

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****BUDGET WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a budget work session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council committees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members. **The following appointments and waivers were approved on Council Member Gallo's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.**

Nominations**Board/Nominee****Nominated by**

**Bond Oversight Committee
Charles Thomas**

Council Member Zimmerman

**Bond Oversight Committee
Jay Sands**

Council Member Gallo

**Commission for Women
Sarah Tober**

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo

**Construction Advisory Committee
Howard Barksdale**

Council Member Zimmerman

**Downtown Commission
Samuel Franco**

Design Commission Rep.

Downtown Commission

BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Mary Jo Galindo

**Historic Landmark
Commission Rep.**

**Downtown Commission
Alesha Larkins**

**Parks & Recreation Board
Rep.**

**Downtown Commission
Jeffrey Thompson**

Planning Commission Rep.

**Economic Prosperity Commission
Kevin Opp**

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo

**Joint Cultural Committee
Bruce Willenzik**

Arts Commission Rep.

**Joint Cultural Committee
Michelle Trevino**

**Historic Landmark
Commission Rep.**

**Joint Sustainability Committee
Erin Gooch**

**Environmental Commission
Rep.**

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
James Shieh**

Planning Commission Rep.

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Trinity White**

Planning Commission Rep.

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Jean Stevens**

Planning Commission Rep.

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Jeffrey Thompson**

Planning Commission Rep.

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Jolene Kiolbassa**

**Zoning & Platting Commission
Rep.**

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Gabriel Rojas**

**Zoning & Platting Commission
Rep.**

**Small Area Planning Joint Committee
Susan Harris**

**Zoning & Platting Commission
Rep.**

**Flood Mitigation Task Force
Dale Gray**

Council Member Pool

Land Development Code Advisory Group

Eleanor McKinney

Council Member Kitchen

**Land Development Code Advisory Group
Lauren Ice**

**Open Space, Environment &
Sustainability Committee**

**Land Development Code Advisory Group
Mandy De Mayo**

**Housing & Community
Development Committee**

**Parkland Events Task Force
Buddy Quaid**

Music Commission Rep.

**Parkland Events Task Force
Rick Cofer**

**Parks & Recreation Board
Rep.**

**Task Force on Community Engagement
Koreena Malone**

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo

Waivers

There are no waivers at this time.

4. Approve second and third readings of an ordinance regarding floodplain variances for the construction of an addition to an existing single family residence at 7054 Comanche Trail, which is located in the 100-year floodplain of Lake Travis (District 6). (THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON AUGUST 20, 2015.)
The motion to approve the ordinance on second reading was approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 6-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Casar, Kitchen, Pool, Renteria and Zimmerman. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Gallo, Garza and Houston. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding council's budget concept list.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 1:56 p.m.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 2:11 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

2. Discussion and possible action regarding council's budget concept list.
The following direction was given to staff.
- **To provide additional information on how the funding for the small-scale retail food stores would be used and the targeted locations for the stores (item 1.29).**

- To remove the proposed reduction in Art in Public Places from the budget concept list. The issue of Art in Public Places funding will be addressed as a policy discussion (item 2.07).
- To remove item relating to the designation and naming of the 5th St. Mexican American Heritage Corridor from the budget concept list and replace it with the Tejano Waling Trail (1.34).
- To combine all the internship requests together and confirm the total funding available in Aviation and Convention Center for internships (items 1.51 and 1.52).
- To provide more information on what the funding will be used for on the item relating to outreach, education, and enrollment services for the increased enrollment of the City's uninsured population (item 1.37).
- To add an item to include funding for an additional lieutenant for group home inspections to the concept list.
- To provide additional information on the proposed Advisory Commission to the joint committee of the City, AISD and Travis County (item 1.47).
- To remove the general and other funds from the item related to the debt fund non-recurring capital items included in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund (item 2.04).
- To provide a legal analysis on if the proposed transfer of 2% of the Convention Center revenue to the General Fund is possible (item 3.11).
- To provide information on the last time the Council approved a budget that lowered both the tax rate as well as lowered taxes.
- To provide more information the need for increasing the funding for the Austin Energy Customer Assistance programs and costs for enrolling individuals on the wait list for the programs (items 3.18 and 3.19)
- To provide additional information on the proposed new tariff rates for special contracts (item 3.20)
- To provide more information on the traffic safety improvements and a list of five intersections being addressed (item 1.26).
- To provide more information on how the body cameras for the Austin Police Department would be implemented; information on the cost for data storage and available grants to assist with the purchase (item 1.48).
- To provide additional information on what type of non-profit organization would be used to provide the outreach services for educating and advising tenants of their rights relating to substandard building conditions (item 1.63).
- To add a funding for a consultant to work with the Austin Police Department on developing an effective community policy program.
- To reduce the amount requested to \$500,000 for the one-time funding for master planning and phase one improvements for the Georgian acres Neighborhood Park (item 1.56).
- To provide staff priorities for park maintenance (item 1.67).
- To provide a definition of "temporary staff" (item 1.02)
- To provide a response on how a flat stipend would be implemented with a 3% pay increase and keep it cost neutral (item 2.22)
- To provide a response on what would the cost be to provide a stipend to employees without keeping it cost neutral (item 2.22)
- To provide the number of temporary employees who are return to work employees and how many of those are paid under \$13.03 (item 1.02).
- To provide information on the impact that employee overtime would have on the idea of basing insurance premiums on different salary ranges. (item 1.64)

- To provide a map that shows the highest need for City parks with deficiency areas overlaid on the map.
 - To provide information on the amount of parkland dedication fees and bond money left that can be used for park issues.
 - To provide recommendations on the highest need for Youth Services funding requests.
 - To provide the percent of books in the recycled read program that are books deaccessioned from the Austin Public Library (item 2.32).
 - To provide information Austin Police officers who live outside the City limits including where they live, if they are allowed to have a take home vehicle and the costs associated with it.
 - To provide details on the percentage of the participants in the Organics pilot program that were from households other than single family units (items 2.17 and 3.10).
 - To provide more details on the quality of life items including how the funding will be used, any needed full-time employees, etc.
 - To provide an analysis of the role of each chamber of commerce (item 1.62).
 - To provide performance information on the compliance of the Domain with the Chapter 380 Agreement (item 2.01).
 - To provide feedback on the proposal to have the City Auditor conduct random reviews of departmental budgets.
 - To add a consultant for green infrastructure in the Land Development Code program as a concept list item.
1. Discussion about the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget. (THE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2015 AND AUGUST 27, 2015 AND CLOSED ON AUGUST 27, 2015)
Discussion occurred as part of item number 2.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 17th day of September 2015 on Council Member Gallo's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on an 11-0 vote.