

**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
December 1, 2010**

**Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Morrison at 2:40pm.

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

There were no speakers.

**2. Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2010 regular committee meeting.**

**A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the October 20, 2010 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications with the following amendments regular meeting was made by Council Member Shade; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 3-0. The amendments were to Item 5: staff to come back to the next meeting with additional information requested by the Committee.**

**3. Presentation:** A demonstration of the Austin Finance Online ECheckbook (Diana Thomas, Controller, Financial & Administrative Services)

Ms. Thomas provided a demonstration of the new system and information on how it would be used by citizens and vendors.

**4. Briefing:** Background and definition of quick response codes (also known as QR codes) and how they are used in other cities (Dustin Haisler, Assistant City Manager and Chief Information Officer, City of Manor)

Mr. Haisler, now with SPIGIT, Inc, talked about how these codes are used in the City of Manor, such as reserving facilities at parks and getting additional information at historic markers. These codes can also link to a website that would provide additional information on a product.

**5. Presentation:** Austin/UT Residential Communications Technology Survey (Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Officer)

Ms. Hawkins presented information on the survey which will be completed later in December with results due in March 2011.

**6. Announcement of Upcoming Events of Community Interest**

There were no announcements

**7. Discuss and approve meeting dates for 2011.**

The dates were tentatively approved.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm by Council Member Morrison