

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special called meeting on Friday, September 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

1. Discuss and take possible action on an ordinance related to City Code Sections 9-4-11 (Camping in Public Area Prohibited) and 9-4-14 (Obstruction in the Downtown Austin Community Court Area Prohibited); and creating an offense. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool.
A motion was made to approve the ordinance labeled "Casar Alternatives" by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and seconded by Council Member Casar.

A motion to postpone the item indefinitely was approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Flannigan voted nay. Council Member Alter was off the dais.

Direction was given to staff to schedule a work session on homelessness for the week of October 10 if possible; to provide information on which areas Austin Police Department would like clarity on for enforcement; cost estimates for the recommendations received from the Downtown Austin Community Court; and information or options for addressing the encampments along the over/under passes.

2. Approve a resolution related to camping and other related issues frequently faced by people experiencing homelessness in the City of Austin. Council Sponsors: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool.
Public comment was taken but no action was taken on the resolution.

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encampments along the over/under passes; and further consideration related to the use of the Health South property as a potential, temporary shelter.

3. Discuss and take possible action on an ordinance related to City Code Sections 9-4-11 (Camping in Public Area Prohibited) and 9-4-14 (Obstruction in the Downtown Austin Community Court Area Prohibited); and creating an offense. Council Sponsors: Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza.

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A motion to postpone the item indefinitely was approved on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Council Member Renteria’s second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Flannigan voted nay. Council Member Alter was off the dais.

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4. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to assess additional opportunities and make recommendations for immediate and short-term actions to engage and assist individuals experiencing homelessness. Council Sponsors: Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza.

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Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 3rd day of October 2019 on Mayor Pro Tem Garza’s motion, Council Member Ellis’ second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Harper-Madison was absent.