

## SUMMARY OF VOTING RESULTS AT TOWN HALL BUDGET CUT MEETINGS

Participants at four town hall meetings were given an opportunity to size up the city budget. According to these tally results of the first three meetings, citizens prefer closing underused or fill-and-draw pools, charging an admission fee for the Trail of Lights, charging South by Southwest for police costs, and increasing the early fines for parking tickets. For full results, see [www.cityofaustin.org/budget](http://www.cityofaustin.org/budget).

Department	\$ Value in		Votes		% Yes	% Split
	thousands	Proposal	Yes	No		
Courts	\$270	Increase early parking fines	56	3	95%	-
Dev. Review	\$370	Increase certain development fees	54	5	92%	-
Police	\$120	Chargeback for SXSW	107	11	91%	17%
Fire	\$120	Eliminate LBJ Academy contribution	53	6	90%	-
Parks	\$90	Close underused pools and fill-and-draw wading pools	52	7	88%	-
Parks	\$250	Charge admission fee for Trail of Lights	52	7	88%	-
Fire	\$270	Redeploy five admin. support jobs to first responder operations	51	8	86%	-
Pub. Works	\$3,500	Increase transportation user fee by 52 cents	48	11	81%	-
Courts	\$100	Change current Spanish-language interpreter services	45	14	76%	-
Library	\$170	Eliminate four vacant youth services positions	74	26	74%	19%
Fire	\$1,240	Convert two engines to medical response units	73	27	73%	36%
N'hood	\$150	Community Preservation/Revitalization Program	85	33	72%	25%
Fire	\$1,730	Eliminate special pay incentives	42	17	71%	-
N'hood	\$250	SMART Housing Program	68	32	68%	31%
Human Serv.	\$200	Close second day-labor site	39	20	66%	-
Dev. Review	\$400	Eliminate six building inspectors	78	40	66%	41%
Human Serv.	\$300	Transfer summer youth employment program	38	21	64%	-
Admin.	\$250	Reduce maintenance in city facilities	36	23	61%	-
Library	\$180	Reduce custodial service and facility maintenance	34	25	58%	-
Library	\$130	Reduce Central Library hours	44	33	57%	-
Library	\$350	Reduce morning branch hours systemwide	33	26	56%	-
Parks	\$70	Reduce pool hours	33	26	56%	-
EMS	\$250	Reduce contribution to ACC/EMS partnership	28	31	47%	-
Police	\$700	Eliminate temps for nonemergency calls	52	66	44%	34%
Fire	\$460	Eliminate four lieutenants in investigations	46	72	39%	54%
Library	\$160	Reduce books budget	44	74	37%	34%
Library	\$350	Reduce evening branch hours systemwide	21	38	36%	-
Human Serv.	\$200	Use donations to fund pet sterilization/microchipping programs	21	38	36%	-
N'hood	\$170	Public services contributions	39	79	33%	-
Police	\$1,200	Reduce overtime	33	85	28%	45%
Police	\$5,200	Cancel 2010 cadet training class	26	92	22%	29%
Parks	\$100	Eliminate supervised summer playground programs at 11 sites	16	61	21%	-

% Split = proposals where participants could opt for a partial reduction.  
Source: City of Austin Communications and Public Information Office.

### ONGOING

**ACCESS AWARDS NOMINATIONS** On this 19th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Mayor's **Committee for People With Disabilities** requests nominations of businesses that strive to be accessible to everyone. *Deadline: July 9.*  
[www.cityofaustin.org/ada/access\\_nomform.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/ada/access_nomform.htm).

**AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY** desperately needs foster homes for dogs and cats that are too young or sick to survive in a shelter. Want to help? Call 685-0120.  
[www.austinhumanesociety.org](http://www.austinhumanesociety.org).



COURTESY OF AHS

**HEALTHY WOMEN, HEALTHY FAMILIES** Help gather info and stories about the state of women's health in Texas. Go online and take the survey, or share a story about a health-care challenge you've faced. The group hopes to take these stories and figures to the Legislature to raise awareness of women's health issues. 462-1661. [www.healthywomenhealthyfamilies.org](http://www.healthywomenhealthyfamilies.org).

**DONATION REQUEST FOR ARCH** Especially during the sweltering summer, the soap desk at the **Austin Resource Center for the Homeless** is in need of all manner of toiletries (deodorant, etc.), hand-held fans, lip balm, sunscreen, water bottles. Check online or call for specific items. ARCH, 500 E. Seventh, 305-4174. [www.frontsteps.org](http://www.frontsteps.org).

**NAME THOSE TREES** That grove of trees just south of City Hall (where South First splits) needs a name. Perhaps you have a suggestion? Submit it at [www.cityofaustin.org/parks/namingform.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/parks/namingform.htm), return a completed form to the Parks & Recreation Department's main office (200 S. Lamar), or fax it to 974-6756. *Deadline: Aug. 26.*

**SUMMER WATER DONATIONS** Mobile Loaves & Fishes needs bottled-water donations to keep everyone hydrated. Make monetary donations at [www.mlfnow.org/water](http://www.mlfnow.org/water); cases of water can be delivered to the St. John Neumann commissary, 903 Capital of TX Hwy. S.

**TREE OF THE YEAR** Nominate your favorite native tree for Austin's Tree of the Year award at [www.cityofaustin.org/treeoftheyear](http://www.cityofaustin.org/treeoftheyear). *Deadline: July 8.*

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