

# **Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting 11 August 2015

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on August 11, 2015 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas

There were technical difficulties with the audio equipment.

Chair Johnson called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

# **Commission Members in Attendance:**

D'Ann Johnson-Chair

Eric Rangel-Vice Chair

Alfred Bingham

Celso Baez III

Mario Champion

Dan Calistrat

Kelly Davis

Chris Hosek

Vicente Mantero

### **Commission Members Absent:**

Jonathon Gins

# **Staff in Attendance:**

Robert Spillar Jim Dale

Gordon Derr

Karla Taylor

Samantha Alexander Joana Perez

# 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 07/14/15 meeting were approved with corrections on item 5A – add the language "to elect Alfred Bingham" after the word motion and replace Chair Gilbert with Executive Staff Liaison Jim Dale as the person who called the meeting to order.

On Commissioner Rangel motion with Commissioner Champion second, and Commissioner Gins absent, the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes:

Johnson, Rangel, Bingham, Baez, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Hosek, Mantero

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Gins

#### 2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Joseph Iley addressed his concerns to the Commissioners regarding bicycle and pedestrian crossing at IH 35 and 4<sup>th</sup> street and that the area is in need of a crosswalk signal. Mr. Iley urges the Urban Transportation Commission to pressure the Austin Transportation Department to install a crosswalk signal. No Action Taken.

#### 3. NEW BUSINES

# A. Mobility 35 Update - Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Robert Spillar, Director for the Austin Transportation Department provided background information on how the project started; how the city invested a few dollars to begin design and development to rebuild IH35 and provided updates on several projects currently underway. Mr. Steve Miller, Program Manager with HNTB provided updates on the program limits; active projects; partners and public integral; a community driven effort; goals; overarching concepts; regional system; planning updates; road map snapshot; program cost and flexible approach; Prop 1 funded IH 35 projects; potential candidate projects Travis County Express Lanes; integrated corridor management and aesthetics. No Action Taken.

# **B.** Quarter Cent Process - Discussion

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department provided the Commissioners with a memo dated August 5, 2015 for the Mobility Project Development regarding Council Resolution No. 20150618-093 that expressed the efforts and process from City Staff regarding funding projects. No Action Taken

# 4. OLD BUSINESS

# A. Urban Transportation Commission Bylaws - Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Deena Estrada, Business Process Specialist with the Office of the City Clerk, discussed the process to amend the Bylaws; universal changes and approvals; and additional Bylaw amendments. There was a motion to approve the language changes as provided from Ms. Estrada. The following articles were voted on:

- > Article 3 Section C
- > Article 3 Section E
- > Article 4 Section B
- > Article 4 Section C
- > Article 7 Section O
- > Article 8 Section A

On Commissioner Rangel motion and Commissioner Champion second with Commissioner Gins absent, the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes:

Johnson, Rangel, Bingham, Baez, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Hosek, Mantero

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Gins

B. Urban Transportation Commission Mission Statement (City Code) – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Deena Estrada, Business Process Specialist with the Office of the City Clerk, discussed the process to amend the Mission Statement that included going before Council to amend the City Code and Ordinance. Staff will review the prior agenda's and provide a bullet list of items the UTC has voted on in the past at the next UTC Meeting.

# 5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **A. Joint Sustainability Committee** Staff has postponed a selection of a representative until September's meeting.
- B. Downtown Commission No update

# C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Sidewalk Master Plan-September
- Bylaws and Mission
- Quarter Cent Funding
- UTC Internal Review
- UTC Org Chart
- Special Events Calendar
- IH 35 Upgrade
- Lightrail Process/Rail Proposal
- Corridor Studies
- Lonestar Rail
- Greenline
- TNC Update
- Cap Metro Budget

# D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 08:40 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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