

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. Council Members Gallo and Kitchen were absent.

C. Briefings

- C.1 Staff briefing on the City's Community Engagement Taskforce.
Presentation was made by Doug Matthews, Chief Communication Officer.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the May 7, 2015 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

2. Authorize the negotiation and execution of a three-year membership agreement with the ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE for research programs related to grid-connected battery storage, smart grid technologies, and more efficient transmission, distribution, and generation operations, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
6. Approve an ordinance vacating approximately 4,646 square feet of an unnamed street located between South 1st Street and South 2nd Street (adjacent to 900 South 1st Street); approximately 5,996 square feet of South 2nd Street; and approximately 2,184 square feet of an alley north of Copeland Street, between South 1st Street and South 2nd Street, to 1ST STREET HIGHLANDS, LP, for the appraised value of \$137,838, subject to retaining public utility easements, a waterline easement, relocation of utilities at the developer's expense, and concurrent dedication by plat of new right-of-way (District 9). Related to Item #7.
A request to postpone this item will be made at the May 7, 2015 Council Meeting.
7. Approve an ordinance vacating approximately 8,200 square feet of the unconstructed Christopher Street right-of-way (adjacent to 1000 South 2nd Street) to 1ST STREET HIGHLANDS, LP, for the appraised value of \$35,274, subject to retaining public utility easements, a waterline easement, relocation of utilities at the developer's expense, and concurrent dedication by plat of new right-of-way (District 9). Related to Item #6.
A request to postpone this item will be made at the May 7, 2015 Council Meeting.
22. Approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council committees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members.

23. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-1 relating to the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Don Zimmerman CO 2: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 3: Council Member Ora Houston CO 4: Council Member Gregorio Casar)
26. Approve a resolution related to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2040 Plan. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 4: Council Member Delia Garza)
A request to set this item as a time certain of 4:00 p.m. will be made at the May 7, 2015 Council Meeting.
8. Approve a resolution concerning re-naming the Austin Tennis Center, located at 7800 Johnny Morris Road (District 1).
12. Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to include a partial exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain historically-designated properties in budget calculations for the coming year to provide this resolution to the Austin Independent School District and to prepare an ordinance approving these partial exemptions to be considered by Council concurrently with the annual tax levy.
Direction was given to staff to provide information on the cost burden on the citizen and provide information on the program and requirements for applying for the exemption.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

A. Executive Session

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- A.1 Discuss legal issues related to Open Government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
This item was withdrawn without objection.
- A.2 Discuss legal issues related to legislation pending in the 84th Texas Legislative Session and pertaining to Austin Energy (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
This item was withdrawn without objection.
- A.3 Discuss matters related to large primary and transmission electric customers (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Section 551.086 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 12:12 p.m.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 14th day of May, 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 11-0 vote.