



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20200518-005 – Part 2

Date: May 18, 2020

Subject: Recommendation that Council Approve the Austin Fire Department Base Budget

Motioned by: Rebecca Webber

Seconded by: William (Bill) Kelly

Recommendation: The Public Safety Commission recommends that the Austin City Council approve the Austin Fire Department budget including the additional FTEs from Recommendation 20200518-002 in the budget.

Description of Recommendation to Council: The Austin Public Safety Commission is tasked with reviewing public safety agency budgets and providing recommendations to the Austin City Council. The Austin Fire Department provided backup materials and a briefing in the March 2020 Public Safety Commission on budget requests. The Public Safety Commission found that the base budget should be approved with the additions from Recommendation 20200518-002.

The Public Safety Commission also recommends that the Austin City Council consider these recommendations in the budget.

Rationale: The Public Safety Commission has reviewed the requests from the Austin Fire Department for the base budget and recommends full funding.

It has been a long time since the Austin Fire Department last added an aerial apparatus. This item was approved in the FY20 budget but was not implemented in that budget or included in the FY21 budget. The cost for this item is \$1.6 million. We are recommending that this item is incorporated into the FY21 budget for the Austin Fire Department in accordance with Recommendation 20200518-002.

Vote:

For:

Meghan Hollis
Rebecca Webber
William (Bill) Kelly

Rebecca Bernhardt
Chris Harris
Kathleen Hausenfluck
Daniela Nunez
Selena Alvarenga

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Rebecca Gonzales

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

Janet Jackson
