

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Council Member Gallo was absent.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the August 13, 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.

16. Approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by February 20, 2016, of City of Austin Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015, in a par amount not to exceed \$70,755,000 in accordance with the parameters set out in the ordinance, authorizing related documents; and approving related fees.

Direction was given to staff to provide additional information on the interest rates listed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- E.2 Discussion regarding implementation steps by the Development Services and Planning and Zoning Departments to improve the delivery of planning and development services.

Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Acting Director Development Services and Greg Guernsey, Director, Planning and Zoning Department.

Direction was given to staff to: include this item on next Council Work Session agenda for discussion; provide the stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the performance matrix; information on target date for achieving 100% answer rate for Department Call Center; include the additional performance measures used by the department on the matrix; and provide the cost for conducting the qualitative review conducted semi-annually rather than annually.

- E.1 Discussion regarding the operating procedures of the city council and of council committees.
This item was withdrawn.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

2. Approve a resolution initiating code amendments related to short-term rentals. Related to Item #52.

52. Approve a recommendation regarding short-term rentals. Related to Item #2.
Direction was given to provide cost information for enforcement of current code requirements and a cost estimate for enforcing the proposed amendments the short term rental requirements.
19. Approve a resolution consenting to the issuance by Austin Affordable PFC, Inc., an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, of \$25,000,000 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 approximately 12433 Dessau Road.
Direction was given to staff to provide additional information on the existing Management Company used in Harris Branch Phase I including information relating to the questions of safety that were raised.
44. Authorize execution of a contract with ZUCKER SYSTEMS to provide consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this contract.)
50. Set a public hearing to consider the full purpose annexation of the following annexation areas:
- ARR Johnny Morris Road (approximately 145 acres in eastern Travis County approximately three tenths of a mile south of the intersection of Johnny Morris Road and Daffan Lane; contiguous to District 1).
- Bellingham Meadows (approximately 187 acres in eastern Travis County west of Parmer Lane at the intersection of Parmer Lane and Bellingham Drive; contiguous to District 1).
- Blue Goose Road (approximately 28 acres in eastern Travis County east of Blue Goose Road approximately 975 feet northwest of the intersection of US Highway 290 East and Blue Goose Road; contiguous to District 1).
- Cantarra/Howard Subdivision (approximately 323 acres in northeastern Travis County north of Howard Lane approximately 700 feet east of the intersection of Howard Lane and Cantarra Drive and also north and south of Howard Lane immediately west of the intersection of Howard Lane and Cantarra Drive; contiguous to District 1).
- Heritage Oaks at Pearson Ranch (approximately 135 acres in southern Williamson County south of Avery Ranch Boulevard at the intersection of Avery Ranch Boulevard and Pearson Ranch Road; contiguous to District 6).
- Lost Creek Connector Piece (approximately 174 acres in Travis County north of Lost Creek Boulevard approximately 380 feet west of the intersection of Lost Creek Boulevard and Bend of the River Drive, adjacent to the Lost Creek MUD; contiguous to District 8).
- TxDOT/US 183 A Tollway (approximately 87 acres in southern Williamson County north of Avery Ranch Boulevard at the intersection of US 183 A Tollway and Avery Ranch Boulevard; contiguous to District 6).

Old Lampasas Trail (approximately 81 acres in northern Travis County south of Old Lampasas Trail south of the intersection of Old Lampasas Trail and Talleyran Drive; contiguous to Districts 6 & 10).

Vaught Ranch (approximately 9 acres in Travis County south of FM 2222 at the southwest corner of the intersection of FM 2222 and Vaught Ranch Road; contiguous to District 10).

Walnut Creek Area (approximately 134 acres in eastern Travis County west of Sprinkle Cutoff Road approximately 477 feet north of the intersection of Sprinkle Cutoff Road and Samsung Blvd; contiguous to District 1).

(Suggested dates and times: October 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and October 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX).

Direction was given to provide information on the requests for annexation to the Council Member who represents the District the area is located in and what services will be provided and copy the Council Member on any legal notice sent out within their district.

67. Conduct a public hearing and consider an appeal by Michele Rogerson Lynch, representing the owners of Springdale Farms, regarding the Planning Commission's denial of a conditional use permit to grant outdoor entertainment as an additional use to the existing urban farm use (District 3).

A request to postpone this item may be requested at the August 20, 2015 Council Meeting. If a postponement is not approved, Council may decide to limit the amount of testimony.

51. Approve a recommendation by the Health and Human Services Council Committee to identify funding for public health programs aimed at decreasing health inequities.

A request to postpone this item and incorporate the discussion as part of the budget discussions may be requested at the August 20, 2015 Council Meeting.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:22 p.m.

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.

- A.2 Discuss legal issues related to Austin Lifecare, Inc. v City of Austin et al. Cause No. 1:11-CV-875-LY & Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin, et al. v City of Austin et al. Cause NO. 1:11-CV-00876-LY; In the U.S. District Court-Western District of Texas (Austin Division) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

- A.3 Discuss legal issues related to Mercer et al v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. 1:13-cv-00830, in the United States District Court for the Western Division of Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code) (Related to July 26, 2013 officer-involved shooting).

- A.4 Discuss legal issues related to Donald Zimmerman v. City of Austin, Cause No. 1:15-cv-00628, in the United States District Court for the Western Division of Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Pro Tem Tovo called the Council Meeting back to order at 2:20 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of October 2015 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais.