



**Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
14 February 2017**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 14, 2017 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Johnson called the commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

D'Ann Johnson – Chair
Dan Calistrat
Mario Champion
Kelly Davis
Jonathon Gins

Chris Hosek
Beverly Silas
Cynthia Weatherby
Michael Wilfley

Commission Members Absent:

Eric Rangel – Vice Chair

Celso Baez

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale
Emily Smith

Jen Samp

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of January 10, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Silas motion, Commissioner Calistrat second on an 8-0-1 vote with Commissioner Weatherby abstaining, and Commissioners Rangel and Baez absent.

Ayes: Johnson, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Gins, Hosek, Silas, Wilfley
Nays: None
Abstain: Weatherby
Absent: Rangel, Baez

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Pinaki Ghosh
- Scott Johnson

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Multiple alley and street rights-of-way vacation applications submitted by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System: File # 9684-1605 Street and Alley Vacation, File #9760-1610 Alley Vacation, and File #9761-1610 Street and Alley Vacation – Discussion and Possible Action

Kim Vasquez, Office of Real Estate Services briefed the UTC on the multiple alley and street rights-of-way vacation applications.

City staff submitted draft recommendation language for commission approval as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends approval of the applications of the multiple alley and street rights of way vacation.”

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Hosek second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Rangel and Baez absent.

Ayes: Johnson, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Gins, Hosek, Silas, Weatherby, Wilfley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rangel, Baez

B. Transportation Network Companies Update – Briefing

Lee Davila, Austin Transportation briefed the UTC on developments related to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and efforts by the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) in enforcing City Code.

C. Ground Transportation Regulatory Reform – Discussion and Possible Action

Lee Davila, Austin Transportation briefed the UTC on stakeholder outreach and draft recommendations regarding City Code Chapter 13-2.

The following motion was adopted after debate and amendment on Commissioner Silas motion, Commissioner Gins second on a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Calistrat opposed, Commissioner Hosek off of the dais, and Commissioners Rangel and Baez absent:

“That we not approve the proposed recommendations that have been presented to us, and that we ask staff to come back with a regulatory reform document that specifically addresses making the requirements equitable among the various services and includes language relative to taxis.”

Ayes: Johnson, Champion, Davis, Gins, Silas, Weatherby, Wilfley
Nays: Calistrat
Abstain: None
Absent: Rangel, Baez, Hosek

D. CodeNEXT Draft Land Development Code and CodeNEXT Advisory Group (CAG) Boards and Commissions Forum – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Davis was selected to represent the UTC at a CodeNEXT Advisory Group (CAG) Boards and Commissions Forum on Saturday March 4, 2017 on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Silas second, on an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Hosek off of the dais and Commissioners Rangel and Baez absent:

Ayes: Johnson, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Gins, Silas, Weatherby, Wilfley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rangel, Baez, Hosek

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Ayes: Johnson, Calistrat, Champion, Davis, Gins, Silas, Weatherby, Wilfley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rangel, Baez, Hosek

E. UTC Appointee to Downtown Commission – Discussion and Possible Action

No action taken.

4. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Downtown Commission** – Commissioner Gins gave the update. On February 15 the Downtown Commission will discuss parking meter hours.
- B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – Commissioner Davis gave the update. On January 25, 2017 the Joint Sustainability Committee passed a recommendation regarding electric vehicle and renewable energy goals.
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In January, the BAC discussed design and placement of bike racks. In February, the BAC will discuss the Austin ISD (AISD) Facility Master Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan implementation Framework.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In January, the PAC received briefings on the Americans with Disabilities Program, procedures for establishing speed zones, and Capital Metro Project Connect. In March, the PAC will discuss the Travis County Transportation Plan and receive a briefing on Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Operations from ATD’s Arterial Management Division.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by staff and/or commissioners which may be placed on a future UTC agenda. These items will not be discussed by the commission as part of this current agenda.

- A.** Proposal for an E. MLK Hike and Bike Trail (Gins and Hosek)
- B.** Amendments to City Hands-Free Driving Ordinance (Hosek and Champion)
- C.** Capital Metro Project Connect (Weatherby)
- D.** Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (Weatherby)
- E.** Special Events Draft Ordinance
- F.** Pedestrian Mall
- G.** Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Route Designation Study
- H.** North Toll Road 130
- I.** Prop 7 TXDOT
- J.** Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- K.** Personal Rapid Transit

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m. without objection.