



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.  
The following items were discussed:

**OT1.15: Implement a pilot program to allow citizen communication at Council meetings to occur via videoconference calls.**

**UT3.01: Increase the reclaimed water All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons) to cover the costs associated with reclaimed water.**

The motion to remove this item was approved on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

**UT3.02: Do not change the Wholesale Monthly Minimum Charge or the Wholesale Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons) for water for North Austin MUD #1, Northtown MUD, Travis Co. WCID #10, Wells Branch MUD.**

This item was removed without objection.

**UT3.03: Do not change the Wholesale Monthly Minimum Charge or the Wholesale Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons) for wastewater for North Austin MUD #1, Northtown MUD, Wells Branch MUD.**

This item was removed without objection.

The motion to add an item to include an overnight security guard for the O. Henry and Susanna Dickinson Museums was approved without objection.

**QL1.21: Govalle/Johnston Terrace Proposal, La Loma Trail Neighborhood Connectivity.**

**OT2.01: Freeze purchase of new General Fund vehicles for FY2016-17 and amend the current fleet policy to replace vehicles based on condition to replace every five years.**

**OT2.02: Cut 5% of Information Technology from all City of Austin departments across the board.**

**OT2.03: Cut 20% of marketing/advertising costs across the board in all City of Austin departments.**

**OT2.04: 10% reduction in contractals and commodities for all departments.**

**OT2.07: Use HOT revenue for marketing associated expenditures for SXSX and require SXSX to pay the City for its public safety costs.**

**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the fees waived last year for SXSX, the amount of fees paid by SXSX and what other public safety costs were incurred by the City during SXSX.**

**ED2.06: Reduce the transfer into the Economic Incentives Reserve Fund to drawdown ending balance.**

### **BRIEFINGS**

1. Briefing and discussion related to the appointment of a new City Manager and an Interim City Manager.  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED**

3. Discussion and possible action related to the appointment of a new City Manager and an Interim City Manager.  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4. Discuss the appointment and duties of an interim City Manager (Personnel matter - Section 551.074 of the Government Code)  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed changes to Austin Energy's fees and pass-through charges as part of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.  
**The public hearing was held and a motion to close the public hearing was approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.**
6. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance establishing revised electric rates and charges for Austin Energy customers.  
**The public hearing was held and a motion to close the public hearing was approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.**

**No action was taken on the ordinance.**

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 22nd day of September 2016 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais. Council Member Troxclair was absent.**