



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Joint Sustainability Committee

Recommendation Number: (20180725-04C)

FY2019 Budget Recommendations

Date: July 25, 2018

Subject: DSD staff recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2019 City of Austin budget

Motioned By: Vice Chair White

Seconded By: Commissioner Osborne

Recommendation

The Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) is charged with helping implement the goals, policies and actions in the Austin Community Climate Plan (ACCP). The annual city budget is an opportunity to invest in these policies and actions.

The JSC works with City staff on requesting updates from appropriate City Departments and other Boards/Commissions on the ACCP actions they are pursuing, as well as evaluating new goals and actions for future ACCP updates and budget recommendations. While we have not yet completed a thorough review of the proposed FY2019 budget we would like to reiterate our support for a previously requested item that would enhance residential energy efficiency and that has been recommended by the Resource Management Commission (20180717-005).

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Joint Sustainability Committee recommends that additional FTEs be included in the upcoming budget for the Development Services Department to fully enforce the energy code for residential and commercial buildings, with up to 14 FTEs for plan review and up to 11 FTEs for building inspections, as described in Option 1 under Plan Review and Option 1 under Inspections in the memo from J. Rodney Gonzales to Council dated June 21, 2017.

Rationale:

The JSC recommends these actions based on their relevance and timeliness to furthering the goals, policies and actions in the ACCP and sustainability in the City of Austin.

Vote

For: Chair Jim Walker, Vice Chair Kaiba White, Holt Lackey, Francoise Luca, Nhat Ho, Adrienne Haschke, Michael Osborne, Fisayo Fadelu, Patricia Seeger

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly Davis, Sabrina Santos Joplin, Joep Meijer, Katie Coyne

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*


