

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**BRIEFINGS**

- C.1 Briefing on implementation steps by the Development Services and Planning and Zoning Departments to improve the delivery of planning and development services.

**Presentation was made by Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager, Rodney Gonzales, Acting Director, Development Services Department and Greg Guernsey, Director, Planning and Zoning Department.**

**The following direction was given to staff to: provide Council a one page document with the goals and performance measures that are proposed by the Department; a copy of the draft scientific survey questions to ensure that the measures meet both the needs of the Department as well as the community; additional information on changes to the process used by neighborhoods to request a neighborhood plan; to include green infrastructure recommendations into the updates to Imagine Austin and CodeNext projects; to include in the “total time from application to completion” for each of the classes; provide a list of the twelve departments that are included in collaboration of the Zucker Report implementation; and consider including measures that evaluate the progress every three months.**

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The Mayor introduced the agenda for the August 6, 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.**

4. Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code relating to the electronic filing of information in campaign finance reports.  
**Direction was provided to staff to leave the current exemption for electronic filing in the City Code.**
5. Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms or (other qualified responders) to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP174: FREESE & NICHOLS, INC.; ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC. dba RPS; LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC.; HDR ENGINEERING, INC.; and BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS, INC., for engineering services for the 2015 Watershed Engineering Flood Hazard Mitigation Rotation List for an estimated period of five years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 divided among the five firms. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in

compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.)

7. Authorize the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method for construction improvements to the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel.  
**Direction was given to staff to include possible fiscal impacts for the related project even when the agenda item does not have a fiscal impact and to include the Council district in the posting language.**
21. Approve a resolution adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan related to the allocation of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds and the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Program; authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications and certifications related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds; and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to carry out the above purposes.  
**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with a definition on "reasonable criminal look-back" period; and to include the history of the property owner when requesting Council approval of future requests.**
22. Approve a resolution consenting to the issuance by Austin Affordable PFC, Inc., an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, of \$20,000,000 in multi-family private activity bonds to finance, in part, a proposed multi-family senior rental development to be known as the Harris Branch Senior, located at 12331 Dessau Road.
23. Approve a resolution supporting an application to be submitted by Pedcor Investments, LLC, or an affiliated entity, for an award of low-income housing tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, for a proposed affordable multi-family development to be called the Heights on Parmer Phase II, located at 1524 East Parmer Lane. Related to Item #72.
24. Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple two tracts of land, totaling approximately 10.099 acres, in Travis County, Texas, located at 11101 and 11105 Zimmerman Lane from Joseph F. Lucas for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (District 6). Related to Item #3.
37. Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Advance Funding Agreement between the City and the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 for intersection improvements to the IH 35 Northbound Frontage Road from 53rd Street to Barbara Jordan Boulevard.
43. Approve a resolution relating to the location of Fun Fun Fun Fest on Auditorium Shores. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 3: Leslie Pool)  
**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the Festival's parking and transportation plan; and provide additional information on the first meeting of the Parkland Event Taskforce.**
55. Approve a resolution addressing the use of a portion of the designated off-leash area of Vic Mathias Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park during the 2015 Fun Fun Fun Fest. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Delia Garza CO 3: Council Member Ellen Troxclair)
44. Approve a resolution relating to the base-wage increase for municipal non-sworn full-time City of Austin employees for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Don Zimmerman CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston CO 2: Council Member Sheri Gallo CO 3: Council Member Ellen Troxclair)

**A request to postpone this item and to include it as part of the Budget meetings may be requested on Thursday, August 6, 2015. Direction was given to staff to provide information on the budget schedule and possible dates to establish Council priorities and to provide information on the impact of health care increases for employees in each of the categories.**

- 45. Approve a resolution regarding the membership of the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Sheri Gallo CO 2: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 3: Council Member Leslie Pool)
- 51. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 3 regarding the regulation of the treatment of elephants. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 3: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 4: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)
- 52. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create and publish a Taxpayer Impact Statement. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 1: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler CO 3: Council Member Sheri Gallo)
- 58. Set a public hearing to consider amendments to City Code Title 25 related to parkland dedication and associated parkland fees. (Suggested date and time: September 17, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX)  
**A request to postpone this item may be requested at the August 6, 2015 Council Meeting.**

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- E.1 Discussion regarding the operating procedures of the city council and of council committees.  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

### **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 a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board for the Travis Central Appraisal District relating to commercial property values set by the Travis Central Appraisal District (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Tovo adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Pool was off the dais, but requested the record show her in support of the item.**