave for temporary employees in the amount of \$600,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Kitchen to revise the Quality of life mini-grants to outside organizations to Quality of Life Initiatives and increase the amount of \$1,700,000 in ongoing funding. The motion was accepted without objection. (Budget Concept Items C-14 thru C-19)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo to remove PrEP in the amount of \$110,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item H-20) and revise the Passages item for the amount of \$160,000 in ongoing funds and a (\$70,000) in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item E-2) The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion was made by Council Member Pool to include Connecting Children to Nature in the Eastern Crescent in the amount of \$17,500 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item H-22) The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion was made by Mayor Adler to include increases to the Equity Office in the amount of \$202,488. (Budget Concept Item E-17) The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion was made by Council Member Kitchen to include the Senior Exemption in the amount of \$1,000,000. (Budget Concept Item E-201) The motion as amended below was approved on a

7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston, Pool, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza and Kitchen.

An amendment to revise the amount for the Senior Exemption from \$1,000,000 to an amount of \$2,000 per exemption for a total amount of \$332,118 was approved on Mayor Adler, Council Member Renteria's second on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members, Garza, Houston, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were:, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Kitchen and Troxclair.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the Quality of Life Initiatives was accepted without objection.

A motion to revise the Quality of Life Initiatives line item from \$1,700,000 to \$900,000 for additional Quality of Life initiatives was approved on Council Member Casar's motion on an 11-0 vote.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the Equity Office was accepted without objection.

A motion to offset the increase funding for the Equity Office in the amount of \$202,488 (Budget Concept Item E-17) by reducing the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$202,488 was made by Council Member Alter. The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion to use existing funding in the Parking Fund at Austin Transportation Department to expand the capacities of Parking Enforcement Officers to serve as Mobility Services Officers to expand team capacities was made by Council Member Alter and seconded by Council Member Houston. (Budget Concept Item M-2) The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion to include funding for the Displacement Study and Displacement Taskforce in the amount of \$169,000 was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Mayor Adler. The motion to divide the question was accepted without objection.

A motion to include funding for Displacement Study in the amount of \$69,000 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Adler's second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Houston, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Garza and Troxclair.

A motion to include funding for staff for the Displacement Taskforce in the amount of \$100,000 failed on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Adler's second on a 4-7 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Member Houston, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, and Troxclair.

A motion to include \$750,000 for mental health services for the African American community was made by Council Member Houston. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion to include Translation Services in the amount of \$110,156 was made by Mayor Adler and seconded by Council Member Houston. (Budget Concept Item G-12) The motion was approved as amended below on an 11-0 vote.

An amendment to offset the increase for Translation Services in the amount of \$110,156 (Budget Concept Item G-12) by reducing the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$110,156 (Budget Concept Item H-2) was approved on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-1 vote. Mayor Adler voted nay.

A motion to include \$200,000 in one-time funds for ADA accessibility improvements for playgrounds was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 11-0 vote. (Budget Concept Item H-21)

A motion to include the funding in the amount of \$300,000 for Affordable Care Act (ACA) outreach and enrollment services (Budget Concept Item H-21) by reducing the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$300,000 (Budget Concept Item H-2) to off-set the cost was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay. Council Member Alter abstained.

A motion to include the funding in the amount of \$50,000 for George Washington Carver Museum and reduce the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$50,000 (Budget Concept Item H-2) to offset the cost was made by Council Member Houston and seconded by Mayor Adler. No action occurred.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the balance and reserve policy for the Cultural Arts Fund.

A motion to include \$75,000 for the Fair Housing Summit was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay.

A motion to repurpose partial funding for EMS Service Delivery Model Study in the amount of \$175,000 to the EMS Electronic Patient Care Report Solutions was approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 9-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Houston, Kitchen, Pool and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan and Renteria. (Budget Concept Item S-20) Direction was given to include in the scope collaboration with Central Health. (Refer to Appendix A for additional instructions and details)

A motion to restore the original \$250,000 for the EMS Service Delivery Model Study failed on Council Member Flannigan's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 5-6 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria.

A motion to include the funding in the amount of \$50,000 for George Washington Carver Museum by reducing the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$50,000 (Budget Concept Item H-2) to

offset the cost was approved on Council Member Houston's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 11-0 vote.

A motion to include funding for Sam's Corner in the amount of \$41,776 in ongoing funds (Budget Concept Item C-19) was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Flannigan, Garza, Houston, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Kitchen and Troxclair.

A motion to include \$40,000 in small cultural arts funding to support the mission of Ballet East in the amount of \$22,000 in one-time funding and to Mexic-arte for a video documentary on Chicano artist in the amount of \$17,500 (Budget Concept Items C-14 and C-15) was made by Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second. No action occurred.

A motion to include \$45,000 for funding to A.B. Cantu Pan-Am Cultural Center for the 60th Hillside Summer Concert Series was made by Council Member Renteria. No action occurred.

A motion to remove the original request to fund ADA accessibility improvements for playgrounds and create a parks bucket to be used for maintenance and accessibility improvements in the amount of \$350,000 failed on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 4-7 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Member Alter, Flannigan, Pool and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Houston, Garza, Kitchen and Renteria.

A motion to rename the AISD afterschool expansion to Mendez and Burnet middle schools to "Post-secondary preparedness program at Mendez and Burnet middle schools" and reduce the amount to \$70,000 was made by Council Member Garza and seconded by Council Member Casar. The motion was accepted without objection.

A motion to include \$30,000 for funding to A.B. Cantu Pan-Am Cultural Center for the 60th Hillside Summer Concert Series by reducing the Quality of Life Initiative item by \$30,000 (Budget Concept Item H-2) was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Mayor Adler's second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Flannigan voted nay.

A motion to increase the contribution to cover the increase in health care insurance for retirees over 65 and dependents in the amount of \$230,021 in one-time funding was made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Pool. Staff is directed to reallocate funding from the ending balance of the Employee Benefits Fund to cover the increase in retiree's health insurance contribution for post-65 retirees and dependents. The motion was approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 9-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan and Houston. (Refer to Appendix B for additional instructions and details)

A motion to include \$40,000 in Quality of Life mini-grant funding was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 8-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Houston, Pool,

Kitchen and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Member Flannigan and Troxclair. Council Member Alter abstained.

A motion to include funding for a tree education position in the amount of \$73,000 funded through the Urban Forestry Fund was made by Council Member Pool. (Budget Concept Item C-27) No action occurred.

