



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015**

**The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Friday, March 6, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.**

**Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Council Member's Kitchen and Renteria absent.**

1. Council discussion on economic development matters.

**City Staff – Rodney Gonzales, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department**

**Panel Discussion – Jon Hockenyo, economist and Principal at TXP; Brian Rodgers, ChangeAustin.org; Meg Wilson, Senior Lecturer, Executive Master of Science, Technology Commercialization, IC2, UT Austin; Julie Huls, Austin Technology Council, Nakia Reynoso, Austin Artist and Music Stakeholder**

**Other Voices – Bob Batlan, Austin Interfaith; Ceci Gratia, Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce; Greta Goldsby, Greater Austin Chamber; Patricia Hays, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce; Stacey Duke-Rhone, Big Austin**

**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on current family business loan federal requirements.**

**Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 12:14 p.m.**

**Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 12:51 p.m. Council Member's Kitchen and Renteria absent. Council Member Gallo off the dais.**

2. Council discussion on strategies, including collaborations between City of Austin departments and with other entities, to address cost of living and quality of life in Austin.

**City Staff – Ryan Robinson, demographer for the City of Austin; Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager**

**Panel Discussion – Frances Deviney, Center for Public Policy Priorities; Erica Saenz, Community Advancement Network (CAN); Rev. Daryl Horton, African-American Quality of Life stakeholder; Richard Jung, Asian Quality of Life Stakeholder; Diego Martinez-Moncada, Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Stakeholder**

**Other Voices – Dr. Joyceia banner, Huston-Tillotson University; Teddy McDaniel, Austin Area Urban League; Dan Pruett, low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force; Peach Reynolds, Austenite's for Fair Taxes; Jose Ramirez, Worker's Defense Project**

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 26th day of March, 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 8-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Gallo and Renteria were off the dais.**