



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Council Member Martinez was absent due to a family emergency.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- D.1 Presentation and discussion of the Austin Energy rate proposal, including the proposed changes to the rate structure, the rate review process, the Navigant Report, the rate case audit and the customer assistance program audit.

The briefing was done by Marc Ott, City Manager, and Larry Weiss, General Manager, and Elaine Hart, Senior Vice President of Finance, Austin Energy. The presentation was broken into two segments: the Navigant Report and Reserves and Financial Policies. Ken Mory, City Auditor, and Walt Persons, Assistant City Auditor, and Jawana "JJ" Gutierrez, Vice President of Customer Care, and Mark Dreyfus, Director, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Austin Energy did the briefing on the customer assistance program.

BRIEFINGS

- B.1 Emergency Medical Services staffing configuration briefing.
This item was withdrawn without objection. The City Manager announced the information would be made available online.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the February 2, 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.

Items from Council

17. Approve an ordinance waiving certain fees for the use of the Austin Fire Department Drill field by the Austin Independent School District for the LBJ Field Academy. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
15. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission and representatives of community housing development corporations (CHDOs) and other eligible non-profit organizations to implement a process for evaluation and consideration of CHDOs and other non-profit organizations as community land trusts and report back to the Council on the status of

implementation of the process by April 5, 2012. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison
CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)

Legal was asked to see if there was a way that Council could post questions for each other and respond to them online.

Purchasing

11. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with SAIC ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC, Hendersonville, TN, KEMA, INC., and GOOD COMPANY ASSOCIATES, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. TVN0018, to provide electric vehicle infrastructure consulting services for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$305,000 each and combined.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon without objection.

The minutes for the work session of January 31, 2012 were approved on this the 9th day of February 2012 on Council Member Martinez' motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote