



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Wednesday, December 12, 2018
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

Call Meeting to Order at 2:05 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Ora Houston, Chair*
2. *Council Member Kathie Tovo, Mayor Pro Tem*
3. *Council Member Ann Kitchen*

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes

Motion and seconded to approve the minutes from the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting on August 8, 2018. The motion carries 3-0.

Citizen Communication: General

2. **Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed two minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda (limit of 10 speakers).**

None.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. Creation of an advisory body to discuss public health issues.

Jannette Goodall, Austin City Clerk, presented options for creating an advisory body to discuss public health issues. Council Member Houston motioned to move forward with a permanent advisory decision making body that will meet quarterly except when special meetings are called, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo seconded. Committee suggested staff draft an ordinance with helpful criteria for nominating members. Jannette Goodall suggested she and Austin Public Health Director, Stephanie Hayden work with the Law Department to draft an ordinance. The rough draft ordinance will be reviewed and edited as needed by this Committee prior to bringing to full Council for voting. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Proposed 2019 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting schedule.

Committee was offered 2 different schedule options, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo offered a third option which was similar to option 2 but excluded the August 14 meeting. She also suggested shortening meetings from 2 hours to 1.5 hours. Third option carries 3-0.

Briefing

5. Current work and use of City funding related to the Sickle Cell Association of Texas Marc Thomas Foundation.

Linda Thomas Wade, President and CEO of the Sickle Cell Association of Texas, the Marc Thomas Foundation, presented, along with other association staff, on the work they are



doing locally. The association requested continued City support and consideration of additional funding from the City for the association's ongoing work in the local community.

Future Items

6. Discussion of future agenda items.

Vacancy on the Central Health Board of Managers and a special called meeting on December 19 to make an appointment for the Joint Sustainability Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo suggested updates on opioids in the community and the ARCH contract be discussed at future meetings. Council Member Kitchen suggested the ARCH update for the first upcoming meeting scheduled on February 13, 2019.

Adjourned at 2:58 pm