

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the October 15, 2019 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.

D1. Discussion regarding homelessness issues.

The presentation was made by Rodney Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Lori Pampilo Harris, Homeless Strategy Officer; Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development; Ken Snipes, Director, Austin Resource Recovery; Keith Reeves, Acting Deputy Director, Public Information Office; and Brian Manley, Police Chief.

Direction was given to staff that regarding reporting, and as staff begin to report council, is to help Council understand what challenges and limitations staff may be facing in terms of resources.

Direction was given to staff that prior to Thursday's Council meeting, to have staff's recommendation on whether Council should put in something that talks about structures. Should we be limiting structure materials so that things can be moved so that it's easy to clean an area? Should we be talking about the height of structures? Should we be talking about width or volume of structures? Recognizing that they have to have something that's consistent with policy. To add to the web page "what not to do" and how to better assist those experiencing homelessness.

**PRE SELECTED AGENDA ITEMS**

29. 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 offenses. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool.

30. 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.
32. 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, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Gregorio Casar.
24. Approve a resolution requesting the Board of Directors of Austin Convention Enterprises, Inc. to consider a resolution concerning employee organizing at the Austin Hilton Hotel, directing that Board to present agreements for the operation of the hotel to the Council for approval, and establishing the City's policy to approve operating agreements for the hotel only if such agreements protect the City from the effects of labor disputes by requiring a labor peace agreement. Council Sponsors: Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Ann Kitchen.
10. Approve an ordinance setting the council meeting schedule for calendar year 2020 and setting the budget and tax rate hearings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Suggested dates: July 23, 2020, July 30, 2020, and September 12, 2020) .
8. Authorize negotiation and execution of a management agreement with the South Congress Improvement Association for management of public services funded by the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District for a period of five years in an amount not to exceed \$504,282 per year. Related to Item #37. District(s) Affected: District 9.
37. Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution re-authorizing the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District. Related to item #8. District(s) Affected: District 9.
28. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to make recommendations on possible amendments to the Universal Recycling Ordinance to include organic waste collection of commercial and multifamily properties. Council Sponsors: Council Member Paige Ellis, Mayor Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool.
33. Approve a resolution establishing Let Texas Vote Day to encourage civic engagement, amending the City's Personnel Policies to designate Let Texas Vote Day as a City holiday each year beginning in 2020 and expanding administrative leave for the purpose of voting, and adding voting rights priorities to the City's state and federal legislative agendas. Council Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Gregorio Casar.

**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**

- E2.** Discuss matters related to Austin Energy generation resources (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Section 551.086 of the Government Code).

**Withdrawn**

- E3.** Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in the real property commonly known as the HealthSouth Property, located at 1215 Red River St. in Austin, Texas 78701 (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Government Code).

**Conducted**

- E4.** Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in the real property commonly known as the Palm School, located at 100 North IH-35 in Austin, Texas 78701 (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Government Code).

**Conducted**

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019 on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Garza was off the dias.**