

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held Monday, March 18th, 2014
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in the Boards & Commissions Room,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 3:03 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Council Member Mike Martinez
2. Council Member Chris Riley
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, February 18th, 2014.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 18th, 2014, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 2-0.

2. Citizen Communications.

None.

3. Briefing on recommendations for the Economic Development Contracts Request for Applications (RFA) process to establish contracts with community-based organizations for services that promote industry-based workforce development and related procurement matters. (Rodney Gonzales, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department; David A. Colligan, Manager-Global Business Recruitment and Expansion, Economic Development Department; Robert Kingham, Community Based Resources Unit Manager, HHSD).

Staff reviewed the three parts of the economic development RFA; Program Strategy, Return on Investment, and Local Business Presence. The RFA will be released on April 28, 2014 and includes \$1.2 million in total funding.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to recommend Option 1, within the parameters discussed and vetted by the PHHS Committee, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 3-0.

4. Reappointment of the Health Authority for the City of Austin and Travis County scheduled for Council action on March 20th, 2014 (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD; Dr. Philip Huang, Health Authority, HHSD).

Motion by Council Member Morrison to recommend the re-appointment of the Health Authority to the full Council on March 20th, 2014, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 2-0.

5. **Update from the Dove Springs Community on the 2013 Onion Creek Flood. (Mona Gonzalez, Executive Director, River City Youth Foundation; Leonor P. Vargas, Director, Mendez Family Resource Center, Ophelia Zapata, Austin Interfaith)**
Dove Springs neighborhood members presented on the effects of the 2013 Onion Creek Flood.
6. **Briefing on the use of electronic cigarettes in Austin/Travis County (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD; Dr. Philip Huang, Health Authority, HHSD).**
Dr. Phil Huang presented on e-cigarettes including potential harmful effects and marketing campaigns that seem to focus on youth. Council Member Riley asked if any stakeholder groups had expressed an interest in further discussing the issue. Dr. Huang mentioned the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association. Council Member Morrison asked about second hand vapor effects.
7. **Briefing on recommendations relating to coyote management in urban Austin/Travis County by the Austin Animal Advisory Commission. (David Lundstedt, Austin Animal Commission, Larry Tucker, Austin Animal Commission).**
David Lundstedt presented on three main points that trapping and killing coyotes is inhumane, killing coyotes is ineffective, and there are alternatives such as coyote hazing. Larry asked that the educational materials be posted to the City website.

Council Member Martinez asked for a minor edit to the recommendation.

Motion by Council Member Martinez to adopt the Animal Advisory Commission recommendation and forward to full Council, with a four-word amendment to the second-to-last sentence of the Coyote Management document, using the phrase "incident or an attack", seconded by Council Member Morrison, motions passes unanimously, 3-0.

8. **Consider agenda items for next regular meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15th, 2014, or at the call of the committee chair.**

Adjourned at 4:43pm