



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.

BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing and discussion related to the departmental proposed budgets.

Presentations were made by:

Austin Water Utility - Greg Meszaros, Director and David Anders, Assistant Director

Aviation - Jim Smith, Executive Director

Direction was given to staff to provide clarification on what is included in the net parking income loss numbers and; provide information on the standard for parking shuttle frequency.

Communications and Technology Management - Teri Pennington, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Peggy MacCallum, Chief Financial Manager

Direction was given to staff to provide a list of technology projects approved by the IT Governance Committee and; provide an update on the request to purchase tablets for field staff for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fleet Services – Gerry Calk, Fleet Officer and Jennifer Walls, Deputy Fleet Officer

Financial Services – Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer and Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Human Resources – Mark Washington, Director, Tommy Tucker, Assistant Director and Chiquita Eugene, Youth and Family Services Program Manager

Direction was given to staff provide additional information on the increase in total requirements for the department and; provide clarification on the programs provided and the impact of the new positions requested for the Youth and Family Services initiative.

Contract Management – Rosie Truelove, Director

Real Estate Services – Lauraine Rizer, Real Estate Officer

Small and Minority Business Resources – Veronica Lara, Director

Law Department – Leela Fireside, Staff Attorney

Direction was given to staff to provide a clarification on the increase in the performance measure “percent of prosecutors who stay with the Law Department longer than 2 years” and its effect on quality of criminal prosecution.

Management Services – Marc Ott, City Manager, Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager, Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, and Lucia Athens, Chief Sustainability Officer

Direction was given to staff to provide details on the increase in the total requirements for the Departmental Support Services Activity within Management Services; to verify the turn-over rate and; to provide more information on the research analyst position requested for the Star Community Index Plan.

Additional direction was given to staff to provide information on the restrictions that would prohibit the Convention Center from contributing to the economic development fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 29th day of August 2013 on Council Member Morrison’s motion, Council Member Spelman’s second on a 7-0 vote.