A motion to include support for workforce development program(s) that provide college-level education for living wage jobs and have a proven track record in the amount \$700,000 (\$230,000 from General Fund and \$470,000 from other funds) was approved as amended below on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Flannigan voted nay. (Budget Concept Item E-20)

A motion to reduce the total amount from the General Fund to \$100,000 for workforce development was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Houston, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Alter, Flannigan and Troxclair.

Mayor Adler adjourned the Council Meeting 6:23 p.m. Council will continue the Budget Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:51 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments listed above.

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

A motion to transfer the additional \$30,833 from the Mayor's Budget to the General Fund was approved without objection on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion.

Direction was given to staff to transfer to reserves, the \$600,000 in Development Services Department FY18 expenses not recovered by fees shown as a savings resulting from the elimination the additional 51 full-time employees requested in FY18.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the funding for telecommunication permit priority processing since it began.

The motion to adopt Casar's spreadsheet as the base was accepted without objection on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Garza's second. The amendments were:

- **Reduce Austin Fire Department Budget (Budget Concept Item S-104) in the amount of (\$255,091) in ongoing funds.**

- **Offset of PARD expenses from Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) reallocation (staff amendment) in the amount of (\$280,000) in ongoing funds.**
- **Include ASID Afterschool Program in the amount of \$800,000 in ongoing funds and \$150,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item E-45)**
- **Include Post-secondary Preparedness Program at Mendez and Burnet Middle Schools in the amount of \$60,000 in ongoing funds.**
- **Include AISD parent support specialist in the amount of \$1,000,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item C-2)**
- **Move the Permanent Supportive Housing capacity (Pay for Success) to the Budget Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$1,200,000. (Budget Concept Item E-5)**
- **Include funding for the Passages program in the amount of \$160,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-2)**
- **One-time savings from various social service contracts in the amount of (\$90,000) in one-time funds.**
- **Increase capacity in homelessness services in the amount of \$590,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Items E-7, E-8, E-9, E-11, H-4)**
- **Include Navigators in the amount of \$250,000 in the ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-16)**
- **Include Millennium equipment upgrades in the amount of \$280,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Items C-21 and C-25)**
- **Include the Asian American Resource Center master plan in the amount of \$200,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Items C-3)**
- **Include immigrant legal services in the amount of \$60,000 in ongoing funds and \$60,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Items E-28 and E-47)**
- **Include City Up in the amount of \$25,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Items E-36)**
- **Include sexual assault counselor training in the amount of \$50,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item S-6)**
- **Include public health contracts increases in the amount of \$700,000 in ongoing funds for a reduction in the increase from 3% to 2.5%. (Budget Concept Item H-1)**
- **Increase the living wage for temporary employees to \$14 and begin offering paid sick days in the amount of \$490,000 in ongoing funds and \$88,200 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item E-3)**
- **Include Cities Connecting Children to Nature in the amount of \$17,500 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item H-22)**
- **Include one new position in the Equity Office in the amount of \$100,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-17)**
- **Increase senior exemption in the amount of \$200,000 in ongoing funds and \$63,676 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item E-201)**
- **Include mobility services officers in the amount of \$165,000 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item M-2)**
- **Include gentrification and displacement study in the amount of \$69,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item E-18)**
- **Include translation services in the amount of \$80,000 in ongoing funds and remove the one full-time employee listed. (Budget Concept Item G-12)**

- Include ADA Improvements at parks in the amount \$200,000 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item H-21)
- Include Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment outreach in the amount of \$100,000 in ongoing funds and \$100,000 in one-time funds. (Budget Concept Item H-16)
- Include Carver Museum in the amount of \$50,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item E-29)
- Include the Fair Housing Summit in the amount of \$35,000 in one-time funds and \$40,000 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item E-29)
- Reallocate \$175,000 for EMS/Fire Study to the EMS Electronic Patient Care Report Solutions. (Budget Concept Item S-20)
- Include the Cultural Arts Small Organizational Funding in the amount of \$41,776 in ongoing funds (Sam's Corner). (Budget Concept Item C-19)
- Include Cultural Arts and Quality of Life small organization grants in the amount of \$50,000 in ongoing funds. (Budget Concept Item C-14 and C-15)
- Include Cultural Site Event funding in the amount of \$30,000 in one-time funds (A.B. Cantu Pan Am Cultural Center). (Budget Concept Item C-17)
- Include funding to cover the increase in health care insurance for retirees over 65 and dependents in the amount of \$230,021 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item G-1)
- Include funding for workforce development in the amount of \$80,000 in one-time funding and \$203,887 in other funds. (Budget Concept Item E-20)
- Transfer \$30,000 from the proposed budget for the Mayor's Office to ongoing funds.

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the impact of the reduction in the Senior Exemption as proposed in CM Casar's motion and confirm if funding for the Cities Connecting Children to Nature (Budget Concept Item H-22) can come from the tree mitigation fund.

A motion to reduce the Development Services budget for telecommunication permit priority processing by \$350,000 from the General Fund was made by Council Member Kitchen's motion and seconded by Council Member Pool.

A substitute motion to reduce the Development Services budget for telecommunication permit priority processing by \$100,000 and to reduce the amount of reserves being set aside for Development Services Department by \$100,000 was made by Council Member Casar and seconded by Council Member Kitchen. A motion to divide the question was accepted without objection.

The substitute motion to reduce the Development Services budget for telecommunication permit priority processing by \$100,000 was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Houston, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Flannigan and Troxclair.

The substitute motion to reduce the amount of reserves being set aside for Development Services Department by \$100,000 was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Houston and Troxclair.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number 1 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 3:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments listed above.

The motion to reallocate funds from the Global Business Recruitment and Expansion Program to the City's Small Business Program in the amount of \$853,802 in the Economic Development Fund was made by Council Member Kitchen. No action occurred.

Direction was given to staff to conduct an analysis of programs within the Economic Development Department and their eligibility for funding from the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax.

The motion to adopt staff recommendation relating to the proposed rate increase for Austin Resource Recovery by debt financing \$1.6 million of the \$6.2 million in order to spread the impact of this expense over a number of years, therefore eliminating the need for the \$0.85 rate increase was approved on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 9-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan and Houston.

The motion to revise the item relating to the Millennium equipment upgrades to include "theater upgrade & sound/lighting", and change the Budget Concept Items from C-21 to C-24 for a funding amount of \$280,630 in one time funds was made by Mayor Adler. The motion was accepted without objection on Mayor Alder's motion.

