

## Joint Sustainability Committee

### 09/28/2016 Meeting: Item 3b. Staff Update on Resolutions and Budget

#### 20160727-03b - Fayette Power Plant (FPP) Debt Defeasement

- On August 15<sup>th</sup> the EUC passed a recommendation that stated Austin Energy should propose a plan that will allow for the Fayette Power Project to be retired in 2023 and, if deemed necessary, to allocate the appropriate funding to do so.
- August 29<sup>th</sup>, City Council approved a “Joint Recommendation” with the rate hearings that specified a variety of actions related to the FPP, including the following:
  - AE will hire outside expertise to address technical and legal issues related to retiring FPP;
  - AE will present to Council by February 2017 a report and timeline on development of the options and roadmap, including an assessment of legal considerations, targeting the end of June 2017 to present options and recommend a preferred path with FY18 budget impacts;
  - In FY17 AE will earmark \$5M from the existing Contingency Reserve to be used to manage debt service at FPP, should the roadmap conclude that such an option is appropriate

#### 20160727-04b - Energy Code Enforcement Budget

- Council did not approve any extra positions specifically dedicated to the enforcement of the Energy Code.
- Regarding staffing plan for 2018: DSD staff are currently in the process of revising the MOU's and Agreements between AE and DSD, which have not been revised since 1998 and 2005. DSD will make decisions based on those discussions.

#### 20160727-04b - Organics Collection Budget

- Council approved a FY17 expansion to the current organics collection program. The request was for positions and vehicles that would be needed for FY17 only. For each of the upcoming years, ARR will seek Council's approval for an annual expansion of the program for the upcoming fiscal year.
- There is no opt-out provision; each ARR residential customer will pay a slightly higher monthly bill for the organics program.

#### 20160727-04b - Transportation Demand Management

- TDM Division received two full-time positions – a planner III and an IT GIS analyst. Tentatively, ~50% of the time of the planner III will go to TDM work.
- ATD also proposed two Active Transportation positions that would also work on TDM projects but have been delayed pending the outcome of the 2016 Bond.

## 20160727-04a – 2016 Mobility Bond

- On August 18<sup>th</sup>, City Council passed an ordinance placing a mobility bond on the November ballot, and it included:
  - (i) \$101,000,000 for the following Regional Mobility Projects to address congestion and enhance safety: (a) \$46,000,000 for improvements to the Loop 360 corridor intersections at Westlake Drive, Courtyard Drive, FM 2222, Lakewood Drive and Spicewood Springs Road/Bluff Stone Lane, (b) \$17,000,000 for improvements to Spicewood Springs Road east of Loop 360, (c) \$30,000,000 for improvements to Anderson Mill Road, intersection of RM 620 and RM 2222, and Parmer Lane between SH45 and Brushy Creek, and (d) \$8,000,000 for improvements to Old Bee Caves Road Bridge;
  - (ii) \$482,000,000 for the following Corridor Improvement Projects: (a) implementation of corridor plans for North Lamar Boulevard, Burnet Road, Airport Boulevard, East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969, South Lamar Boulevard, East Riverside Drive, and Guadalupe Street, (b) implementation of corridor plans for Slaughter Lane and/or William Cannon Drive, and (c) preliminary engineering and design of improvements for the following additional critical arterials and corridors: William Cannon Drive, Slaughter Lane, North Lamar/Guadalupe Street, Rundberg West, Rundberg East, East Colony Park Loop Road, East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969, South Congress Avenue, Manchaca, and South Pleasant Valley; and
  - (iii) \$137,000,000 for the following Local Mobility Projects: (a) \$37,500,000 for sidewalks, (b) \$27,500,000 for implementation of Safe Routes to School, to be divided evenly among each Council District, (c) \$26,000,000 for urban trails for transportation and mobility purposes, (d) \$20,000,000 for bikeways for transportation and mobility purposes, (e) \$15,000,000 for implementation of fatality reduction strategies for projects listed on the Top Crash Location Intersection Priorities Improvement List, and (f) \$11,000,000 for the following sub-standard streets/capital renewal: Falwell Lane, William Cannon Overpass Bridge, FM 1626, Cooper Lane, Ross Road, Circle S. Road, Rutledge Spur, Davis Lane, Latta Drive/Brush Country, Johnny Morris Road, and Brodie Lane;