

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2014

**Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Council Member Morrison.

**1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)**

Mr. John Kingman spoke to the Committee concerning charging of battery-powered vehicles. Mr. Kingman stated that even if an Austin Energy customer is charging at an off-peak time that customer would not receive the off-peak pricing for the electricity. Mr. Kingman stated that the off-peak pricing is not available to residential customers.

**2. Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2013 and November 13, 2013 regular committee meetings**

**A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the October 22, 2013 and the November 13, 2013 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meetings was made by Council Member Spelman; seconded by Council Member Riley. Vote 3-0.**

**3. Briefing, Discussion and Possible Action: Regarding the value of solar, the solar credit provided to customers under the residential solar tariff, including methodology and data sources for calculating the value of solar, possible improvements to transparency in the process for setting the value of solar, and the annual reset of the solar credit (Debbie Kimberly, Austin Energy, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions; Pat Sweeney, Austin Energy, Director of Energy & Market Operations)**

Ms. Debbie Kimberly presented information on the value of solar in the Austin Energy pricing structure. Austin Energy is looking at the current rate structure and how they can amend it without creating income tax liabilities for their solar customers.

Mr. Jeff Dwyer spoke concerning the expense of billing.

Ms. Kaiba White spoke stating that customers and Austin Energy were getting closer to a remedy for billing.

Mr. David Dixon spoke concerning the end-of-year credit sweep and his concern about Austin Energy's methodology.

**4. Update: Austin Technology Council (Grover Bynum, Senior Advisor, Austin Technology Council and Julie Huls, Executive Director, Austin Technology Council)**

Ms. Julie Huls and Mr. Grover Bynum presented information on the accomplishments of the Austin Technology Council over the last year that supports their contract with the City of Austin, including working with Huston-Tillotson University to create a pilot program for partnership to engage the HTU students in technology fields. Ms. Lynn Atcheson from Home Away and Mr. Kevin Callahan from Map My Fitness spoke as board members of ATC, stating that their companies have benefitted greatly from their association with ATC. Ms. Huls stated that they would like to receive an increase in funding from \$50,000 per year to \$400,000 per year.

**5. Briefing: Status report on City implementation of Council Open Government Resolution No. 20111208-074 which directed the City Manager to develop recommendations for elements of an Open Government Framework to address free access and disclosure of City data (Open Data), development of open source platforms, development of mobile applications, and social media (Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer, Communications & Technology Management Department)**

Mr. Matt Esquivel reported that the Data Architect position has closed and interviews are now being conducted, the Innovation Officer has been hired, the City is hosting a regional "How to" Hackathon and the City will be participating in the St. Edward's University Hackathon. 311 Request Data is now available on the web portal.

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

There were no items for consideration.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.