

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2012**

**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 November 30, 2011 regular committee meeting**

**A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the November 30, 2011 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0-1 with Council Member Spelman off the dais.**

**3. Update: Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) (Isaac Barchas, Director, Austin Technology Incubator)**

Without objection this item was postponed until the February 15, 2012 meeting.

**4. Update: Austin Go Web Design and concurrent projects (Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer, Communications and Public Information Office)**

Mr. Elkins, Douglas Matthews, and Matthew Esquivel updated the Committee on the status of the web redesign project stating that the project has moved beyond the "Beta" phase into a live format. The Feedback tab will remain on the website for now as users are still providing feedback.

Mr. David Orshalick addressed the Committee stating that he is having difficulty with the current format.

**5. Update: Public Access Community Television, Inc. (Linda Litowsky, Executive Director)**

Without objection this item was postponed until the February 15, 2012 meeting.

**6. Presentation: The treatment of solar energy in the Austin Energy Rate Proposal (Austin Energy Staff)**

Mr. Karl Rabago presented the solar energy portion of the Austin Energy Rate Proposal. Residential customers that produce solar power are currently paid directly for any solar produced beyond the power they use. Under the new rate system these customers would be charged for all power consumed and then given a credit for all solar power produced.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the rate proposal:

Tod Wickersham

Kyle Frazier

Mark Kapner

David Dixon

Suzanne White

Steve Wiese

Stan Pipkin

Mike Sloan

Mark Vedert

Joshua Houston

Paul Robbins

**7. Consider agenda items for next meeting.**

The agenda items are already set.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.