ALTER DIRECTION ON ARP FRAMEWORK

Direction:

- 1. The Manager is directed to provide Council with a report of any funding Council has previously allocated for homelessness that staff would recommend be redirected to meet the needs initially identified to be funded using our American Rescue Plan Act allocation. The report should be presented to Council in conjunction with the Manager's budget proposal.
- 2. The Manager is directed to notify Council if any public health related spending from our allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act is less than the original projections and include recommendations on how those savings can best be spent to serve other community needs.
- 3. The Manager is directed to ensure that Austin Energy Customer Assistance programs coordinate with relevant city departments, our navigators, and existing external partners to maximize opportunities to connect community members with financial resources and social services at the local, state, and federal level such as SNAP enrollment.
- 4. The Manager is directed to provide Council and the public with a report of early outcomes of our American Rescue Plan Act and other related allocations.
- 5. The Manager is directed to implement our deployment of American Rescue Plan Act spending related to homelessness in a manner that maximizes opportunities to leverage funding matches from private, philanthropic or other government funding sources to help address homelessness in our community.
- 6. The following direction does not supersede any other direction with respect to the childcare/childhood funds. The Manager is directed to begin implementation of the childcare/childhood spending informed by an understanding of the investments anticipated by Travis County in this sector. In partnership with other governmental units and community partners, it is Council's intention to accomplish the recommendations of Success by Six/United Way as presented in the following documents:
 - a. <u>Transforming the ATX Early Childhood System</u>
 - b. Del Valle ISD Pre-K Access
 - c. Family Connects
 - d. AISD Supplemental
 - e. United Way: Rebuilding Systems: Investments in Shovel-Ready Projects