



**MBE/WBE and Small Business Council Committee
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

The MBE/WBE and Small Business Council Committee convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 301 W. 2nd Street Room 1101 in Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Member Tovo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m with Mayor Pro Tem Cole temporarily off the dais.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 10, 2012 regular meeting were approved on a 2-0 vote on a motion by Council Member Tovo, seconded by Council Member Martinez.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Pro Tem Cole joined the dais.

Karl Daniels, CVI, said he is concerned that there is no policy in place to take action regarding the Good Faith Effort requirement in the City Code Chapter 2-9A. He said the GFE requirement is not being implemented as tightly as it should and minority owned businesses looking for work are being adversely affected.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association said she is very pleased with the progress of Austin Energy on the new weatherization project and said that staff is doing a great a great job by implementing all 13 recommendations previously made and were willing to work with the community.

4. MBE/WBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Monthly report from the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Advisory Committee regarding its activities and minority-owned and women-owned business enterprise issues

There was no representative from the MBE/WBE and Small Business Advisory Committee present, this item was postponed to the next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion regarding the legal opinion on non-voting members from the trade associations to serve on the Advisory Committee and/or working groups and related issues

Cindy Crosby, Law Department said that under the current ordinance, the Advisory Committee is free to create a working group made up of members from anyone in the community to work on

specific issues and they are not subject to the conflict of interest rules. If ex-officio members are added to the Advisory Committee, an ordinance change would be required. Council Member Martinez requested that this item be added to the May agenda of the Advisory Committee.

b. Update regarding the MBE/WBE Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Council on the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and the University of Texas at Austin.

Debra Dibble, Acting Director-SMBR said that at the April 26, 2012 Council Meeting a resolution was not passed and that contained three recommendations. The first one was that the University of Texas Professional Development Center be granted \$43,000 to operate until the end of the year, the second was to increase the minority trade association funding as previously requested, and the final recommendation was to perform a study regarding the overlap of services. Council directed SMBR staff to follow up.

6. STAFF REPORT

Monthly and requested reports from the Small & Minority Business Resources (SMBR) department regarding request for changes

Amelie Gonzalez-Flores, Compliance Division Manager- SMBR, presented the request for change report.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items added at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Martinez adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.