



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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 15, 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.

- 7. Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year management agreement with the African American Cultural Heritage District to provide educational, heritage preservation and economic development services in the district in an amount not to exceed \$237,000.
Direction was given to staff to prepare a list of outstanding approved projects to attach to each priority item brought forward to Council for approval.

C. BRIEFINGS

- C.1 Briefing on the final report of the Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force on proposed revisions to the City’s boards and commissions system.
Direction was given to staff to develop a method to provide Council with copies of the Boards and Commissions Annual Plans similar to the process used for Boards and Commissions Recommendations.

E. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- E.1 Discussion and possible action on appointments to the Joint Working Group on Public Safety with Travis County created by Resolution No. 20140501-039.
A motion to appoint Council Member Mike Martinez and Council Member Chris Riley to the Joint Working Group on Public Safety with Travis County was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, second by Council Member Morrison, approved on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Spelman off the dais.
- 2. Authorize negotiation and execution of transactions for natural gas and wholesale electric power, related brokerage and credit agreements, and purchases of Electric Reliability Council of Texas congestion revenue rights, subject to the Policy for Energy Risk Management set forth in Resolution No. 20030522-08, for terms not to exceed five years, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$316,000,000 of net expenditures in any fiscal year and not to exceed \$800,000,000 of net expenditures over a rolling 60-month forward period.
- 24. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to develop recommendations for a pilot program authorizing the use of Transportation Network Companies, companies that use online-

enabled platforms to connect passengers with drivers using personal, non-commercial vehicles to operate in some capacity, including suggesting regulations addressing passenger and driver safety, and reporting recommendations back to Council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member William Spelman)

- 27. Approve a resolution directing the City Clerk to bring an ordinance to the Council to implement the transition plan for City boards and commissions and related amendments to the City Code recommended by the Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force in Section 1 of its report for the transition to an 11-member council, and directing the City Manager to post a public hearing for the August 7, 2014, City Council meeting on the recommendations regarding changes to membership, purpose, and processes referenced in Sections 2 through 4 of the report. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)

- 8. Approve an ordinance creating an economic development program for film, television and digital media projects as authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code.
Direction was given to staff to provide backup explaining why each resolution would need to be waived, specifically those calling for an independent assessment, transparency, and posting. Additionally, provide in backup how they are going about complying with the intent of ordinances but not strictly applying them to the program.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 22nd day of May, 2014 on Council Member Spelman’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole’s second on a 7-0 vote.