



# TFCE Recommendations & Updates

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## Website Redesign



- **Started with Intranet as pilot for new approach, design**
  - Alpha for Intranet (CitySpace) scheduled for release this month
- **Currently building team for redesign project in partnership with CTM and Innovation Fellows**
  - Plan to formally initiate project on completion of CitySpace alpha
- **Working to move Web from project to program**
  - BNS submitted for ranking and funding in FY18



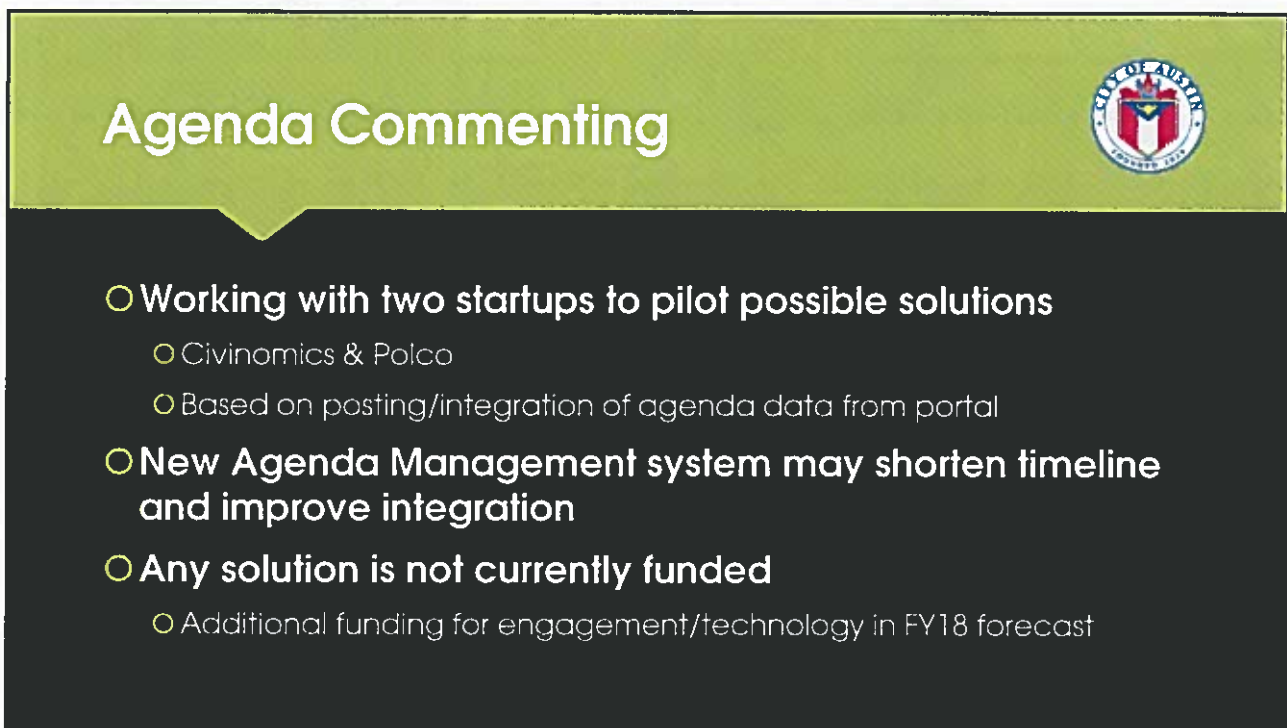
The screenshot shows the top of a website. At the top left is a circular logo with a shield and the words 'CITY OF USTUN'. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with links: Progress, Pilot, Vote, Get Involved, User Research, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a large blue banner with a city skyline in the background. The banner contains the text 'Intranet Pilot Site' in large white letters, followed by a smaller line of text: 'Create an Intranet that is universally accessible, simple to use, beautifully designed, and makes it easier for City employees to do the amazing work they do.' Below the banner is a dark grey section with a white downward-pointing arrow. This section contains the text 'Intranet (CitySpace) Pilot' in yellow, followed by 'Alpha content currently being migrated for launch.' in white.

