



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the June 20, 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.

15. Approve a resolution amending to the City personnel policies, Section III.B.1.c, relating to FMLA including the establishment of a new Parental Leave Benefit and insertion of language that aligns City policy with Federally Mandated Military Exigency and Military Caregiver requirements.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:24 a.m.

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting back to order at 10:02 a.m.

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED**

58. Approve a resolution supporting the inclusion into the IH-35 National Environmental Policy Act study process of a fully recessed "Cut & Cap" alternative for reconnecting East & West Austin from approximately River Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and directing the City Manager to develop an economic impact study and associated financing options. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
88. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Section 25-2-861 relating to heli-facilities or heliports. Related to Item #89.  
**Presentation was made by Shane Harbinson, Assistant Director, Aviation Department.**

- 89. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the City Code Title 13 relating to heli-facilities. Related to Item #88.  
**Presentation was made by Shane Harbinson, Assistant Director, Aviation Department.**
  
- 9. Authorize execution of a construction contract with PRISM DEVELOPMENT for the Austin Bicycle Commuting Project for the Waller Creek Center and Parks and Recreation Department Headquarters in the amount of \$515,000 plus a \$51,500 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$566,500.( Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 80.94% DBE prime participation and 19.06% DBE subcontractor participation.)
  
- 59. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to present options for funding the Congregate Meals Program that provides free meals for senior citizens through the end of the fiscal year, and determine if next fiscal year's allocation to the Capital Area Council of Governments for this purpose can be increased to maintain current levels of service. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole recessed the meeting at 11:41 a.m.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the meeting back to order at 11:43 a.m.**

**BRIEFINGS**

- D.1 Affordable Housing Bond Update.  
**Presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Betsy Spencer, Director Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Darin Smith, Managing Principal, Economic and Planning Systems.**  
**Direction was given to staff to provide information on: how Austin compares nationally especially relating to the administrative costs associated with the affordable housing program; the market forces impacting the continued increase in rental prices and other factors renters consider when choosing Austin's higher rental market; benefits citizens could expect including reduced fees as a result of the new approach to funding affordable housing.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 27th day of June 2013 on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Martinez' second on a 7-0 vote.**