



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Council Member Casar was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation of the City's Economic Outlook and Five-Year Financial Forecast.
Presentation was made by Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager, Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Jon Hockenyo, President, TXP, Inc.

Direction was given to staff to provide: information on the cost of service study being conducted by Development Services Department; information on the fleet maintenance and fuel costs and how that amount relates to the City's initiative to move to electric vehicles; information on recommended increase in transfers to the Economic Incentives Reserve Fund and the Golf Fund; breakdown of current expenses relating to translation and interpretation quality of life item; to send a memo from City Manager to the Quality of Life Commissions with direction to provide budget recommendations that are general rather than identifying specific programs or organizations; to schedule the discussion on the general homestead exemption for the April 26 Budget Work Session; information on the impact of waiving development fees on the budgets for the General Fund and Austin Water Utility; information on the Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant and the closing of the Anderson Mill Plant; percentage of population increase for the city; to include on the upcoming policy work session discussions time to discuss the prioritization of Council initiatives, cost increases of City pools, establishing a percentage for public safety in the budget including a 3-5 year progression of public safety needs, staff recommendations on how Council can use the strategic outcomes and indicators during the FY18 budget discussions, and an item relating to the challenges of recruitment and retention of employees across all departments; schedule an additional day for budget discussions; breakdown on personnel costs from program costs for Austin Police Department; information on the cost difference of using contract employee compared to bringing them on as full-time City employees.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 4th day of May 2017 on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Garza was absent.