# COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
# EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
## October 24, 2012

**Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm 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 September 19, 2012 regular committee meeting**

    **A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the September 19, 2012 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0 with Council Member Spelman absent.**

3.  **Discussion and Observations:** **Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce InterCity Visit to San Jose, California (Susan Davenport, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Senior VP of Global Technology Strategies)**

    Ms. Susan Davenport and Mr. Jeremy Martin from the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce discussed the recent trip to San Jose, California and some of the ideas and concepts garnered from the visit. The scale and size of San Jose is similar to Austin, although Austin is slightly smaller. A similar collaborative culture exists in both cities between the business community and the education community. The Chamber representatives also visited with venture capitalists in California to invite investment in Austin.

4.  **Update:** **Code for America-Austin Recap (Aurelio Tinio, Code for America Fellow)**

    Mr. Aurelio Tinio presented a video of some of the accomplishments of the year-long fellowship which included a catalog of the People's Gallery at City Hall, interactive custom maps for South by Southwest, and worked with fire fighters and the community to develop an app to assess fire danger.

5.  **Discussion:** **Office of Innovation (Stephen Elkins, Communications & Public Information Office; Aurelio Tinio, Code for America Fellow)**

    Mr. Doug Matthews provided information on the creation of the Office of Innovation. The core functions of this office are being proposed to include coordinating solicitation and development of technology tools and infrastructure to advance civic innovation, advancing open data/open government citywide, developing partnerships with non-profits and educational institutions, implementation of a micro-grant/startup program, and identification and pursuit of funding and

grants. Other cities with Innovation Offices have been contacted to see how they were set up and how they function within that city.

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

Office of Innovation and a report from the Local Solar Advisory Committee

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.