



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the May 1, 2014 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.

- 41. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to plan for full cost recovery of Austin Energy line extensions, with an exemption for certain affordable housing, beginning October 1, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
Direction was given to staff to: provide Council with the competitive survey conducted by Austin Energy to Council prior to the May 1, 2014 Council Meeting; provide a breakdown of total costs recovered over the next five years if 100% recovery is adopted vs. the total costs recovered under AE’s proposed plan; ask competitors of Austin Energy to inquire if they would be willing to provide an estimate on the total amount they are collecting; provide the number of projects in the pipeline that the 100% recovery for water utility fees would not apply; research strategies used by other communities to encourage underground vs. overhead utility lines, the type assistance provided to developers to encourage the installation of underground utility lines and the geographic areas where underground lines are being installed.

D. BRIEFINGS

- D.1 General Obligation Bond Capacity Briefing.
Presentation was made by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer and Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Direction was given to staff to provide the history of the City’s rating and the rating of surrounding Texas cities.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

- 66. C14H-2014-0001 - Baylor House - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 1607 West 10th Street (Shoal Creek Watershed) from family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning to family residence-historic landmark-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To forward to Planning Commission without a recommendation. Historic Landmark Commission Recommendation: To grant family residence-historic landmark-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To forward to City Council

without a recommendation. Applicant: Historic Landmark Commission. City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Planning and Development Review Department, 512-974-6454.

A recommendation for a time certain of 6:30 PM may be requested at the May 1, 2014 Council Meeting.

- 72. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapters 25-1 and 25-5 relating to vested development rights and continuing use rights under the Texas Local Government Code and amending Chapters 25-4 and 30-2 relating to subdivision plats.

A recommendation for a time certain of 4:30 PM may be requested at the May 1, 2014 Council Meeting.

- 59. C14-2013-0136 - Austin Elm Terrace, LP - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 3215 Exposition Boulevard (Taylor Slough South Watershed) from unzoned (UNZ) and family residence (SF-3) district zoning to multi-family residence-low density (MF-2) district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant townhouse & condominium residence-conditional overlay (SF-6-CO) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant townhouse & condominium residence-conditional overlay (SF-6-CO) combining district zoning. Owner/Applicant: Austin Elm Terrace, LP (Steve Beuerlein). Agent: Husch Blackwell, LLP (Jerry L. Harris). City Staff: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057.

A recommendation for a time certain of 4:00 PM may be requested at the May 1, 2014 Council Meeting.

- 36. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore sources of alternative funding for special events and to create a fee waiver process for large-scale events. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member William Spelman CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 15th day of May, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.