

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 2010**

**1. Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Council Member Morrison. Council Member Morrison and Council Member Riley were present, Council Member Shade was absent.

**2. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)**

There were no speakers.

**3. Approval of minutes from the February 17, 2010 regular committee meeting.**

**A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the February 17, 2010 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0 with Council Member Shade absent.**

**4. Update: ME Television (Kevin Connor)**

This item was postponed to the May 19, 2010 meeting.

**5. Presentation: “Trash to Treasure”—Economic Development & Green Industry (Bob Gedert, Director, Solid Waste Services Department)**

Mr. Bob Gedert, Director of the Solid Waste Services Department, presented information on the City’s efforts to reach their “Zero Waste” objective and what that will entail over the next several years. Mr. Gedert stated that this will necessarily be a community effort and may include public-private partnerships to reach the Council’s goal of zero waste. The Solid Waste Services Department is also preparing a 50-year master plan.

**6. Update: Google Test Site Application (Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs Officer and Chip Rosenthal, Chair, Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission)**

Ms. Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs Office, stated that the application was submitted prior to the deadline and that it had been a real community effort. Ms. Hawkins thanked the staff and especially Council Member Morrison’s office for all the concerted effort and support.

Mr. Chip Rosenthal, Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission, spearheaded the community side of the application. Mr. Rosenthal stated that Austin citizens had sent in over 1,000 letters in support of Austin being the Google test site.

**7. Discuss and approve next meeting date (Tentative: May 19, 2010)**

The date was approved.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.