

**RESOLUTION NO. 20160211-021**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 20150129-026 amended the City Code by adding a new article to Chapter 2-5 of relating to Council committees, providing duties and procedures for the committees, making conforming amendments to other parts of the Code, and amending parts of article 2 of Chapter 2-5 relating to the Council's agenda and meeting procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Council created new protocol for Council committees to make City government more efficient and transparent; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has established the intent to review the current committee structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Council seeks to reduce time and workload burdens for City staff in carrying out and facilitating Council the committee process; and

**WHEREAS**, Council seeks to improve accessibility and transparency of the committee process for the public; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The purposes of Council committees are:

1. to delegate complex policy discussions to small groups who can more easily explore complicated policy issues or issues in dispute to generate useful policy solutions; and
2. to proactively craft policy on major city-wide issues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

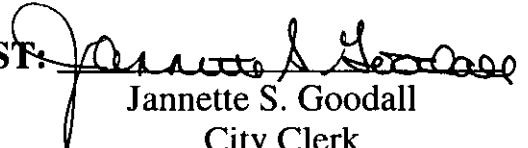
1. Council committees should not be used for postponements; instead requests for postponements should be established at Council work session for future Council Meeting agendas;
2. At their discretion, Council committees may take public comment early in the policy-making process if the committee finds early public input is helpful; and
3. Council does not assume that items from the City Manager should go to Council committee before being placed on a Council agenda; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Council assumes that Items from Council that are placed on the Council agenda with four co-sponsors do not require committee review.

**ADOPTED:** February 11, 2016

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk