

**MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AUGUST 11, 2010**

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Council Member Morrison.

1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)

There were no speakers.

2. Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2010 regular committee meeting.

A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the June 16, 2010 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Shade; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0 with Council Member Riley off the dais.

3. Update: Pecan Street Project (Brewster McCracken, Executive Director)

Mr. McCracken provided an update on the activities of the Pecan Street Project including their receipt of a Federal Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$10,400,000. This grant will provide funding for the project at the Mueller Redevelopment site.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: AustinGO web redesign (Doug Matthews, City of Austin Chief Communications Officer)

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Charles Purma discussed the redesign of the City's website including some data from the ongoing surveys and the options for the "look" of the website's home page.

5. Presentation and Discussion: Online Contract Catalog (Byron Johnson, City of Austin Purchasing Officer)

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mark Walsh discussed the success of the new Online Contract Catalog which provides City employees and citizens a look at the current contracts with vendors.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation to City Council on granting a license agreement to Clearwire Communications to install and operate wireless communications equipment in the public right-of-way in the median at 11609 ½ Metric Boulevard (Rondella Hawkins, Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs)

This item was pulled by staff after a discussion with the City Law Department.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Discuss Time Warner Cable's proposed plan to migrate the public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access television channels to a digital format, effective October 1, 2010, and the impact on subscribers (Rondella Hawkins, Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs)

Ms. Hawkins discussed the proposed plan by Time Warner Cable and introduced to the Committee Ms. Susan Patten, Vice President of Government Relations for Time Warner Cable.

Mr. Woody Roberts asked Ms. Patten if the News8 channel would be converted at the same time as the PEG access channels. Ms. Patten responded that it would not.

Council Member Riley asked Ms. Patten why these channels were identified to be converted so early in the process. Ms. Patten was unable to give a reason.

8. Announcement of Upcoming Events of Community Interest

There were no announcements.

9. Discuss and approve next meeting date (Tentative: September 8, 2010)

The meeting date was approved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.