

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Council Member Spelman was absent.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the March 21, 2013 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.

30. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with LANGUAGE & CONTENT SERVICES, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. TVN0019, to provide Spanish translation services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$140,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$280,000. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.)
Direction was provided to the staff to evaluate current processes used by all City departments on determining when translation services are required and develop a City-wide Administrative Policy for translation services.
40. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide options and a proposed timeframe for conducting a preliminary study of downtown alleys and stating the policy that the Council shall refrain from amending the City Code regarding downtown alleys and shall carefully consider alley vacations until the study has been completed and reviewed. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)
41. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a comparative report evaluating the performance of both Texas and national public utilities that are governed in whole or in part by an independent board, both individually and with respect to Austin Energy's performance and policy goals. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)
Direction to consider options for limiting the scope of the comparative report to a comparison of performance based management differences between Texas utilities

operated by a governance board and municipal utilities governed by city council based on data currently in existence.

44. Approve a resolution initiating a City Code amendment to codify the downtown density bonus program as related to the central urban redevelopment (CURE) combining district, directing the manager to process the amendment, and establishing the policy that the City Council will use the adopted Downtown Austin Plan bonus program as guiding principles to review future CURE zoning requests when exercising its discretionary zoning authority. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)
25. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with METRO AVIATION, INC. to provide helicopter completion services for the Austin Police Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,178,560. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.)
10. Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with CLARION ASSOC OF COLORADO LLC dba CLARION ASSOCIATES, or one of the other qualified responders to Comprehensive Land Development Code Revision for the City of Austin Solicitation No. CLMP122, to provide professional land development revision planning and engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$ 2,000,000. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 18.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subcontractor participation.)
Direction to provide the public comments received on the presentations to Council prior to the Council Meeting and clarification on the criteria used in the evaluation matrix.
36. Approve execution of an amendment to the CAMPO Joint Powers Agreement relating to organization and voting membership. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of March 2013 on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.