



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- B.1 Discuss a proposal to host a Saturday Town Hall meeting at City Hall to be scheduled in 2012. (Council Member Kathie Tovo and Council Member Mike Martinez)
The Law Department was directed to respond to the questions raised by the Council Members and identify any potential problems with the type of meeting described and respond back to Council in writing.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session to go into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda

- D.1 Discuss legal issues related to Austin Lifecare, Inc. v City of Austin et al. Cause No. 1:11-CV-875-LY & Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin, et al. v City of Austin et al. Cause No. 1:11-CV-00876-LY; In the U.S. District Court - Western District of Texas (Austin Division) (private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Work Session back to order at 10:15 a.m.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the January 12, 2012 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

Item(s) from Council

- 68. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to temporarily suspend the code amendment process that has been initiated relating to short term rentals and directing the City Auditor to initiate a study of short term rentals. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
A revised resolution was presented for Council's review by Council Member Spelman.

65. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide recommendations for implementation and enforcement strategies for a \$100.00 clean-up fee and to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the fee. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)
Law announced this item will be postponed to January 26, 2012 to clarify the posting language.
66. Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 20100225-052 to establish a peak-hour surcharge. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
Law announced this item will be postponed to January 26, 2012 to clarify the posting language.

Purchasing

35. Authorize award and execution of a contract with ANIXTER INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of 200,000 feet of 48 strand single-mode fiber optic cable in an amount not to exceed amount of \$90,900.00.
36. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month agreement through the State of Texas General Services Administration cooperative purchasing program with FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC., Cambridge, MA to provide licenses for access to technology research and analysis in an amount not to exceed \$55,658.
37. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month service agreement through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program with GARTNER INC., STAMFORD, CT, to provide subscription-based information technology executive focused technology research and analysis in an amount not to exceed \$71,114.
50. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a requirements service contract with SHERRY MATTHEWS ADVOCACY MARKETING, Austin, TX for social marketing and media services for the Live-Tobacco Free Austin campaign in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$3,842,594.

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)

74. Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the electric rate schedule in Ordinance No. 20110912-007 to implement new Austin Energy electric rates. (Suggested date and time: January 26, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Item(s) from Council

70. Approve a resolution directing the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board to provide recommendations on a development bonus program. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)

Austin Energy

6. Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$900,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as the administering agency, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Energy Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20110912-005 to appropriate \$900,000 for weatherization of homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers within Austin Energy's service area. Related to Items 56 and 57.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. without objection.

To see the complete agenda for Thursday's meeting refer to the January 12, 2012 Council Agenda. (For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk.)

The minutes for the work session of January 10, 2012 were approved on this the 26th day of January 2012 on Council Member Tovo's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.