The motion to add one full-time employee with the City Arborist and fund that position using \$73,236 from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund and \$70,000 from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund or other appropriate fund for the Urban Forest Remove-and-Replace

Program was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay. Council Member Casar was off the dais. (Budget Concept Item C-27) (Refer to Appendix C for additional instructions and details)

Direction was given to staff to shift the funding for Cities Connecting Children to Nature to the Planting for the Future Fund or other appropriate fund in the amount of \$17,500 was accepted without objection on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion.

The motion to fund three new vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department for senior transportation by adding them to the vehicle acquisition fund in the amount of \$165,000 was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay.

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider directing the installation of lighting under the SH 71 overpass over Manchaca Road through existing funds with the Austin Energy and Austin Transportation budgets on Council Member Kitchen's motion. The direction was accepted without objection. (Budget Concept Item S-4) (Refer to Appendix D for additional instructions and details)

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 4:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number 1 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

- 1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.**

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 5:22 p.m.

The motion to increase funding for Asian American Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$19,744 from the General Fund and \$40,256 from other funds was approved on Council Member Houston's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Garza, Houston, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Casar, Flannigan and Troxclair.

Direction was given to staff to provide recommendations on methods to equitably fund the Chambers including the Small Business (AIBA) was accepted without objection.

The motion to authorize Visit Austin to fund the spring festival public safety costs in the amount of \$1,200,000 from available funds and to drop the staff recommended \$8.6 million in Hotel

Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) reallocation to \$7.4 million was approved on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 11-0 vote.

Direction to the City Manager to find additional Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) to fully fund the historical preservation budget was accepted without objection.

The motion to allocate \$250,000 to Visit Austin for the first cycle of heritage grants and reduce the staff recommended Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) reallocation to \$7.15 million was accepted without objection on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion.

The following direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider was accepted without objection on Council Member Troxclair's motion. To direct the City Manager to utilize \$2,000,000 in revenue from the historic preservation hotel occupancy tax fund for allowable operations and maintenance expenditures at City of Austin historic facilities and sites, including, but not limited to, Zilker Park, Barton Springs Pool, Zilker Botanical Gardens (master planning), Umlauf Sculpture Gardens, George Washington Carver Museum, Susanna Dickinson Museum, O. Henry Museum, Elisabet Ney Museum, Hancock Golf Course, and Austin History Center, in accordance with Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a) was made by Council Member Troxclair. At no time during the Fiscal Year 2017/18 shall the Parks and Recreation Department total appropriation drop below its approved level. For the remaining funding in the historic preservation hotel occupancy tax fund, the City Manager shall expend the funds on allowable historic restoration and preservation projects or activities, in accordance with Texas Tax Code Chapter 351.101(a). The projects to be considered for funding include, but are not limited to, Oakwood Cemetery and Annex, Montopolis Negro School, Barton Springs Bathhouse, Palm School, Seaholm Intake Building, Mexic-Arte, Downs Field, Mayfield Park, Mt.Bonnell, Lions Municipal Golf Course, Congress Avenue Old Bakery and Emporium, Red River Cultural District, Fiesta Gardens, Austin's Tejano Walking Trail, Umlauf Sculpture Garden, Wooldridge Square, Pease Park, Huston-Tillotson Chapel, Zilker Botanical Gardens, Barton Springs Pool, O. Henry Museum, and Norwood Historic Estate. (Refer to Appendix E)

An amendment to revise "Zilker Botanical Gardens" to read "Zilker Botanical Gardens (Master Planning)" was accepted without objection on Council Member Kitchen's motion.

An amendment to include other eligible programs which may be in the Economic Development, Public Works Department, etc., such as the Red River Cultural District, the Historic Rainey District and Historic East Sixth Street, was accepted without objection on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion.

The motion to find from reserves sufficient funding to fund 100% of the Historic Preservation bucket from the 15% of the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax and to bring the options back to Council as a budget amendment was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Alter's second on an 11-0 vote.

The motion to allocate the following one-time funds was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Member Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those

voting nay were: Council Member Alter, Flannigan, Houston and Troxclair. The amendments were:

- \$155,000 for the Asian American Health Navigator Program
- \$140,000 for Parent Support Specialist
- \$50,000 for Senior Exemption
- \$50,000 for ADA Accessible playgrounds
- \$50,000 for ACA enrollment
- \$50,000 for Wages and benefits for temporary employees
- \$25,000 for Workforce development
- \$25,000 for Small grant program for Quality of Life initiatives
- \$15,000 for Immigrant legal services
- \$10,000 for Post-secondary Preparedness Program at Mendez and Burnet Middle Schools

The motion to use \$1,000,000 to lower the tax rate and \$200,000 to increase the senior exemption made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Houston. A motion to divide the question was accepted without objection.

The motion to use \$1,000,000 to lower the tax rate failed on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 5-6 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston, Kitchen and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Pool and Renteria.

The motion to increase the senior exemption by \$200,000 was approved on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Houston, Kitchen, Pool, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar and Garza.

The motion to apply the remaining \$420,000 of one-time funds to reduce the tax rate was approved on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Houston, Kitchen, Renteria and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Garza and Pool.

Direction was given to staff to create a new reserve fund and transfer \$1.2 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund to create a reserve fund for Permanent Supportive Housing, Pay For Success.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 7:21 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.

Discussion continued on the motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments listed above.

Clarification was provided by staff regarding the \$200,000 in funding for ADA accessible playgrounds had been allocated in other funding and the funding source has not been identified.

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider stating that it is the intent of the City Council that the minimum (or “living” wage for City contracts and other City-supported projects that require a higher than minimum wage be calculated as equal to the lowest wage paid to permanent City employees. The direction was approved on Council Member Casar’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Alter, Houston and Troxclair. (Refer to Appendix F for additional instructions and details)

A motion to combine the budget concept items relating to homelessness together (Navigation Centers) (Budget Concept Items E-16, E-8, E-9, E7, E-11 and H-4) and provide that at least 2 navigators be funded was approved as amended below on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s motion, Council Member Kitchen’s second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay.

An amendment to dedicate at least one of the navigators be allocated to South Austin was approved on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s second on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Houston and Renteria.

Direction was approved to allocate \$200,000 of the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) reallocation funds to create a marketing grant with a third-party organization for marketing local businesses to tourist was approved on Council Member Troxclair’s motion, Council Member Pool’s second on an 11-0 vote. The funds would be a grant from Visit Austin to the third party entity. The grant must come back to Council for approval.

