

Policy Workshop – Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Topic: Watershed Protection, Environment and Endangered Species

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Austin City Council Chambers

Late Backup

Format for Policy Workshops

8:30 am - 9:00 am Arrival and breakfast
9:00 am - 11:00 am **Topic 1 – Watershed Protection, Environment & Endangered Species**
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

Total of 2 Hours	Policy Workshop on Topic 1 – Watershed Protection, Environment & Endangered Species
5 min	Introduction Moderator Mayor Steve Adler introduces topic and panelists
10 min	Context – Victoria Li, Watershed Protection (Willie Conrad, Austin Water to address potential questions related to endangered species) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the Council's role in watershed protection?- How are City choices informed by endangered species and how do policy choices effect endangered species?
40 min	Key Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community voices (identified in collaboration between staff and Council)- Each gives a 5 to 7 minute presentation on a key policy issue- <i>What are new opportunities to sustainably manage storm water and integrate nature and green infrastructure into the City? What are drainage infrastructure challenges for urban infill and redevelopment?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">o Dr. Lauren Ross, Glenrose Engineeringo Hank Smith, Texas Engineering Solutions- <i>What are the best ways to address flooding?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">o Will Schnier, Big Red Dog Engineering & Consulting- <i>How should environmental and endangered species considerations influence local/regional infrastructure decisions?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">o Valerie Bristol, Board of Travis Audubon
45 min	Panel Discussion Moderated by Mayor Steve Adler between Council and Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">- City staff asked to react to presentations on key policy issues
15 min	Other Voices <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Other voices from community provide comments (Mayor and Council will identify "other voices" that can provide other perspectives to be considered.) Each person will have 3 minutes to provide a different perspective.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Erin Foster, Travis Austin Recovery Groupo Jaqueline Perez, Onion Creek Neighborhoodo David Venhuizen, P.E.o Bill Bunch, Save our Springs Alliance
5 min	Closing/next steps