



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a budget work session on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Discussion about the fiscal year 2018-2019 proposed budget.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED

1. Discussion about the fiscal year 2018-2019 proposed budget.
The following topics were discussed:
 - **Recap of FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget highlights**
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The following direction was given to staff to provide an updated the list of Items From Council including items not included in the proposed budget; a list of items being funded through the Housing Trust Fund; a breakdown of the \$1.6 million for music and creative ecosystem omnibus; information on the proposed solution and a breakdown of the \$362,000 for the public information request system; a list of items included on the list that are funded over multi-year; clarification that the homeless camp clean-up is for camps in the watershed only; an update on the status of the resolution adopted relating to a pilot work program for homeless individuals and any required funding; a breakdown of funding for alternatives to panhandling including job services and other proposed services; options for continued use of interns from Texas State as another source of counseling services for homeless individuals; information on what services will be provided by the new youth services coordinator and who the position will report; and clarification on uses for the \$500,000 for enhanced mental health.
 - **Overview of Development Services Department budget changes**

Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Director and Meredith Quick Financial Manager, Development Services Department. The following direction was given to staff to provide options for improving oversight of all department processes relating to review/inspection of development projects; status updates on the projected rental occupancy rate; an analysis on if the projected number of new apartments will keep us at or below the projected 95% occupancy rate; and options for eliminating the requirement of a “master electrician” performing electrical inspections.

- **Deferred facility maintenance**
Presentation was made by Eric Stockton, Building Services Officer, Terry Jungman, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and John Gillum, Library Facilities Manager. The following direction was given to staff to provide an update of chart showing the funding levels for the Capital Rehabilitation Fund; information on how much of the proposed bond package addresses deferred maintenance issues; and a key to the dots identified on the City Facilities Location map.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED

1. Discussion about the fiscal year 2018-2019 proposed budget.
 - **Funding in operating budget, CIP, and 2018 Bond for City cultural centers**
Presentation was made by Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Department Director and Terry Jungman, Facilities Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department. The following direction was given to staff to provide: information on the required funding for the canopy at the Mexican American Cultural Center; a breakdown of revenue generated by the various cultural centers; options for funding the Carver Museum master plan if the bond fails; and a cost estimate for bringing the Asian American Resource Center library into the Library system.
 - **New PARD fee for subdivision review**
Presentation was made by Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Department Director, Parks and Recreation Department. The following direction was given to staff to provide calculations for the fee using the dynamic fee structure that would allow a larger fee allocated based on the complexity of the project.
 - **Review and discussion of potential budget amendments**
Direction was given to staff to provide the Tax Payer Impact Statement based on the 6% tax increase; cost breakdown of increasing the senior property tax exemption to \$90,000; and clarification on use of the asset forfeiture fund as a source of funding for safety lighting.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 20th day of September 2018 on Council Member Renteria’s motion, Council Member Flannigan’s second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Alter was absent.

