



**Economic Opportunity Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
11th May, 2015**

The Economic Opportunity Committee convened in a regular meeting on the 11th day of May in the Austin City Council Chambers at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ellen Troxclair called the committee Meeting to order at 2.10 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Troxclair, Vice Chair Houston and Committee Members Casar and Pool.

Staff in Attendance:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Opportunity Committee meeting of March 23, 2015 was approved on a motion by Houston – Casar seconds on a vote of 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

2. Nicole Perata – Texas Director for Texas Women in Business

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department - Overview of Arts in Public Places Program

4. Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department - Overview of Cultural Arts Program

5. David Colligan, Global Business Recruitment and Enhancement Manager - Overview of Sister Cities

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6. Review and consider a design and commission agreement with Virginia Fleck in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 for artwork for the Women and Children's Shelter Renovations and Expansion Project at 4523 Tannehill Road, Austin, TX (District 1).

Presentation:

4-0 passed favorably, referred to council.

To be posted May 21st as previously recommendation by Council.

7. Briefing and possible action on the initiation of a code amendment to mitigate the effects of smoke emissions from restaurants and mobile food vendors near residentially zoned areas.

Public Testimony

Carter Hobbs

Skeeter Miller, President - Greater Austin Restaurant Association (Owner, County Line)

Hoover Alexander, Owner - Hoovers Restaurant

David King

Richard Franklin

Presentation:

Vincent Delisi, Asst. Division Manager, Health and Human Services Environmental Health

Motion by Vice Chair Houston, seconded by CM Pool, amended by CM Casar, 4-0 passage

Recommendation, as amended, to Council: Not to pursue City-wide ordinance establishing smoke mitigate devices nor city wide nuisance regulations, but rather direct the Code Department in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, to review concerns on a case by case basis.

8. Review and consider a 50-year license agreement with DECKER LAKE GOLF, LLC to provide funding, design, development, management, and maintenance services for a golf course at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park. (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 solicitation. Goals will be established in future construction phases.) (Purchasing)

Public Testimony:

Barbara Metzger

David King

Barbara Scott, Colony Park Neighborhood Association

Jeffrey Schryver

Warren Hayes

Roy Waley

Victor Reed

Dr. Charles Urdy

Presentation:

Kevin Gomillion, Division Manager, Austin Parks Golf Division

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

Motion by Vice Chair Houston, seconded by Pool, 4-0 passage

Recommendation to council: refer proposed changes to the contract language to the full Council for discussion.

Clarification: Committee action does not imply final support of this item but rather support for the changes to the contract regarding revenue structure in the event the Decker Lake Golf Course is approved.

FUTURE ITEMS

9. Presentation on the Economic Development Department Strategic Plan.

10. Presentation on the Minority and Women Owned Business (MBE/WBE) Program's Disparity Study

6. ADJOURN

Chair Ellen Troxclair adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 8th day of June 2015 on Council Member Pool's motion, Houston second on a vote of 4-0.

