

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Council Members Casar, Pool and Troxclair were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department budget and department overview.

Presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Rosie Truelove, Acting Director, Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director and Alex Zamora, Chief Administrative Officer.

Direction was given to staff to provide the following: a breakdown of utilization rate of assistance programs for multi-family; information on the location of the houses purchased and amount received by participants in the Down Payment Assistance Program and the process used for monitoring compliance with the program requirements; information on programs similar to those that the City partners with AISD and Travis County for city residents who live in Williamson County; details on remaining bond monies available; details on why the indicators have been dropping; information on the impact if the Community Development Block Grant funds were eliminated; and the cost per square footage for permanent supportive housing.

2. Planning and Zoning Department budget and department overview.
Presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Greg Guernsey, Director, Jerry Rusthoven, Assistant Director and Connie Campa, Financial Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide the following: the timeline and criteria for the Small Area Plan; details on the number of case managers assisting customers within the department; and information on the resources provided to neighborhoods that have approved neighborhood plans, compared to the remaining areas in the City that do not have approved neighborhood plans.

3. Development Services Department budget and department overview.

Presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager and Rodney Gonzales, Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide the following: a breakdown of the training and registration fees for department staff and how the funding has changed over the last few years; a breakdown of the amount of fees that have been waived; information on who is responsible for maintaining the trees on Congress Avenue; and the number of inspectors.

4. **Municipal Court budget and department overview.**

Presentation was made by Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager, Mary Jane Grubb, Court Clerk, Pete Valdez, Community Court Administrator, Dave Coleman, Financial Manager, Judge Sherry Statman, Presiding Judge and Michael Coffey, Downtown Community Court Judge.

Direction was given to staff to discuss with Parks and Recreation their ability to assist with graffiti abatement projects, and to provide the following information: the number of city buildings in which asbestos is an issue; the City resources available to citizens for assistance with graffiti abatement; the resources needed by Community Court to eliminate the waitlist for case workers; and the process for moving forward with discussions on the need for new municipal court facilities.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 20th day of April 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 11-0 vote.