

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Briefing and discussion regarding the City of Austin financial forecast for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer.

Direction was given to staff to:

- Confirm the location of the proposed fire stations;
- Confirm if the increase for the projected fuel costs takes into account moving to electric vehicles;
- Confirm if the increase in the information technology forecast takes into account initiatives such as Smart Cities;
- Confirm the amount above the 12% reserve fund, the forecast is projecting;
- Provide options for pay raises other than the projected 2.5%;
- Provide formula and report used in calculating the forecast graphs on page 9;
- Provide details on the impacts on the health care forecast;
- Provide explanation on the 0% increase in the projected health care forecast for FY19;
- Provide information on the amount for budgeted health care costs that would be carried over from FY18 to FY19;
- Provide information on how cost of living is accounted for during market analysis;
- Provide information on who the overall base wage increase impacts the ability to recruit the next generation and how it compares to different managerial needs across departments;
- Provide the property tax exemptions for other school districts other than AISD;
- Provide information on the net impact of increases to senior and the increase needed to make have a neutral impact on seniors;
- Provide a written description of the process that will be used to solicit budget feedback from boards and commissions other than the four quality of life commissions;

- Provide the list of boards and commissions that will receive the instructions on budget process;
- Provide the amount of projected tax revenue resulting from the projected three billion increase in development;
- Provide some of the information where available by district rather than just city-wide;
- Provide detailed information relating to overtime in the Fire Department;
- Provide information on the costs projected for the new Fire stations;
- Provide the information on slide 19 for all funds;
- Include a discussion on the Hotel Occupancy Tax;
- Provide information on the financial policy relating to deferred maintenance;
- Provide information on the justification behind going to weekly recycling;
- Provide the same level of detailed information for the enterprise funds as was provided for the general fund departments;
- Provide information on the cost drivers for the enterprise funds;
- Provide a list of resolutions that are ongoing that impact enterprise funds;
- Provide information on the CIP forecast;
- Provide information on the proposed new FTE's within the Public Works Department;
- Provide an analysis of the revised Parkland Dedication fee structure;
- Provide information on the number of new hotel rooms;
- Provide options for seniors to automatically opt out of the transportation user fee or to opt to continue paying the fee.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of April 2018 on Council Member Flannigan's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Member Garza, and Council Member Troxclair were absent.