



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, New Central Library, 710 W. Cesar Chavez Street, Special Events Center, 1st Floor, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Briefing and discussion regarding aligning the City of Austin budget with City Council's policy priorities.
Presentation was made by Steve Struthers, Accenture.

The following direction was given to staff:

- Provide options for increasing special event fees to ensure associated costs are covered;
- Provide information on the impact of the mobility bonds on the debt tax rate;
- Provide the number of executive team members who participated in the survey.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m. without objection.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 2:47 without objection.

The following were identified as the top strategic indicators:

- Economic Opportunity and Affordability
 - Homelessness (8)
 - Housing (7)
 - Skills and capability of our community workforce (including education) (5)
- Health & Environment
 - Accessibility to quality health care services, both physical and mental (7)
 - Climate change and resilience (6)
 - Accessibility to quality parks, trails, and recreation opportunities (5)
- Mobility
 - Accessibility to and equity of multi-modal transportation choices (6)
- Safety
 - Fair administration of justice (6)

- **Government that Works**
 - Condition/quality of City facilities and infrastructure and effective adoption of technology (5)
- **Culture and Lifelong Learning**
 - Vibrancy and sustainability of creative industry ecosystem (5)

The following areas were identified as potential FY19 budget issues/items:

- Consider ways to leverage the various tools available to address housing;
- Identify aggressive goals for housing and homelessness;
- Continue aggressive housing options on city-owned land;
- Preservation of the existing 60,000 affordable units;
- Options for requiring density bonus on-site rather than fee in-lieu of;
- Increasing funding for homelessness;
- Options for taking advantage of the Housing Trust Fund;
- Consider different service delivery methods to provide services to residents where they are located;
- Expand HOST to areas outside of downtown;
- Support for the staff and ECHO plan on homelessness;
- Options for services relating to residents who are discharged from hospitals and being sent back to the streets;
- Options for working collectively with other providers, cities and governmental agencies;
- The housing strike fund;
- Revisit social service contracts and the performance measures;
- Options for streamlining the permit process for providers of affordable housing;
- Support for services such as home repair, tree maintenance, etc. to assist senior to stay in their homes;
- Provide information on where clinics are located including mobile clinics;
- Provide information on the number of suicide and overdoses;
- Options for increasing access to health insurance coverage;
- Mental health;
- Options for increasing cultural sensitivity when delivering healthcare;
- Options for partnering with the State of Texas on issues such as mental health and homelessness;
- Expanding electric vehicles;
- Climate change including flood and wildfire risks;
- Renewable energy;
- Providing better and more sustainable funding for sidewalks;
- Options for innovative ways to fund parks;
- Incorporate private and county parks in addition to City parks when considering access to parks;
- Provide information on how cultural centers fit in with the creative ecosystem;
- Increased lighting in parks;
- Develop a maintenance plan for City facilities;
- Ways to ensure fair administration of justice;
- Increase quality on-line delivery of services;
- Review the economic incentive fund and requirements;
- Continue progress in the area of mobility;
- Include identifying locations for artist exhibit space;
- Increase technology projects such as cyber security and human capital management system;
- Move from leased facilities to City owned facilities;

- **Creative music ombudsman;**
- **Identify what current programs or services would be impacted by implementing new projects or redesigning the current processes.**

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of April 2018 on Council Member Flannigan's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Member Garza, and Council Member Troxclair were absent.