

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

BUDGET SESSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo was absent.

BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing and discussion related to the fiscal year 2015-16 Proposed Budget, and discussion related to the process for council requests regarding changes to the proposed budget.

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

The following department staff answered questions.

Internal Service Department

• Human Resources Department: Mark Washington, Acting Assistant City Manager, Joya Hayes, Acting Director and Judy Wallace, Financial Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the city's contribution to health insurance; to review the premium based on wellness program participation; to review Seton Hospital's wellness program; and to provide a calculated cost to the city for smokers.

- Communications and Technology Management: Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer and Peggy MacCallum, Financial Manager.
- Fleet Services Department: Gerry Caulk, Fleet Officer and Gloria Esparza, Division Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide to Council the 20 areas that qualified Fleet for the Crystal Award.

Utilities/Other Enterprise

• Austin Convention Center Department: Mark Tester, Director and Carla Stefffen, Assistant Director

Direction was given to staff to have the Youth and Family Service Program begin discussion with the Austin Convention Center to provide information of what is currently done City-wide and intern demographics; and provide a cost savings estimate of a temporary to permanent conversion.

• Aviation Department: Jim Smith, Executive Director, Dave Arthur, Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer and Liz Harran, Human Resources Manager

Direction was given to staff to have the Youth and Family Service Program begin discussion with the Aviation Department on finding funding from Aviation to fund internships for at-risk youth from area high schools.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of October 2015 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais.