



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Council Member Pool was absent.

1. Discuss and take appropriate action related to the effects of Hurricane Harvey, to include appropriation of staff, funds, supplies and equipment to address emergencies along the Texas gulf coast and the execution of agreements to accomplish the same.
The motion authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement in the form of a mutual aid agreement with the City of Rockport was approved on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Renteria’s second on an 8-0 vote. Council Members Casar and Troxclair were off the dais. Council Member Pool was absent.
2. Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department.

The following new items were added to the Budget Concept Menu since September 5, 2017:

- **E-47: Immigrant Legal Services**
- **E-49: Pilot program that would offer temporary work opportunities to those experiencing homelessness**
- **E-48: Equalize the funding of the MECA chambers of commerce**
- **C-29: Expanded hours and capacity at four City-owned cultural centers in order to utilize these facilities for affordable creative space**
- **H-27: Residents Advocacy Project**
- **G-18: Local business marketing and programming grant**
- **G-102: Include funding for the Spring Festival public safety costs in the Convention Center budget**

The following items were discussed:

- **H-3: Food access issues #5: Build awareness about nutritious food (SNAP Education and SNAP Outreach)**

Staff indicated that following clarification from the Sustainability Office this item was removed from consideration since it was meant to be one-time funding for FY17.

- **Impact of funding the additional staff requested by Development Services Department for 7 months in FY18 and the impact on the additional staff on the FY19 Budget.**

Direction was given to staff to provide: an organizational chart depicting the reporting structure of both current and the proposed new employees; additional information on one-time costs relating to the new employees; and the budget and costs for overtime including the number of employees working overtime and the hours they worked.

- **Development Services Proposed Fee Increases**

Direction was given to staff to provide: the standard fees based on an 800 square foot ADU property; options available to Council for waiving development fees; identify the specific fees associated for the ADU Plan Review; options for incentivizing ADU and if incentives should be addressed in the Budget or CodeNext; the location of the 305 ADUs that have been built; clarification on how the fees are calculated and what they are based on; the typical size of an ADU; and if ADUs were built on sites where a demolition was previously approved.

- **Funding for Development Services proposed temporary employees**

Direction was given to staff to analyze the impact of reducing the amount from \$1.4 million to \$1,000,000; and provide the number of temporary employees projected to be hired.

- **Direction was given to staff to provide information on how the \$1.5 million approved for upgrades in the FY17 for Austin Resource Recovery was used.**

- **E-20: Support for scaling of Capital IDEA's work with soon-to-graduate seniors in low income high schools and Capital IDEA's RN and IT tracks.**

Direction was given to staff revise the amount from \$700,000 to \$230,349.

- **Budget Question No. 149: Provide different exemption scenarios listing the potential fiscal impact for increasing the senior exemption and E-201: Increase the Senior Homestead Exemption to hold steady from the previous year the median senior's homestead tax bill.**

Direction was given to staff to provide the amount of the increases in the exemption during FY16 and FY17 Budget; and the typical increase in a senior's tax bill during 2017.

- **Direction was given to staff to provide clarification on the availability of Austin Public Health for PrEP funding.**

- **Direction was given to staff to provide recommendations on implementation of the Pay for Success initiative relating to Long-Term Housing & Services/Increase Permanent Supportive Housing capacity.**

- **Direction was given to staff to provide Council with update on the Crime Lab.**

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of September 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

