

Amendments to the February 26, 2015 Council Draft Minutes

40. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify funding options from the current budget for five full-time equivalent staff positions for the Mayor's Office and \$25,000 for each council office for the purpose of providing enhanced constituent services. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 2: Council Member Sheri Gallo CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
There was a motion made by Mayor Adler and seconded by Council Member Kitchen to approve the resolution with the following amendment.

The amendments were:

"Be it Further Resolved:

The new staff positions will support council committees and major committee initiatives at the request of the committee chair in consultation with the Mayor.

Be it Further Resolved:

That the budgetary authorization by this resolution expires the end of the 2015 fiscal year, and the Audit and Finance Committee is to develop options for staffing the Mayor and Council members to be considered by Council for the 2016 budget cycle.

Be it Further Resolved:

The City Manager is directed to return to Council with an appropriate item for action on the regular council meeting agenda no later than March 12, 2015."

There was an amendment made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Garza to have the resolution read as follows.

"Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of The City of Austin.

The City Manager is directed to identify funding options from the City of Austin FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget for five full-time equivalent employees to be employed within the Office of the City Clerk or the Office of the City Auditor to serve as Committee Coordinators for the Committees of the Austin City Council, the Offices of the Austin City Council Members, and the Office of the Mayor. Additionally, \$25,000 shall be provided to each Council office and the Mayor's Office for the purpose of enhancing constituent services.

The City Manager is further directed upon identification of funding to provide the following structure for the Committee Coordinator positions:

- 1. Coordinator positions will be created from existing city funding sources via reprogrammed full-time equivalent positions and will be terminated upon approval of the 2015-2016 City Budget or by the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Upon termination, those funds and positions will revert back to the originating department.**
- 2. The Department Head of the Department in which the selected employees are employed (henceforth "Department Head") is directed to provide the full council with notification of applicant materials and is directed to perform interviews and selections within the normal scope of City Hiring Process.**
- 3. The Department Head is directed to ensure that no single Coordinator position may receive a salary higher than that of the highest earning employee of the Austin City Council.**

4. The Department Head is directed to, with the advice and consent of the Council, assign one Coordinator per two Council Committees, to serve as Point of Contact for those committees as well as Coordinator of all documents, research, and special projects as assigned by the full body of the committee to which the Coordinator is assigned.
5. The Department Head is directed to establish centrally located offices within walking distance of City Hall or within City Hall that are not directly within the offices of any Council Member nor the Mayor's office, but are readily accessible to all members of the Council and their staffs."

The following amendment by Council Member Tovo was discussed but not formally offered.

"The City Manager is directed to identify funding options from the City of Austin FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget for up to five full-time equivalent employees for the purpose of enhancing constituent services, serving as advisors in areas of specialized knowledge, and coordinating projects initiated by the Council as a whole.

Be it Further Resolved: That the five full-time equivalent employees will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council within the department and offices of the City Auditor.

Be it Further Resolved: Before appropriating any resources for these positions, the Council will review and/or develop a description of the functions, areas of focus, and process for how the staff will interact with the City Council and other city staff.

Be it Further Resolved: The five positions shall be reviewed annually as a part of the budget process, and should the Council as a whole find no compelling need for one or more positions and take affirmative action, that position shall revert back to the department from which it was transferred."

There was an amendment made by Council Member Casar and seconded by Council Member Troxclair to refer the item to committee with the following friendly amendment.

There was a friendly amendment made by Council Member Pool to approve the resolution with the amendments made by Mayor Adler only, but send other proposed amendments to the Audit and Finance Committee. The amendment was not accepted by the maker of the motion.

There was a friendly amendment made by Council Member Zimmerman to bring the resolution back to Council on March 26, 2015. The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Troxclair, who made the second.

Council Member Casar withdrew his amendment to refer this item to committee.

There was a friendly amendment made by Council Member Casar to amend the resolution as follows. The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Kitchen, who made the second.

"Be it Further Resolved:

The new staff positions will support council committees and major committee initiatives at the request of a majority of the committee in consultation with the Mayor.

Be it Further Resolved:

That the budgetary authorization by this resolution expires the end of the 2015 fiscal year, and the Audit and Finance Committee is to develop options for staffing the Mayor and Council members to be considered by Council for the 2016 budget cycle.

Be it Further Resolved:

The City Manager is directed to return to Council with an appropriate item for action on the regular council meeting agenda no later than March 12, 2015.

Be it Further Resolved:

None of the new staff will be paid more than is currently being paid to any City Council or Mayor staff."

There was a friendly amendment made by Council Member Tovo to amend the second "Be it Further Resolved" to read "That any budgetary authorization by this resolution expires the end of the 2015 fiscal year, and the Audit and Finance Committee is to develop options for staffing for the Mayor and Council members to be considered by Council for the 2016 budget cycle." The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Kitchen, who made the second.

There was an amendment made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Garza to refer this item with the amendments and friendly amendments to the Audit and Finance Committee for one month. The amendment passed on a vote of 6-5. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Casar, Garza, Houston, Troxclair and Zimmerman. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Gallo, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria.

50. C14-2014-0011A - Garza Ranch - (District 8) - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 3800 Ben Garza Lane (Williamson Creek Watershed-Barton Springs Zone) from community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning to community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning, with conditions. Planning Commission Recommendation: To forward to Council without a recommendation. Owner/Applicant: Rancho Garza, Ltd. (Ron White). Agent: Cunningham-Allen, Inc. (Jana Rice). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

The public hearing was conducted and there was a motion made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Renteria to close the public hearing and adopt all three readings of the ordinance for community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning, with conditions with a trip limitation of 15,200.

There was a friendly amendment made by Council Member Kitchen move the trip limitation to 10,000 on first reading. The amendment was not accepted by the maker of the motion.

There was an amendment made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Pool to move the trip limitation to 10,000 on first reading.

There was an amendment made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Renteria to approve on first reading with 13,000 adjusted trips. The amendment passed on a vote of 6-5. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler and Council Members Gallo, Houston, Renteria,

