

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

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

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the June 26, 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.

16. Authorize negotiation and execution of a design-build agreement with TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY for a new Austin Energy office building and parking structure at Riverside Drive and Grove Boulevard for preliminary and design phase services and remaining professional services in an amount not to exceed \$8,300,000 plus \$830,000 contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$9,130,000.
Staff indicated that a request to postpone this item will be made at the June 26, 2014 Council Meeting. Direction was given to staff to consider the following recommendations when the item is brought back to Council: coordinate with Capital Metro on the planning of the parking facility; coordinate the project plan with the East Riverside Corridor Plan to ensure consistency; and consider submitting a design update report to Council prior to completion of the design. Additional questions from Council will be directed to Kerry Overton, Deputy General Manager, Austin Energy.
13. Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC. (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP153, to provide consultant services for Floodplain Evacuation Support Services project in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 for a contract term of six years with two one-year extension options. Related to Items #28, #66 and #67 (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 10.00% DBE subcontractor participation.)
A request to set items 13, 28, 66 and 67 for a time certain of 7:15 will be made at the June 26, 2014 Council Meeting. Direction was given to staff to provide information on where reimbursements to the City relating for the buyout programs go and can the funds be used to expand the buyout program; and information on the number of homes being considered for buyout have flood insurance.

28. Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase or otherwise acquire an estimated 140 properties at high risk of flooding located outside of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) buyout project area that will remain at risk of flooding in the 25-year floodplain within the Onion Creek Forest, Onion Creek Plantations, Yarrabee Bend, and Silverstone neighborhoods (Lower Onion Creek area) in the Onion Creek watershed, in an amount not to exceed \$31,000,000. Related to Items #13, #66 and #67.
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66. Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from Certificates of Obligation to be issued for expenditures in the total amount of \$35,500,000 for costs associated with the Onion Creek buyouts of single family houses in flood-prone areas and related improvements. Related to Items #13, #28 and #67.
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67. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Watershed Protection Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to increase appropriations by \$35,500,000 for the buyout and demolition of single family houses in the floodplain of Onion Creek near the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Drive. Related to Items #13, #28 and #66.
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24. Approve an ordinance adopting the Municipal Civil Service Rules as recommended by the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
52. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a service contract with ZUCKER SYSTEMS, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal TVN0035 to provide consulting services for Planning and Development Review Department in an amount not to exceed \$249,500. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.)
Direction was given to staff to provide information on the amount budgeted for the consulting services RFP; and to provide a list of clients from each of the top two responses.
68. Approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council subcommittees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members.
69. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the City's International Residential Code to reduce or eliminate building permit requirements for accessible ramps less than 30-inches high in single-family and duplex residential units. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)
Direction was given to staff to provide numbers on the number of permits that are for accessible ramps.

73. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate the impact on small businesses of the charge for electric demand above ten kilowatts, including conducting stakeholder meetings with small businesses, and to report back to the Electric Utility Commission and the City Council with findings and potential policy options for minimizing the cost impact of the demand charge on customers having a demand of between ten and twenty kilowatts. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)
Direction was given to staff to provide the number of businesses that would fall within the category of electric demand between ten and twenty kilowatts.
89. Approve a resolution supporting a partnership with Austin Community College regarding redevelopment of the Highland Mall campus and directing the City Manager to report to Council a proposed timeline, steps, and funding sources related to the Highland Mall redevelopment project as well as for a timeline and proposed financing plan related to the Airport Boulevard corridor and form-based code. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member William Spelman)
97. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to estimate the construction related utility fees assessed to the Sunshine Camps at Zilker Park and to include options for funding those utility fees from the General Fund as a part of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Process. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member William Spelman)
100. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to convene community meetings to discuss development ideas for the 411 Chicon Street site and prepare analyses for Council resulting from the community meetings. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)
Direction was given to staff to provide more information on where the employees who are currently housed at 411 Chicon Street would be relocated to and how many of those employees are housed there only for shift change purposes; to report back on the creation of a joint staff committee to discuss facility needs with other local governmental entities; and provide a recommendation for Council input on a broader policy relating to facility management.

A request will be made at the June 26th Council Meeting to set items 13, 28, 64, 66, and 67 for a time certain.

Discussion occurred on the ability to recess a Council meeting and the ability to waive Council meeting rules to allow the items set for a time certain at the Council meeting to be taken up before remaining items posted before the time certain items.

D. BRIEFINGS

- D.1 Austin Water Utility financial forecast update and recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee of the Water and Wastewater Commission, Resource Management Commission, and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee
This item was withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m. without objection.

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