

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Council Members Kitchen and Troxclair were absent.

1. Briefing and discussion on fiscal year 2016-2017 proposed budgets for city departments.

Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Officer.

The following departmental presentations were made:

Austin Police Department: Presentation was made by Art Acevedo, Chief of Police and Brian Manley, Chief of Staff.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council statistics on the number of false alarms that the department responded to; an opportunity for Council to talk to the Homeless Outreach Team; and to provide information on the diversity targets for the cadet classes.

Community Policing Final Report: Presentation was made by Dr. Richard Brady, President, Matrix Consulting Group.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 12:20 p.m. without objection.

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

Emergency Medical Services: Presentation was made by Ernesto Rodriguez, Kerri Lang, Assistant Director and Jasper Brown, Chief of Staff.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with a copy of the award winning EMS recruiting video.

Municipal Court: Presentation was made by Mary Jane Grubb, Municipal Court Clerk, Dave Coleman, Financial Manager, Pete Valdez, Downtown Austin Community Court, Court Administrator.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on any services provided by the Downtown Austin Community Court that are also provided under any Health and Human Services social contracts.

Fleet Services: Presentation was made by Gerry Calk, Fleet Officer, Jennifer Walls, Deputy Fleet Officer and Gloria Esparza, Finance Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with more details on the proposed increase in the FY17 budget for the Fuel Management and Fleet Maintenance and Repair Materials Control units; and to provide statistics on the number of service requests for Service Center 13 on the amount of overtime required and number of requests sent out to private businesses for repair.

Communications and Technology Management: Presentation was made by Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer, Paul Rinn, Acting Chief Financial Manager.

Building Services: Presentation was made by Eric Stockton, Building Services Officer.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with an update on the parking issue for Municipal Court and cost benefit analysis of outsourcing the security personnel compared to in-house security personnel.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu. This item was withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of September 2016 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.