

Economic Opportunity Committee MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING 9th of November, 2015

The Economic Opportunity Committee convened in a regular meeting on the 9th of November, 2015 in the Austin City Council Chambers at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ellen Troxclair called the committee Meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Troxclair, Vice Chair Houston, Council Members Casar and Pool

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the Economic Opportunity Committee meeting of October 12th, 2015.

Minutes were approved on Councilmember's Casar's motion and Vice Chair Houston's second on a vote of 4-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens signed up to speak under citizen communication.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion and recommendation regarding nominees to the CodeNEXT Land Development Code Advisory Group.

Council Member Casar motioned to nominate Professor Richard Heyman with Vice Chair Houston's second on a vote of 4-0.

4. Consider and develop a recommendation regarding Fair Chance Hiring Practices concerning the use of conviction history in hiring and fair chance hiring practices by private employers in the City of Austin.

Council Member Casar motioned to instruct staff to draft the Fair Chance Hiring Practices Ordinance for Council excluding the requirement for DPS records and follow the records retention for those employers larger than ten employees with Vice Chair Houston's second on a vote of 3-1 with Chair Troxclair voting against.

5. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding continuing the City of Austin's partnership with the Local Economies Council and the Austin Independent Business Alliance to host the annual Local Business Conference.

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First motion - Council Member Casar motioned to strike the \$40K amount from the Resolution with Council Member Pool's second on a vote of 3-0 with Chair Troxclair abstaining.

Second motion – Vice Chair Houston moved to bring the Resolution to Council by the end of January, 2016 with Council Member Pool's second on a vote of 4-0.

6. Discussion and recommendation for the disposition of \$2,411,249.01 in fee revenue from White Lodging Service Corporation.

No action was taken.

BRIEFING

7. Briefing by the Economic Development Department to provide an overview of the Freescale Enterprise Zone Project.

No action was taken.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Ellen Troxclair adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m. without objection

The Minutes were approved on this 14th day of December 2015 on Councilmember's Casar's motion and Vice Chair Houston's second on a vote of 4-0.