The motion to convert non-permanent positions (one program coordinator, one forestry specialist and four forestry technicians) in the Austin Fire Department’s Wildfire Division from temporary to permanent, non-sworn employees using funds within the existing department budget was approved on Council Member Alter, Council Member Houston’s second on an 11-0 vote.

The motion to increase funding for salary and benefits for the new city manager was made by Council Member Houston and seconded by Council Member Alter. The motion was later withdrawn.

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider addressing unmet safety and ADA needs at Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum within the Zilker Park Historic District with instructions regarding the expenditure of funds related to support for this visitor destination. The additional funding will be used to support Umlauf for 2018 with assist with repairs, flood recovery and safety concerns so accessibility and progress toward protecting this City asset as a safe visitor destination can be achieved. The direction was accepted without objection on

Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Pool's second. (Budget Concept Item S-15) (Refer to Appendix G for additional instructions and details)

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider providing additional staff for Equity Office for execution and implementation of Equity Office goals and community organizing with instructions to create a new and different process for the City manager's budget that advances and incorporates into the Budget Process the community's voices as expressed through the Quality of Life Commissions. The direction was approved as amended below on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair abstained. (Budget Concept Item E-17) (Refer to Appendix H for additional instructions and details)

An amendment to add "...with leaders appointed by Council as well as those out in the community with instructions..." after the words "community organizing" was accepted without objection on Council Member Casar's motion.

A motion to strike the \$155,000 for Asian American Health Navigators and use \$30,000 to balance the budget and apply the remaining funds to the ADA accessible playgrounds failed on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 1-9 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted aye. Council Member Alter abstained.

The motion to add \$50,000 for ADA accessible playgrounds was approved on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 9-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Houston and Troxclair.

The motion to decrease Council Office Budgets by \$6,000 and the Mayor's Budget by \$10,000 and apply the funds to the ADA accessible playgrounds item and the rest to balance the budget failed on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 3-8 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Member Alter, Houston and Troxclair. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria.

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider directing the City Manager to further explore expanded hours and capacity at four City-owned cultural centers in order to utilize these facilities for affordable creative space (Budget Item C-29) as a priority and return to Council with more information about funding it through the Cultural Arts Fund ending balance, if eligible, or other appropriate sources during the budget amendment process. The direction was accepted without objection on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Adler's second. (Refer to Appendix I)

Direction was given to staff to prepare a list of addition items mentioned by Council for future budget amendments.

Direction was given in the form of a Budget Rider providing workforce training and supportive services to trainees for long term employment opportunities at a living wage and a two-year degree. The direction was accepted without objection on Mayor Adler's Motion, Council

Member Alter’s second. (Budget Concept Item E-20) (Refer to Appendix J for additional instructions and details)

Ordinance No. 20170913-001 was approved with the amendments and direction listed above on Council Member Renteria’s motion, Council Member Casar’s second on a roll call vote of 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan, Houston and Troxclair.

2. Approve an ordinance authorizing fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018. A motion to adopt the ordinance with the following staff amendments was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Garza.

The staff amendments were:

To amend Austin Energy’s Power Supply Adjustment Charge for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:

- Residential Service
 - Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: Summer Power Supply (June-Sept): change the rate for inside city limits and outside city limits from.02913 to 0.03007.
 - Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May): change the rate for inside city limits and outside city limits from.03196 to 0.02936.
 - Time-Of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: Power Supply: change the rate for Summer from.2913 to 0.03007.
 - Time-Of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: Power Supply: change the rate for Non-Summer from.03196 to 0.02936.

- General Service

- Discounts

Effective Dates	Transition House of Worship Rates
October 1, 2016	\$0.13250
October 1, 2017	\$0.13750
October 1, 2018	\$0.14250
October 1, 2019	\$0.14750
October 1, 2020	Expired

- Secondary Voltage (Demand less than 10kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city and outside city limits from.02913 to 0.03007.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand less than 10kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city and outside city limits from.03196 to 0.02936.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand great than or equal to 10kW but less than 300 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city and outside city limits from.029136 to 0.03007.

- Secondary Voltage (Demand great than or equal to 10kW but less than 300 kW Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city and outside city limits from.0319 to 0.02936.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 10 kW but less than 300 kW): Time-of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) from.02913 to 0.03007.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 10 kW but less than 300 kW): Time-of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) from.03196 to 0.02936.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 300 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city and outside city limits from.02913 to 0.03007.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 300 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city and outside city limits from.03196 to 0.02936.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 300 kW): Time-of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) from.02913 to 0.03007.
- Secondary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 300 kW): Time-of-Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) from.03196 to 0.02936.
- Large General Services
 - Primary Voltage (Demand less than 3,000 kW): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city and outside city limits from.02847 to 0.02939.
 - Primary Voltage (Demand less than 3,000 kW): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city and outside city limits from.03123 to 0.02870.
 - Primary Voltage (Demand less than 3,000 kW): Time of Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) from.02847 to 0.02939.
 - Primary Voltage (Demand less than 3,000 kW): Time of Use Rates (Suspended): Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (October-May) from.03123 to 0.02870.
 - Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city and outside city limits from.02847 to 0.02939.
 - Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city and outside city limits from.03123 to 0.02870.
 - High Load Factor Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) from.02847 to 0.02939.
 - High Load Factor Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge: change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) from.03123 to 0.02870.

- **Transmission Service**
 - **Transmission Voltage: Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge:** change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) for inside city limits and outside city limits from 0.02811 to 0.02901.
 - **Transmission Voltage: Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge:** change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) for inside city limits and outside city limits from 0.03084 to 0.02833.
 - **High Load Factor Transmission Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20 MW): Standard Rates: Power Supply Adjustment Charge:** change the rate for Summer Power Supply (June-Sept) from 0.02811 to 0.02901.
 - **High Load Factor Transmission Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20 MW):** change the rate for Non-Summer Power Supply (Oct-May) from 0.03084 to 0.02833.
- **Lighting**
 - **Customer-Owned, Non-Metered Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Summer (June-Sept) from 0.02913 to 0.03007.
 - **Customer-Owned, Non-Metered Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Non-Summer (Oct-May) from 0.03196 to 0.02936.
 - **Customer-Owned, Metered Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Summer (June-Sept) from 0.02913 to 0.03007.
 - **Customer-Owned, Metered Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Non-Summer (Oct-May) from 0.03196 to 0.02936.
 - **City of Austin – Owned Outdoor Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Summer (June-Sept) from 0.02913 to 0.03007.
 - **City of Austin – Owned Outdoor Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Non-Summer (Oct-May) from 0.03196 to 0.02936.
 - **Service Area Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Summer (June-Sept) from 0.02913 to 0.03007.
 - **Service Area Lighting: Power Supply Adjustment:** change the rate for Billed kWhs for Non-Summer (Oct-May) from 0.03196 to 0.02936.
- **Power Supply Adjustment**
The seasonal PSA charges by voltage are:

Voltage Level	Adjustment Factor	Summer Power Supply Rate (\$/kWh)	Non-Summer Power Supply Rate (\$/kWh)
System Average	1.0000	\$0.02992	\$0.02922
Secondary	1.0049	\$0.03007	\$0.02936
Primary	0.9821	\$0.02939	\$0.02870
Transmission	0.9696	\$0.02901	\$0.02933

- **Electric Vehicle Public Charging Program**
 - **Six-month Subscription: Charging (unlimited)** change fee from \$23.95 to \$23.095.
- **Pilot Programs**
Time-Of-Use Rates
Revise the first paragraph to read: “Customers receiving service under the Residential Service rate schedule may choose the following time-of-use power supply charges in lieu of the normal power supply adjustment rates to be applied for a term of no less than 12 consecutive billing cycles. If...”

To amend the following fees:

Development Services

- To strike item 1.12: Processing Fee (records retrieval) with a proposed FY18 fee of \$45.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 439.
- To strike item 1.08 E: Miscellaneous Subdivision Fees - Reactivation Fee with a proposed FY18 fee of \$82.00; and 1.08 F: Miscellaneous Subdivision Fees - Update Fee with a proposed FY18 fee of \$296.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 444.
- To strike item 1.07 D: Miscellaneous Subdivision Fees – Environmental – Subdivision Update Fee with a proposed FY18 fee of \$457.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 446.
- To amend item 1.06 B: Site Plans - Utility and Storm Sewers to add a new subsection (c) - Revision (Utility and Storm Sewers) for a FY18 amended projection of 50% with the note “equal to 50% of current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 448.
- To amend item 1.06 E: Site Plans: Transportation Site Plan (Shared or off-site parking; analysis of existing parking lot) to add a new subsection (c) - Revision (Transportation) for a FY18 amended projection of 50% with the note “equal to 50% of current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 448.
- To strike item 1.07 F: Miscellaneous Site Plan Fees: Reactivation Fee with a proposed FY18 fee of \$82.00 and 1.07 G: Miscellaneous Site Plan Fees: Update Fee with a proposed FY18 fee of \$296.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 449.
- To strike item 1.04 G: Miscellaneous Site Plan Fees – Environmental – Update Fee – Environmental with a proposed FY18 fee of \$910.00 as listed in Volume II, page 451.
- To amend item 1.05 A: Site Plans Not Requiring Land Use Permits (i.e. Development Permits) – Review of building, parking & other site work plans to add a new subsection (c) Revision (Building, Parking & Other Site Work) for a FY18 amended projection of 80% with the note “equal to 80% of the current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 452.
- To amend item 1.05 B: Site Plans Not Requiring Land Use Permits (i.e. Development Permits) – Review of drainage and channel improvement plans to add a new subsection (c) Revision (Drainage and Channel Improvements) for a FY18 amended projection of 80% with the note “equal to 80% of the current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 452.
- To amend item 1.05 C: Site Plans Not Requiring Land Use Permits (i.e. Development Permits) – Street & Drainage – Water Quality, Drainage and Transportation to add a new subsection (e) Revision (Water Quality, Drainage and Transportation) for a FY18 amended projection of 80% with the note “equal to 80% of the current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 453.
- To amend item 1.05 D: Site Plans Not Requiring Land Use Permits (i.e. Development Permits) – Drainage Construction Engineering to add a new subsection (e) Revision (Drainage Construction Engineering) for a FY18 amended project of 80% with the note “equal to 80% of the current fee” as listed in Volume II, Page 453.
- To amend item 1.02 C: Tree Plan Review – Update Fee to review subsection c– Land Use Review with a proposed FY18 fee of \$245.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 453.
- To strike item 1.03 Tap Plan Inspections (Water and Wastewater Service), A - < \$5,000 valuation with a proposed FY 18 fee of \$3,444 and item 1.03 - B > \$5,000 with a proposed FY18 fee of \$3,444.00 and B “per additional \$500” with a proposed FY18 Fee of \$160.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 454.
- To amend the following items to include the following notes:

- Item 1.07 Environmental Inspection (deposit) to include the note “per hour” as listed in Volume II, Page 455.
- Item 1.02 A: Expedited Plan Review – Residential Plan Review (includes five disciplines) to include the note “per hour, 4-hour minimum” as listed in Volume II, Page 455.
- Item 1.02 B: Expedited Plan Review - Commercial Plan Review (includes ten disciplines) to include the note “per hour, 2-hour minimum” as listed in Volume II, Page 455.
- Item 1.03 Quick Turnaround Fee to include the note “per discipline” as listed in Volume II, Page 456.
- Item 1.01 G: Building Plan Review Fee – Temporary (Limited) Building Permit to include the note “per discipline” as listed in Volume II, Page 458.
- Item 1.01 H: Building Plan Review Fee – Building Plan Resubmittal Fee to include the note “per discipline” as listed in Volume II, Page 458.
- Item 1.01 L: Building Plan Review Fee – Commercial Plan Review Consultation to include the note “per hour, per discipline” as listed in Volume II, Page 458.
- To add a new item 1.23 to read “Inspections for standalone projects with a FY18 amended fee of \$62.00 and the note “plus” and a fee for “Per inspection after two inspections” with a FY18 amended fee of \$31.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 477.

Emergency Medical Services

- To amend the Document Retrieval and Duplication fee to include a new fee: Patient-Requested Medical Records with a FY18 amended fee of \$6.50 and the note “per record” as listed in Volume II, Page 482.

Austin Resource Recovery

- To strike the Curbside Collection – Commercial, per month: Multiple Trash Cart Surcharge with a proposed FY18 fee of \$20.00 and striking the language “Surcharge applies to customers in violation of Austin Resource Recovery’s Administrative Rule 4.1.6.” as listed in Volume II, page 670.
- To reduce the Curbside Collection – Residential, per month: Dumpster Service (contracted) from a FY18 proposed fee of \$28.80 to an amended FY18 fee of \$20.00 as listed in Volume II, Page 670.
- To strike the Curbside Collection – Residential, per month: Multiple Trash Cart Surcharge with a proposed FY18 fee of \$20.00 and striking the language “Surcharge applies to customers in violation of Austin Resource Recovery’s Administrative Rule 4.1.6.” as listed in Volume II, page 670.

