



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- 38. Approve settlement of a claim from Alexandria Gladney against the City of Austin (Related to the July 26, 2013 officer-involved shooting).
- 134. Discuss legal issues related to the July 26, 2013 officer-involved shooting (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting back to order at 9:58 a.m.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the August 7, 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.

- 3. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Austin Energy Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to transfer \$30,000,000 from the Austin Energy Operating Fund to the Austin Energy Strategic Reserve Fund; increasing the Strategic Reserve Fund's contingency balance and moving the balance closer to complying with Austin Energy's financial policies for reserves.
Direction was given to staff to provide information on how the regulatory charges have been passed along to the special contract customers; and provide information on how we compare to other utilities used by the rating companies.
- 29. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and The Texas A&M University System to investigate utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles and other robotics during emergency response.

- 57. Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with KEMA, INC. for consulting services for development of a strategic enterprise-wide information technology assessment and a business and technology roadmap for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 5.89% MBE and 3.81% WBE sub-consultant participation.)
Direction was given to staff to provide the total cost for each respondent.
- 94. Approve a resolution amending the City's state legislative agenda to include support for reduced regulatory barriers to auxiliary water use, such as rainwater use and gray water use. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
- 101. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify obstacles to building, parking, and living in single-family detached homes that are less than 500 square feet in size and are often on wheels ("tiny houses"), and report solutions back to Council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
- 103. Approve a resolution regarding development of a comprehensive urban forest management plan. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)
- 110. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an ordinance related to distracted driving. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)
- 111. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to study the economic impact of the fashion industry in Austin and work with stakeholders and the Economic Development Department to develop recommendations for ways to support the local fashion industry. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)

C. BRIEFINGS

- C.1 Presentation and discussion regarding the impact of providing a general homestead exemption as a percentage of appraised value on homeowners and the City budget.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

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Executive Session ended and Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the Council Meeting back to order at 12:09 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of August, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Martinez' second on a 7-0 vote.