



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Council Member Garza was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation and discussion about aligning the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget with the Strategic Plan. Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer.

Direction was given to staff to:

- Flip the order on slide 9 to either move revenue assumptions towards the end or add a bullet to review the revenue assumptions;
- Include an allocation of points to each strategic outcome based on the current budget allocated for areas in each of the outcomes;
- Provide information on the number of full-time, part-time and temporary employees within each outcome;
- A snap shot of budget requests coming from Enterprise as well as General Fund departments;
- For results from the public engagement process to provide the numbers rather than aggregating the neutral numbers with one side or the other;
- Clarify the process used to receive feedback from the Boards and Commissions in addition to the feedback received from the Quality of Life Commissions;
- Include a discussion or process for replacing the Budget Concept List;
- Provide information on resolutions adopted by Council but haven't been fully funded or implemented;
- Include a discussion or process for identifying which programs/projects being performed by departments that may not be working or have outlived their purpose;
- Provide details on departmental allocation of funds across the strategic outcomes;
- Provide the summary for the enterprise departments including personnel and allocation of budget based on the outcomes.

2. Presentation and discussion about the Safety, Health & Environment, and Culture & Lifelong Learning Strategic Outcomes.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer.

Health and Environment Outcome

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer and Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager.

Direction was given to staff to:

- **Provide clarification on what is included in the Austin Transportation Department's Air Quality Program;**
- **Provide data relating to slides 8 (Percentage of individuals who report 5 or more poor mental health days within the last 30 days) and 10 (Percentage of residents with cardiovascular disease) for the African American and Asian populations;**
- **Consult with local entities such as Central Health for more current data relating to slide 12 (Percentage of residents under 65 with no health insurance coverage);**
- **Reword the slides titled "Recent New Investments" to clarify which items on the list have been funded longer than the past three years;**
- **Clarify on the thought process used in aligning Development Services Department with the Health outcomes;**
- **Include any additional recent new investments that are under \$500,000 in costs;**
- **Provide the breakdown of the data for the annual increase to the Austin Public Health budget and increases to existing social service contracts.**

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

2. Presentation and discussion about the Safety, Health & Environment, and Culture & Lifelong Learning Strategic Outcomes. (CONTINUED)

Safety Outcome

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer and Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager.

Direction was given to staff to:

- **Provide additional information on increase in response times experienced by Austin Police: is it a result of not enough officers, vacancies or increase time spent on community policing activities;**
- **Provide a list of list of recent investments funded from the Reserve Fund and other non-general funds;**
- **Provide the number of officers required to meet the community policing model;**
- **Ensure the continuing conversation items listed on slide 18 are included in the Bond Task Force discussions;**
- **Provide information on how the response time is measured for Animal Services;**
- **Information on the discussion of EMS using the station vacated during the merger of ESD #4 with the City of Austin;**
- **Include wildfire risks as a continuing conversation.**

Culture and Lifelong Learning Strategic Outcomes

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer and Ray Baray, Chief of Staff.

Direction was given to staff to:

- **Provide additional information relating to slide 11;**
- **Provide an update on the status of the Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus implementation;**
- **Provide clarification on purpose of the Childcare Continuity social service contract and which outcome the other 50% is aligned.**
- **Include any additional recent new investments that are under \$500,000 in costs, such as extending hours at the Carver Museum, Asian American Resource Center and the Mexican American Cultural Center.**

General Direction to staff: Provide the community survey results to Council earlier; and consider applying this process to the capital improvement budget.

The following items were identified as possible additional items for budget conversations: additional full-time employees for Victim Services; wildfire protection and Parks and Recreation including the aquatics master plan.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 8th day of March 2018 on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Troxclair's second on an 11-0 vote.