

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2014**

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08pm by Council Member Morrison.

1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)

There were no speakers.

2. Approval of minutes from the January 15, 2014 regular committee meeting

A motion to adopt the minutes from the January 15, 2014 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Spleman; seconded by Council Member Riley. Vote 3-0.

3. Update: Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Innovate Austin - Innovation. Entrepreneurship. (Michele Skelding, Senior Vice President, Global Technology and Innovation)

Ms. Michele Skelding introduced herself as the new Senior Vice President over Global Technology and Innovation at the Greater Austin Chamber, having previously been employed with a variety of companies involved in the high tech industry. Ms. Skelding stated that the biggest need the tech industry has at this point is hiring and retaining a qualified work force. Austin currently experiences a great quality of life which helps to draw qualified individuals and many new companies to the area. The Chamber is working to promote STEM education in the local schools and encourage students to enroll in computer programming classes.

4. Update: Austin Technology Incubator (Isaac Barchas, Executive Director, Austin Technology Incubator)

This item was postponed to the April 23, 2014 meeting.

5. Briefing: Development of a Strategic Plan and Technology Roadmap (Elaina Ball, Vice President, Energy Production, Austin Energy)

Ms. Elaina Ball presented information on a Request for Proposals to be issued by Austin Energy that will help them select a company to develop a strategic plan and roadmap that leverages existing and planned investments in operations, financial, information, and customer technologies and applications. This should result in a request to Council in May 2014.

6. Consider agenda items for next meeting.

Items to consider for the next agenda include the postponed update from the Austin Technology Incubator and the regular scheduled update on the Open Government Resolution.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.