**Intranet Pilot Site**

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**Intranet (CitySpace) Pilot**

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The screenshot shows a section with a green header and a dark grey body. The header contains the text 'Agenda Commenting' in white and a circular logo with a shield and the words 'CITY OF USTUN' on the right. The body contains a list of bullet points, each starting with a yellow circle. The first bullet point is 'Working with two startups to pilot possible solutions', which has two sub-bullets: 'Civinomics & Polco' and 'Based on posting/integration of agenda data from portal'. The second bullet point is 'New Agenda Management system may shorten timeline and improve integration'. The third bullet point is 'Any solution is not currently funded', which has one sub-bullet: 'Additional funding for engagement/technology in FY18 forecast'.

**Agenda Commenting**

- Working with two startups to pilot possible solutions
  - Civinomics & Polco
  - Based on posting/integration of agenda data from portal
- New Agenda Management system may shorten timeline and improve integration
- Any solution is not currently funded
  - Additional funding for engagement/technology in FY18 forecast


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[+ Update](#) Policy added: 01/10/2017 Published

**Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with...** [READ MORE](#)

0.0% YES 0.0% NO

[ADD OUTCOME](#)  
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 **Manager**  
Austin

0 votes  
0 opinions  
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**Polco**  
Potential user test in February.



    [Create](#) 

**Austin City Council**

**December 15, 2016**

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#	Item Description	Votes	Comments	Yes : No	Status
1	Approve the minutes of the Austin City Council work session meeting of November 29, 2016, regular meeting of December 1, 2016 and special called meeting of December 6, 2016 and regular meeting of ... <a href="#">more</a>	0	0	0 : 0	<a href="#">OPEN</a>
2	Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following 10 staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications	0	0	0 : 0	<a href="#">OPEN</a>

**Civinomics**  
Initial user test in December, second test soon.



## Reporting & Feedback



### ○ Identified as a top priority for CPIO

- Limitations on practitioners actively managing digital engagement and posting of feedback data

### ○ Implementing on a limited scale, based on resources

- Spirit of East Austin feedback data
- Asian-American Quality of Life feedback data

### ○ Proposed FTE funding in FY17, not included in budget

- CPIO is resubmitting FTE for consideration in FY18 forecast

### Spirit of East Austin Comments Neighborhood

View Data Download API Share

During the Sept. 12, 2015 Spirit of East Austin launch event, participants were asked: What community resources do we have? What community resources are we missing? What's one thing you could have to improve the quality of life? What's one thing I can do to make a difference? These are their captured responses

Updated  
April 12, 2016

#### About this Dataset

Updated  
**April 12, 2016**

#### Additional Information

Data Last Updated  
April 12, 2016

Metadata Last Updated  
April 12, 2016

Frequency

Department

As Needed

Public Information Office

## Spirit of East Austin Comments

849 views/163 downloads

## Improved Engagement Portal



### ○ Granicus/SpeakUp remains in flux

- Lack of support remains an issue
- Change in CEO in 2014, merger with GovDelivery in 2016 (and new CEO)

### ○ Piloting alternative technologies

- Innovation Office pilot (Insights), SoEA pilot (CityZen)
- Solution may be a suite of alternatives based on business need

### ○ Funding remains a challenge

- Currently only \$7K budgeted, new tools \$30K+
- Resubmitting request for \$32K in FY18 budget forecast

## speakupaustin! The City of Austin's community engagement portal



### What's This All About?

SpeakUpAustin is making it easier for the public to communicate feedback and receive information. SpeakUpAustin is a way for you to find out about ongoing **Projects**, join in on topical **Discussions**, create/share/vote on citizen-generated **Ideas**, and connect with others that share your interests. You can also take **Surveys** that will help us, as a community, shape the future of how we work. The more public input we receive the better SpeakUpAustin can become.

### How can we improve the City of Austin?

Enter your idea here...

Submit

See More Ideas

Idea: Create a hospitality tax that gives every visitor to Austin access to pu...

### SpeakUp Austin

Current solution, co-created with local startup.  
Costs kept low due to role in creation.

