



AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20150210-002

Date: 2/10/15

Subject: Busking Amendments Postponement

Motioned By: Rich Garza

Seconded By: Heather Wagner-Reed

Recommendation

Austin Music Commission is requesting to postpone action on Resolution No. 20140925-080, currently scheduled for Council Discussion on March 26, 2015

Description of Recommendation to Council

- *The Music Commission is requesting a final plan for a busking that includes a permitting process from appropriate city staff by the original intended Council discussion date of March 26, 2015;*
- *Process should include key information including: permit requirements, permit length, designated areas for performance, issuing department responsible for this activity in the public right-of-way;*
- *Permitting process shall be affordable, easily to obtain and shall not include an audition;*
- *Final draft ordinance shall be available to the public by March 26th to allow for adequate stakeholder input prior to the Music Commission meeting on April 13, 2015;*
- *After the Austin Music Commission meeting on April 13, 2015, we request that the process take the draft ordinance to the appropriate City Council Committee prior to going to the full council.*

Rationale:

This item is on the council agenda as an amendment to Chapter 9-2 of the City Code. All previous discussion regarding busking did not include a permit process. During the January 2015 meeting of the Austin Downtown Commission, their group voted that any busking legislation moving forward should require a permitting process. The Music Commission is amenable to incorporating a permitting process as it relates to busking. Therefore we would like to request postponement of this item scheduled for March 26 to a later date after the Music Commission has an opportunity for adequate public input on a permitting process as outlined the recommendation.

Vote

For: Chair Brad Spies, Vice Chair Joe Stallone, Music Commissioners Rich Garza, Lindsey Sokol, Heather Wagner-Reed

Against: N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Commissioners Marc Fort and Nakia Reynoso

Attest: