

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012**

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Council Member Morrison.

There may be discussion and action on any or all of the following items:

1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)

There were no speakers.

2. Approval of minutes from the April 25, 2012 regular committee meeting.

A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the April 25, 2012 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Spelman. Vote 3-0.

3. Presentation: On the implementation of a pilot program using Quick Response Codes to provide information about City projects and operations to citizens including projects completed and a utilization report (Charles Purma III, Communications and Technology Management)

Mr. Purma presented the findings of the pilot program stating that the pilot was done with three City departments—Public Works, Parks & Recreation Department and Animal Services. The most views were received by Animal Services which provided information on each of the animals housed at the facility. Each department utilized the technology for different applications. The next technology to watch for will be Near Field Communication which allows sharing of information between devices that are located near each other. The Committee would like an update in 4-6 months.

4. Discussion and Action: Local Solar Advisory Committee Appointments

Once the original committee appointments were approved by the City Council it was decided to add some additional appointments for more diverse representation.

A motion to approve additional appointments to the Local Solar Advisory Committee of Monica De La Rosa representing Lava's Energy Supply Stores, Tuan Q. Pham, CFA representing PowerFin Partners, Gabe Flores representing Northern Electrical Contractors Association, Salvador Valdez representing RZ Communications, and Joseph Hawkins representing the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce was made by Council Member Spelman; seconded by Council Member Riley. Vote 3-0.

5. Presentation: Overview of the Benefits of Research in a New Teaching Hospital and Medical School in Austin (Greg Hartman, President/CEO Seton Medical Center of Austin and University Medical Center Brackenridge)

Mr. Hartman made the presentation stating that there is great need for at least one medical school and at least one teaching hospital in the Austin area. These facilities would add billions to the local economy, thousands of new jobs, better and more medical care, and opportunities for new biotech start-ups. It is also hoped that it would help to alleviate the shortage of doctors in Central Texas.

6. Consider agenda items for next meeting.

There were no items considered.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.