To remove the allowance for reduced development fees in Smart Growth zones in Development Services, Planning and Zoning, and Watershed Protection Departments.

To amend the fee schedule to align with Council actions taken during the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 operating budget.

The motion to reduce the Code Compliance Budget by \$357,000 by eliminating four additional staff for the Repeat Offender Program and directing the transitioning of existing staff as necessary and allocate \$230,000 of the savings towards fee reduction for the Clean

Community Fee by \$0.05 and \$125,000 be allocated to the Resident Advocacy Project was made by Council Member Casar and seconded by Council Member Renteria. The motion was withdrawn.

The motion to reduce the Clean Community Fee by \$0.05 with direction to direct the City Manager to adjust the Code Compliance budget to accommodate the reduction as needed failed on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Renteria's motion on a 5-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Garza and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Council Members Alter, Houston, Kitchen and Pool. Council Member Troxclair abstained.

Ordinance No. 20170913-002 was approved as amended above on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Garza's second on a roll call vote of 9-2. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Houston, Kitchen and Pool. Those voting nay were: Council Members Renteria and Troxclair.

Items 3, 4 and 5 were acted on in a combined motion.

3. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; creating certain positions; and repealing Ordinance No. 20170504-004 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions.
Ordinance No. 20170913-003 was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.
4. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Police Department; creating certain positions; and repealing Ordinance No. 20160914-005 relating to Police Department classifications and positions.
Ordinance No. 20170913-004 was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.
5. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Emergency Medical Services Department; creating and eliminating certain positions; and repealing Ordinance No. 20171006-013 relating to Emergency Medical Services Department classifications and positions.
Ordinance No. 20170913-005 was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 were acted on in a combined motion.

6. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from: November 2013 Proposition 1 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$10,500,000 for Affordable Housing; November 2016 Proposition 1 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$60,500,000 for transportation and mobility; Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$3,000,000 for public safety facility improvements and \$13,000,000 for street improvements; and Contractual Obligations in the amount of \$3,400,000 for the Austin Resource Recovery organics program expansion vehicles and equipment and \$17,950,000 for additional vehicles and equipment for other City departments.

Resolution No. 20170913-006 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

7. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$77,000,000 for expenditures related to the acquisition and construction of electric utility capital improvement projects.

Resolution No. 20170913-007 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

8. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued through October 2018 for acquisition and construction costs in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$204,000,000 related to Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Water capital improvement projects.

Resolution No. 20170913-008 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

9. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,800,000 for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport improvements.

Resolution No. 20170913-009 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.

10. Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Garza's second on a 9-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Houston and Troxclair.

11. Approve an ordinance adopting and levying a property (ad valorem) tax rate for the City of Austin for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Ordinance No. 20170911-013 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a roll call vote of 8-3. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan, Houston and Troxclair.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting and called the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to order at 9:49 p.m. See separate minutes.

12. The Mayor will recess the City Council meeting to conduct a Board of Directors' Meeting of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Following adjournment of the AHFC Board meeting the City Council will reconvene.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting and called the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Mueller Local Government Corporation to order at 9:52 p.m. See separate minutes.

13. The Mayor will recess the City Council meeting to conduct a Board of Directors' Meeting of the Mueller Local Government Corporation (MLGC). Following adjournment of the MLGC Board meeting the City Council will reconvene.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 9:54 p.m. without objection.

Direction was given to staff to clarify that the funding allocated currently for temporary and permanent restrooms can be used for any temporary restrooms including new restrooms not included in the pilot program.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 9:59 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.

Budget Rider for Budget Concept Item S-20

Reallocation of Funds

Submitted by CM Kitchen

Item	Description	General Fund	One-Time Funds	Other Funds
S-20	Repurpose partial funding for EMS Service Delivery Model Study	\$175K reallocation		

Title: A budget rider reducing the funding of an EMS Service Delivery Mode/Efficiency Study from \$250,000 to \$75,000, reallocating \$175,000 to Electronic Patient Care Report Solutions. Updated based on Council discussion on 9/4/17.

Detail: The revised study meets EMS' research needs regarding service delivery into the future. The following is the proposed scope of work:

Research, identify and assist EMS in implementing alternative concepts to improve population health, address high costs by reducing preventable emergency room visits and readmissions, and increase the financial sustainability of EMS departments. Collaborate with national experts on cutting edge EMS service delivery innovations, including Dell Medical School, LBJ School of Public Affairs, and the national planning project *EMS Agenda 2050*, which is contracted by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's Office of EMS and supported by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs, EMS for Children Program at the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Specific areas would include these six:

1. Investigate options for pricing new services such as readmission reduction.
2. Investigate methods EMS can employ to improve collection of fees.
3. Investigate, develop and assist EMS in implementing and participating in alternatives to standard Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) payment programs including with private payers and/or CMS pilot programs for reimbursement of community paramedic services.
4. Investigate opportunities to receive payment for innovative services and methods for implementing those opportunities.

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5. Project should be informed by research being done by ***EMS Agenda 2050***, looking into alternative concepts that improve population health and increase the financial sustainability of EMS departments.

6. Consider synergies with the Austin Fire Department's mission and service in order to identify collaborations and possibly enhancing capabilities such as HOST as population health service delivery modalities evolve and are enhanced.

Appendix A

ITEM G-15
BUDGET RIDER
CM LESLIE POOL

Description

This item would invest \$175,000 this year in replacing Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) outdated system for tracking patients' medical records.

IMPACT:

This item would reduce funding of EMS Service Delivery Mode Study from \$250,000 to \$75,000 and utilize the corresponding \$175,000 to update EMS' software for tracking patient records.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Council directs the City Manager to decrease funding of the EMS Service Delivery Mode Study by \$175,000 and utilize that \$175,000 to implement an update to EMS' electronic patient records systems.

Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with other stakeholders to explore opportunities for lowering the City of Austin's costs going forward.

Appendix B

Budget Rider for Budget Concept Item G-1

Reallocation of Funding

Submitted by CM Kitchen

Item	Description	General Fund	One-Time Funds	Other Funds
G-1	City to cover increase in retirees' health insurance contribution for retirees over 65 and dependents			230,021.00

A budget rider stating the City will cover the increased contribution for health insurance to retirees over 65 and dependents.

