

# Late Backup

## Proposed Direction

### Item 3

11/29/18 Council Meeting

Mayor Adler

## Direction for Water Forward, Austin's Integrated Water Resource Plan

The following is Council's direction concerning Water Forward, Austin's Integrated Water Resource Plan.

- The City Manager should expedite the timelines of all codes and ordinances recommended by Water Forward, where feasible, to increase the City's resilience to the next drought.
- The City Manager and Austin Water should consider orienting impact fees and rates to promote Water Forward so that any change to fees and rates is done with the lens of advancing of Water Forward.
- The City Manager should align Austin Water and Watershed Protection Department to advance Water Forward through reporting structures and performance metrics to drive continued and enhanced integrated water management between the Utility and Watershed Protection.
- When considering ordinances related to on-site strategies, the City Manager should consider opportunities to extend these strategies to entire master planned developments, including PUDs and other special districts.
- The City Manager should consider creating a Research & Development unit within the water utility to advance business model innovation, leveraging new developments as an opportunity to test and deploy new technologies, operational strategies, and revenue structures.