



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Council Member Kitchen was absent.

**BRIEFINGS**

- 1. Presentation and discussion regarding the City’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.  
**Presentation was made by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer and Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.**

**Direction was given to staff to prepare a chart that details the changes in rates and fees over a 5 year period; to include the percent that the forecasted property tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate for the out-front years; an analysis of the impact for each department if fewer new full-time employees were approved; and information on how the asset forfeiture funds are being used.**

- 2. Briefing and discussion on the appointment of a City Manager and the appointment of 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**This item was withdrawn without objection.**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**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.  
**The following items from the Council Budget Concept Menu were discussed:**

**ED1.06: Funding the Austin Technology Partnership with the city and the Austin Technology Council.**

**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on how the Austin Technology Council is affecting the technology job training, their outreach plan for reaching under-served communities and details on their plan for use of the funding. In addition, staff was directed to**

provide Council with information on which other organizations provide similar services.

**ED1.04: Capital IDEA Workforce Development**

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on Capital IDEA Workforce Development plan for use of the additional funding.

**ED1.02: Funding to support performing arts space "crisis".**

**ED1.03: Creation of an Entertainment Services group.**

**ED1.04: Music Revenue Development Program.**

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

**ED2.07: Reduce Chapter 380 agreements to companies that have protested their tax evaluation.**

**PB1.03: Continue last year's program of providing summer internships for high school students with Aviation.**

Direction was given to staff to continue the summer internship program at Aviation.

**PB1.02: Replace the staff-recommended performance-based increase of 2% with a 3% cost of living adjustment for civilian staff.**

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

Direction was given to staff to provide a breakdown of the budget lines and information of the types of contractals and commodities included in each of those budget lines.

**FR3.03: Change water rates for multi-family customers with fire demand meters.**

**FR3.04: Change DUF formula for condominiums.**

**FR3.05: Change DUF formula for single family residences.**

**HS1.05: Child care continuity services.**

Direction was given to staff to confirm the amount of matching funding provided by Travis County.

**HS1.06: Procurement of a mobile, wheelchair-accessible public toilet facility.**

Direction was given to staff to have conversations with vendors about establishing a public-private partnership for providing this service.

**HS1.14: Purchase one permanent toilet facility.**

Direction was given to staff to have conversations with vendors about establishing a public-private partnership for providing this service including the Downtown Alliance.

**HS1.02: Housing Trust Fund revised transfer amount.**

**HS1.12: Additional graffiti abatement crew.**

Direction was given to staff to provide information on the coordination of graffiti abatement across departments; number of requests received for graffiti abatement by the Downtown Court.

**HS1.07: Parent Support Specialists for AISD.**

Direction was given to staff to provide the current amount of funding provided to the Austin Independent School District for all programs and to ask Travis County if they have included any funding for this project in their budget.

**HS1.08: Prime Time Afterschool program for AISD**

Direction was given to staff to ask Travis County if they have included any funding for this project in their budget.

**HS1.11: Restore funding to Victory Tutorial Program to 2014 levels**

**HS1.09: Montopolis & Del Valle Community Health Assessment**

**HS1.13: One grant funded FTE – Food Access Program Coordinator that will be part of the Equity Office.**

**HS1.16: Food access issues #2: Expand Healthy Food Retail Initiatives (without staff impact).**

**PK1.01: Feasibility Study for development of John Trevino Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch.**

**PK1.10: Overnight security for O. Henry and Susannah Dickinson Museums.**

**PK1.03: Add a Cultural Resource Manager to PARD to implement and manage the department's historic resources.**

**PK1.04: Umlauf Garden and Museum.**

Direction was given to staff to have a conversation with staff to identify what happens if the funding is not approved and to provide information on the educational programs provided.

**PK1.08: Funding for implementation of Phase 1 for Emma Long District Park.**

**PS1.04: Funding for 7 additional DNA analysts and 1 additional supervisor to fully staff the APD Forensic Lab.**

**PS1.07: Funding to process 500 backlog sexual assault examination evidence kits with a private laboratory.**

**PS1.02: Develop a contract for services with ESD #4.**

**QL1.26: Funding for Spirit of East Austin.**

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

**QL1.28: Create process for organizations and initiatives recommended by Quality of Life Commissions to apply for grants from the Community Development Incentives Fund.**

**OT1.11: Creation of a new position in Transportation Department dedicated to identifying and coordinating sources of transportation dollars through federal/state/local/CAMPO/ partnering funding opportunities.**

**OT1.18: GO Home Repair Funding.**

The following Budget Q&A Questions were discussed:

**180: Please outline any design changes proposed for the City of Austin's health insurance plan included in the FY 2017 Proposed Budget.**

**202: How is the music venue assistance program funded? In 2015-2016, how has it been spent (or how is it proposed to be spent)? Are there restrictions on how this money can be spent, and if so, what are they?**

**207: On page 203 of Volume I of the FY 2017 Proposed Budget, it states that the costs of adding 18 positions for the expedited permit review program will be offset by revenue. Please provide detailed estimates to support this statement.**

Direction was given to staff to provide an analysis of the impact to the department if the number of expedited permits does not materialize.

**231: Regarding Concept Menu item QoL1.12, \$150,000 for Cultural Contracts: Did they establish criteria for the applications? Where does that live online? How many applicants did they receive? How did they promote the program?**

Additional direction was given to staff to provide Council with an analysis of the impact of phasing in the EMS transition to a 42 hour work week over a three year period.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:23 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.