

**City of Houston**  
**Council Committee on Budget & Fiscal Affairs**  
**Council Member Stephen C. Costello, Chair**  
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Michael Kubosh, Position 3  
C.O. "Brad" Bradford, Position 4  
Jack Christie D.C., Position 5

February 4, 2015  
2:00 P.M.

Mayor's Basement Conference Room, 901 Bagby

*Council Members Present: Costello, Davis, Martin, Bradford, Laster, Robinson,  
Nguyen, Cohen, Pennington, Boykins, Stardig, Kubosh*

1. Welcoming Remarks – Council Member Stephen C. Costello, Chair
2. Discussion and Votes - Council Member budget recommendations based on information presented at Core Services Workshops

Recommendations passed:

Reassign OBO Department core service functions to other city departments and to the Chief Compliance Officer, the Chief Procurement Officer and the Strategic Purchasing Officer.  
Explore employee health benefit plan changes which would result in up to \$11 million in health care cost savings.

Explore providing health care coupons to city employees to use to purchase their own health insurance.

Explore bidding out solid waste residential collection and recycling in a portion of the city. SWMD to also submit bid for the work.

Explore privatization of PWE permitting section.

Reduce up to 25% of PWE's Engineering and Construction/Planning and Development Project Cost Recovery workforce and in construction inspection for water/wastewater and street/drainage projects.

Reduce total expenditures in DON by up to 15%.

Transfer Neighborhood Protection Division's FTEs and resources to HPD.

3. Public Comments

Action may be taken on any item listed above. Committee meetings are open to the public. For information about this committee, please contact Sallie Alcorn at [sallie.alcorn@houstontx.gov](mailto:sallie.alcorn@houstontx.gov).