Title: Retiree Health Insurance

The increased contribution proposed for post-65 retirees and dependents is 2.4% for FY18. This results in an additional \$230,021 cost to the 2,382 retiree and eligible dependent beneficiaries. Staff is directed to reallocate funding from the ending balance of the Employee Benefits Fund to cover the increase in retiree's health insurance contribution for post-65 retirees and dependents.

ITEM C-27
BUDGET RIDER
CM LESLIE POOL and CM ALISON ALTER

Description

This item would:

- Create a pilot “Tree Education” position with the City Arborist that would engage residents at schools, community events, and elsewhere on the value of trees and the importance of conservation; and
- Create the opportunity to use existing department funds to support two additional programs:
 1. TreeFolks and the Austin Tree Corps high-school-level youth job corps/environmental education intensive meant to bridge the tree watering, mulching, and staking/stake removal gap over the hottest of our summer months while providing environmental, financial, and career training to high schoolers meant to ease the transition into their college years; and
 2. Urban Forest Remove-and-Replace Program: A tree removal service for low-income homeowners that would provide removal of high risk trees by certified arborists at low rates negotiated by TreeFolks, paired with replanting of health young trees and education on care.

IMPACT:

This item would reduce the ending balance of the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Council directs the City Manager to:

- Add 1 FTE with the City Arborist and fund that FTE using \$73,236 from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund ending balance, contingent on the City Arborist reporting back to Council with a description of this position and the associated cost to the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund by the end of January 2018. Council directs the City Manager to consider the Watershed Protection Youth Education Program’s educational activities as a model when developing this Tree Education position.
- Worth with the appropriate staff to utilize existing funding from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund ending balance to support a high-school-level youth job corps/environmental education intensive meant to bridge the tree watering, mulching, and staking/stake removal gap over the hottest of our summer months while providing environmental, financial, and career training to high schoolers meant to ease the transition into their college years, and an Urban Forest Remove-and-Replace Program: A tree removal service for low-income homeowners (\$20,000) that would provide removal of high risk trees by certified arborists at low rates negotiated by TreeFolks, paired with replanting of healthy young trees and education on care. The total costs of these two programs should not exceed \$70,000.

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Budget Rider for Budget Concept Item S4

Directing Funds From Existing Budget

Submitted by CM Kitchen

Item	Description	General Fund	One-Time Funds	Other Funds
S4	Funding for lighting underneath a portion of the US 290/71 overpass at Manchaca Rd., and permanent trash receptacles in the same area			

Title: A budget rider directing installation of lighting under the SH 71 overpass over Manchaca Rd.

Upon completion of a mutual use agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, Austin Energy and Austin Transportation will, using existing funds, install and operate appropriate lighting in the area under the SH 71/Manchaca Rd. overpass, over Manchaca Rd. and east to the end of the overpass.

Budget Rider (Council Member Troxclair) ----- Historic Preservation Fund

Directs City Manager to utilize \$2 million in revenue from the historic preservation hotel occupancy tax fund for allowable operations and maintenance expenditures at City of Austin historic facilities and sites, including, but not limited to, Zilker Park, Barton Springs Pool, Zilker Botanical Gardens, Umlauf Sculpture Gardens, George Washington Carver Museum, Susanna Dickinson Museum, O. Henry Museum, Elisabet Ney Museum, Hancock Golf Course, and Austin History Center, in accordance with Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a).

At no time during Fiscal Year 2017/18 shall the Parks and Recreation Department total appropriation drop below its approved level.

For the remaining funding in the historic preservation hotel occupancy tax fund, the City Manager shall expend the funds on allowable historic restoration and preservation projects or activities, in accordance with Texas Tax Code Chapter 351.101(a). The projects to be considered for funding include, but are not limited to, Oakwood Cemetery and Annex, Montopolis Negro School, Barton Springs Bathhouse, Palm School, Seaholm Intake Building, Mexic-Arte, Downs Field, Mayfield Park, Mt. Bonnell, Lions Municipal Golf Course, Congress Avenue Old Bakery and Emporium, Red River Cultural District, Fiesta Gardens, Austin's Tejano Walking Trail, Umlauf Sculpture Garden, Wooldridge Square, Pease Park, Huston-Tillotson Chapel, Zilker Botanical Gardens, Barton Springs Pool, O. Henry Museum, and Norwood Historic Estate.

Budget Rider (Council Member Casar)

Wages and Benefits

It is the intention of the City Council that the minimum (or “living”) wage for City contracts and other City-supported projects that require a higher than minimum wage be calculated as equal to the lowest wage paid to permanent City employees.

Of the additional funding allocated by the Council to the wages and benefits for temporary employees, \$287,000 shall be allocated to raise the minimum wage for temporary employees to \$13.84/hour (a 2.5% increase) effective February 4, 2018. The remaining funding shall be allocated to ensure that temporary employees have access to earning paid sick days. The Human Resources Department is also directed to ensure that this policy allowing temporary employees to earn paid sick days be applied to enterprise departments, ensuring a Citywide policy for temporary employees.

Budget Direction for Budget Concept Item S-15
Submitted by CM Kitchen

Item	Description	Funding Source
S-15	Carry over item to address unmet safety needs at Umlauf Garden	HOT Tax

Budget direction addressing unmet safety and ADA needs at Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum within the Zilker Park Historic District with instructions regarding the expenditure of funds related to support for this visitor destination.

Unmet Safety Needs

This is a carry-over item from last year that was provided partial funds to begin to address safety concerns, ADA requirements and flood damage and mitigation from a flood event at Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum. The full needed amount was not funded in last year's budget and is therefore carried-over to continue to address their unmet safety needs

In 2014, the City of Austin and the Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum signed an agreement that addresses continued support of the facility through a combination of public and private funds, including ongoing responsibilities related to facility maintenance. Umlauf's success allows PARD to continue to provide an educational, artistic, cultural enrichment that educates and enlightens visitors, students and our overall community.

Due to a past flood event, the Umlauf's main fundraising event had to be cancelled and the gardens and property experienced significant levels of erosion and damage impacting public safety. Progress to address damage has been made but there continues to be unmet safety needs. Additionally, the existing bathroom facilities do not meet ADA accessibility requirements under federal law. With more than 45,000 visitors and 5,000 public school tours for children annually, accessibility and safety requirements are in need of prioritization.

Remaining Unmet Safety Needs:

- Level concrete and limestone pathways to address safety hazard
- Recover garden vegetation to address flooding damage
- Dredge and clean the stream and ponds to address flooding
- Fence Repairs
- Roof Replacement
- Remodel two public restrooms to be ADA compliant
- Mitigate for future flood and erosion to protect assets
- Repair or replace malfunctioning and leaking exterior windows and walls

The additional funding to support Umlauf for 2018 will assist with repairs, flood recovery and safety concerns so accessibility and progress toward protecting this City asset as a safe visitor destination can be achieved.

Budget Rider for Budget Concept Menu Item E-17, Increased Capacity in the Equity Office

Item	Description	General Fund	One-Time Funds
E-17	Additional staff for Equity Office for execution and implementation of Equity Office goals and community organizing	\$100,000	

A budget rider providing additional staff for Equity office for execution and implementation of Equity Office Goals and community organizing with instructions to create a new and different process for the City Manager’s budget that advances and incorporates into the Budget Process the community’s voices as expressed through the QofL Commissions.

Challenge: Once again, equity budget requests from the Quality of Life (QoL) Commissions are absent from the base budget (which contains other equity elements). Council is forced to make tough decisions on equity and priorities at the very end of the Budget Process. Many of us have expressed a desire that:

- a) our departments do even more to align their spending and programs with equity goals in mind, even before and without the need for QofL Commission suggestions or recommendations
- b) the QofL recommendation reach the City Manager and her staff early enough in the process to be considered for incorporation into the Manager’s Proposed Budget;
- c) these recommendations are considered for recurring dollars, rather than as one-time expenditures;
- d) our equity and QoL funding recognize that our current budget process must do better in giving greater opportunity to ideas, priorities, vendors and organizations that have faced (or are facing) barriers to entry and access to City funding; and,
- e) we want a new and different QofL Commission budget process that recognizes the potential service to the City that comes from large and small ideas and organizations, including those that do not as yet have the capacity to compete in the present system.

An equity lens should be part of every City decision and process. The Equity Officer is helping the City move to this place with the creation and testing of new equity tools. We support that work.

We are allocating additional monies to this office with the direction that it increases its capacity to do more and more quickly and to add greater diversity into the Office itself.

This budget direction further expresses the Council’s expectation that among the outcomes that will be achieved with increased funding to the Equity Office will be that, over this next year, it will work with the QofL Commissions and the City’s Public Health Department to review spending, programs, vendors and partners with an eye to finding opportunities to maximize and increase equity. This should lead to changes in next year’s base budget or recommendations that would come to Council as part of next year’s Manager’s base budget or Council’s budget process. This year’s recurring quality of life items as contained in the approved budget will seed a standalone Quality of Life Fund.

This budget direction is to express the Council’s expectation that among the outcomes that will be achieved with increased funding to the Equity Office will be the creation of a new and different

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process that advances and incorporates into the Budget Process the community's voices as expressed through the QofL Commissions.

The QofL Commissions have sent to the Council a recommendation that the Council consider establishing a recurring standalone Quality of Life Fund. It parallels several Council funds and grant programs like the Economic Development Department's Cultural Arts Fund, the Public Health Department's Chronic Disease Prevention Mini-Grant Program, and others. Each of these could serve as models.

One such idea is expressed below for illustration only as one possible process.

Several "buckets" could be created within this fund to address initiatives and priorities as expressed by the QoL Commissions.

- 1) Capacity Building - Funds to be used to support developing organizational infrastructure such as management, governance, financial resources, strategic planning, metric identification and measurement, and administrative systems.
- 2) Mini-grants - Grants under \$2,500 that have a focus on equity issues and topics but could not compete in the standard procurement process, for programs such as youth services, Housing and Community Development, Cultural Arts, Education, Health, and others.
- 3) Core Programs - Funding categories established organizations with a track record and that can meet the City's vendor requirements. Levels can include for example:
 - a. Requests of \$2,500 to \$25,000;
 - b. Requests of \$25,000 to \$75,000; and
 - c. Requests over \$75,000.

This funding framework allows small or large, new or well-established community-based organizations to participate in working on equity concerns.

Management and administration of the Quality of Life Commissions and the Quality of Life Fund will reside in the Equity Office and in the Economic Development Department. This department has experience working with similar funding mechanisms such as the Cultural Art Funding Program.

The QofL Commissions' role would be primarily to identify community needs related to equity concerns and disparities where gaps need to be closed. The City's Equity Officer would provide technical assistance to the QofL Commissions to align these issues to key equity goals and objectives as well as the Council's new strategic plan. The funding procurement process would be mixed. The mini-grant program grants could be awarded by QofL Chairs, the Equity Officer, Economic Development, and other relevant City department representatives. Larger grants would include similar review participants joined by review panels of experts in various fields, all applying established funding criteria. Establishing funding requirements and criteria up-front similar to the Cultural Contract funding process allows an efficient and effective process to make funding decisions.

Appendix I

ITEM C-29

BUDGET RIDER

CM LESLIE POOL

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Council directs the City Manager further explore Budget Item C-29 as a priority and return to Council with more information about funding it through the Cultural Arts Fund ending balance, if eligible, or other appropriate sources during the budget amendment process.

Budget Rider for Budget Concept Menu Item E-20, Workforce Development Training

Item	Description	General Fund	One-Time Funds
E-20	Additional training and support and educational services for low-income trainees	\$105,000	\$214,200

A budget rider providing Workforce training and supportive services to Trainees for long term employment opportunities at a living wage and a two-year degree.

This budget direction expresses the Council’s expectation that among the outcomes that will be achieved with funding for occupational skills training and extensive support services to low-income residents. The training is to concentrate on long-term engagement to improve education and labor-market outcomes. The training should take a sectoral approach, focusing on occupations in high demand typically at starting wages of \$16 per hour or more.

The impact analysis for the training should compare outcomes for training participants (completers and non-completers) to those of a matched comparison group of individuals who received basic job search assistance. Participation in the training program should be associated with a significant gain in quarterly employment, eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits, average quarterly earnings, and retention in employment.

A cost of benefit analysis should be prepared by an independent body such as the Ray Marshall Center for the Study of Human Resources who provides these services for Travis County workforce programs. The ROI should include returns to taxpayers stemming from reductions in welfare and food stamp payments and increased tax receipts. The taxpayer’s investment should be measured to know when the taxpayer’s investment is fully recouped.