



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

D.1 Discussion regarding the operating procedures of the city council and of council committees.

BRIEFINGS

B.1 Briefing on Austin Energy Cost of Service Study and Rate Review.

Direction was given to staff to provide additional comparisons; to provide financial policies, Volume II of the Budget to Council; forward the working report on optimal amount of reserves to Council. Summarize the results of the appeal in the settlement.

B.2 Briefing on the Planned Unit Development zoning process.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

D.2 Discussion regarding the Office of Performance Management

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the December 10, 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.

5. Approve a resolution requesting that the Travis Central Appraisal District conduct a 2015 reappraisal of properties affected by the October 2015 floods.

11. Approve an ordinance setting the assessment rate and approving a proposed 2016 assessment roll for the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District. Related to Items #12 and #64.

29. Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Service Agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to increase funding for the HOME grant fund program in the amount of \$1,391,143.52, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$19,868,116.52.

Direction was given to staff to provide backup at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting.

48. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with CREATIVE CONSUMER RESEARCH INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal RMJ0302, for marketing research service studies, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. (Notes: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no goals were established.)

Direction was given to staff to provide backup at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting.

56. Approve an ordinance waiving certain fees and requirements under City Code Chapter 14-8; waiving certain other fees, payments, and requirements; authorizing payment of certain costs by City departments; and waiving or modifying certain requirements of City Code Sections 9-2-36, 9-2-38, 9-2-54, 13-2-336, 14-8-14, and 25-10-158 for the City co-sponsored March 11-21, 2016 South by Southwest conferences and festivals. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria.)

Council member Casar will present amendments at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting.

14. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Emergency Medical Services Department, eliminating and creating certain positions, establishing pay rates and repealing Ordinance No. 20150908-006 relating to Emergency Medical Services Department classifications and positions.

Council member Garza will request this item be referred to the Public Safety Committee at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting. .

76. Approve a resolution relating to expenditure of the Capital Metro ¼ Cent funds.

Direction was given to staff to review the amendment distributed on the dais and provide feedback at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting.

98. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to short-term rental use.

92. Conduct a public hearing and consider on 2nd and 3rd readings an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-1 and Ordinance No. 20070621-027 relating to parkland dedication requirements and associated fees imposed as a condition to development approval.

A request to postpone this item will be requested at the December 17, 2015 Council meeting.

- 75. Approve an ordinance amending the City Code to add new sections relating to the regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), amending City Code Chapter 13-2 relating to taxis, and terminating TNC operating agreements.
- 54. Approve a resolution related to a rule to be proposed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the beneficial reuse of wastewater.
- 77. Approve an ordinance appointing associate and substitute judges to the City of Austin Municipal Court for the 2014-2017 judicial term, and designating a juvenile justice judge.
- 69. Approve a resolution regarding lobbyist reform, including initiating proposed changes to City Code Chapter 4-8 relating to regulation of lobbyists and City Code Chapter 2-7 relating to the duties and functions of the Ethics Review Commission.
- 74. Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 000907-72 by increasing the percentage of tax revenue dedicated to the Housing Trust Fund derived from developments built on formerly-owned City property and committing those funds to various affordable housing purposes.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:29 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.

- E.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).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 1:10 p.m.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of January 2016 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on an 11-0 vote.