### East Austin as an Applied Research Hub



Create an Applied Research Hub in East Austin, by bringing together employers ("scientific industry cluster"), Dell Medical School, University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson University, and

### Community Saturday School



Saturday schools that have dual-generational curriculum will focus on strengthening cultural identity and improving academic and career success. Possible subjects include language arts, civil rights history, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM); life skills; college and career preparations. Potential partners and hosts include Huston-Tillotson University, Mexican American Community Center, Austin Justice Coalition, and the Asian American

## CityZen

SoEA pilot. Robust social integration, polling and reporting functions. Moderate cost.

**AUSTIN RECYCLES**  
COMMUNITY INSIGHT ZONE OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

**WELCOME**

**BOB GEDERT**  
DIRECTOR, AUSTIN RESOURCE RECOVERY

Welcome, this is where you can share your insights to help Austin recycle more.

**PROJECTS**

**HELP US INCREASE AUSTIN'S RECYCLING**

The City of Austin is always looking for ways to take better care of our environment. We have set a goal of cutting the waste we send to the landfill by 50 percent within the next year. Our current efforts have plateaued around 40 percent for several years.

**JUMP IN**

**LOGIN**

Register with your email address:

example@example.com

Register or sign in with...

SIGN IN WITH TWITTER

I accept the terms of use

## Insights

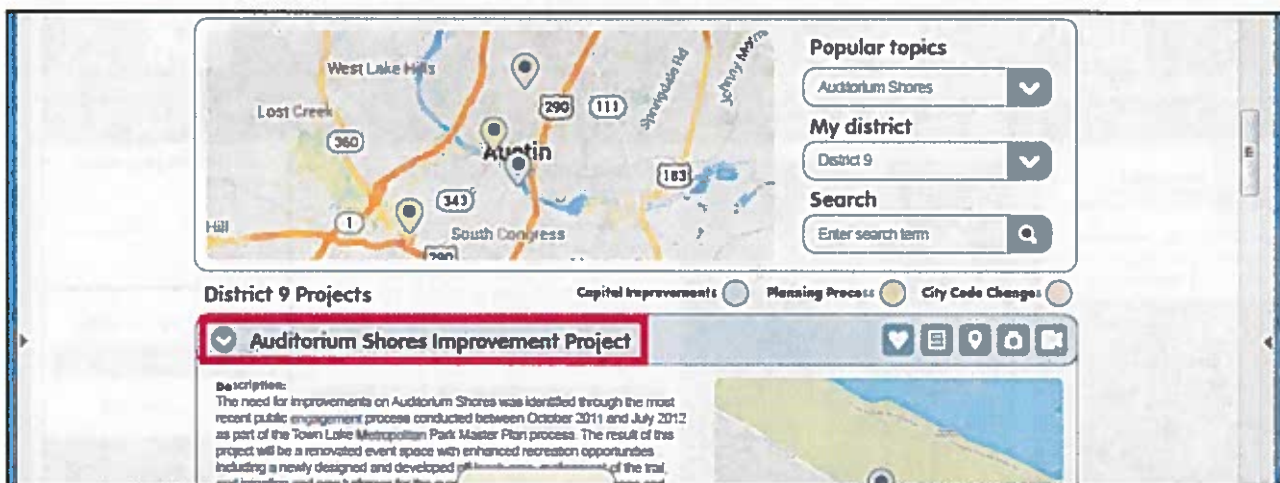
ARR pilot. Engagement based on a single, discrete question. Option for professional analysis. High cost.



## Online Tracking of Policies



- **Requires consistent application of process through Council, Committees and Boards**
  - This has been the core challenge. May be addressed with new Agenda Management system.
- **Working on pilot with bond implementation/project tracking**
  - Relates back to project proposed by AFI Academy in 2014
  - Technology may support implementation in 2017



### Pipeline Concept

Sortable status updates on projects by district, category or project name



## FY17 and Moving Forward



- Web redesign project is underway
- Continue evaluating, testing supportive technology
- Aggressively pursue funding to support activities
  - FTE to support engagement technology and reporting
  - Supplemental funding for online engagement
  - Program-level support for sustainable Web development

Questions?

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