

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**BRIEFINGS**

- B1. Briefing on the Redevelopment process of City-owned Land.  
Presentation was made by Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Lauraine Rizer, Real Estate Officer; and Christine Maguire, Manager, Economic Development Department.

Direction was given to staff to provide a list of uses being considered; establish a method and criteria that would allow a proposal for use of the land to align with the Council Strategic Outcomes; the criteria used to identify the sites selected or not selected; different scenarios of options for the properties including selling the property or using the property to meet Council goals such as affordable housing; details on the percentage of affordable housing included in the BAM South – Brooklyn Cultural District project; clarification on what is coming back to Council in June; status on the creation of the strategic facilities governance team; and options for considering the Bolm Road property as a possible creative space use.

- B2. Briefing on the Gentrification and Displacement Study and Mapping Initiative  
Presentation was made by Joe Pantalion, Interim Assistant City Manager; Mandy DeMayo, Community Development Administrator, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development; Heather Way, Clinical Professor and Director of Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, University of Texas; and Jake Wegmann, Assistant Professor, Community and Regional Planning, School of Architecture, University of Texas.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council the electronic version of the maps for easier viewing; a list of any tracts that were excluded from the study; options for addressing issues that prevent property being passed down in a family resulting in the loss of wealth for low income residents; recommendations on what Council should and should not do; information on the effects of gentrification and displacement on the middle class families and options for addressing the loss of middle class families; options for surveying families that have left Austin and what could have been done to prevent it; a profile of individuals who are being threatened by continued gentrification; identify City policies that either help or hurt areas

**threatened by gentrification; any analysis or studies on the impact of low wages on gentrification; and the list of all policies being reviewed.**

- B3. Briefing and discussion related to the implementation of CodeNEXT and to CodeNEXT proposed regulations.

**Withdrawn without objection.**

### **COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Mayor Pro Tem Tovo introduced the agenda for the March 8, 2018 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.**

4. Adopt the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 Plan, which concerns strategic outcomes related to economic opportunity and affordability, mobility, safety, health and environment, culture and lifelong learning, and government that works for all.
10. Approve a resolution relating to the distribution of affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income households. Council Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, Council Member Ora Houston, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Ann Kitchen.  
**Direction was given to staff to prepare an executive session discussion for the March 8 Council Meeting.**
13. Approve an ordinance waiving or reimbursing certain fees under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the March for Our Lives Event sponsored by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America to be held Saturday, March 24, 2018. Council Sponsors: Council Member Leslie Pool, Mayor Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, Council Member Alison Alter.
35. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the rates charged to Austin Water's retail customers for water and wastewater services (Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 20170913-002) and amending Austin Water's 2017-2018 Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to account for the corresponding reduction in revenue.

**Mayor Pro Tem Tovo recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:00 noon.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.**

- E1. Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Withdrawn without objection.**
- E2. Discuss legal issues related to the Office of the City Auditor's Audit Report entitled Homelessness Assistance Audit Series: City Policies Related to Homelessness (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

- E3. Discuss legal issues related to Casaday v. City of Austin, et al, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-000923 in the 459th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- E4. Discuss personnel issues related to the appointment of judges to the City of Austin Municipal Court (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

**Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2018 on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Houston's second on an 11-0 vote.**