



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

1. Council discussion addressing Austin Resource Recovery and Austin Energy matters.
Policy Workshop Topic One – Resource Recovery

City Staff – Bob Gedert, Director, Austin Resource Recovery and Natalie Betts, Recycling Economic Development Liaison, Austin Resource Recovery

Panel Discussion – Andrew Dobbs, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Cathy Gattuso, Zero Waste Advisory Commission, David Rodewald, River City Rolloffs, Rodney Ahart, Keep Austin Beautiful and Fayez Kazi, Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

Other Voices – Eric Goff, Compost Pedallers, Maia Corbitt, State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR), Adam Gregory, Texas Disposal Systems Rebecca Stuch, Austin Creative Reuse, and Skeeter Miller, Greater Austin Restaurant Association.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on cost benefit analysis that recycling requirements have on affordability within the city including job creation, etc.; the cost of building a new landfill; and information a cost comparison of savings obtained through recycling programs vs. costs of repurposing items.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo called the meeting back to order at 12:38 p.m.

1. Council discussion addressing Austin Resource Recovery and Austin Energy matters. (CONTINUED)
Policy Workshop Topic Two – Austin Energy

City Staff – Larry Weis, General Manager, Austin Energy

Panel Discussion – Phillip Schmandt, former Electric Utility Commission Member, Clay Butler, Generation Planning Task Force, Catherine Morse, Samsung, Milton Lee, Lee Energy Partners, Roger Duncan, UT Energy Institute, Carol Biedrzyck, Texas ROSE and Bill Peacock, Center for Economic Freedom.

Other Voices – Dr. Cyrus Reed and David Cortez, Sierra Club, Kaiba White, Solar Austin, Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels & More, Home Repair Coalition, Susan Meredith, Resource Conservation Contractors Association and Paul Robbins, Environmental Activist and Consumer Advocate.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on: the indirect costs that are part of the revenue transfer from Austin Energy; the wage levels and benefits provided for all contract and temporary employees within Austin Energy including those employees who are hired through contract service companies.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of March, 2015 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Gallo was absent