



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Wednesday, October 9, 2019
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Chair
2. Council Member Delia Garza, Mayor Pro Tem
3. Council Member Ann Kitchen
4. Council Member Kathy Tovo

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes

Motion by Council Member Garza to approve the minutes from the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting for the regular meeting on June 12, 2019. Seconded by Council Member Tovo. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Approved on a 4-0 vote.

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).

Pat Valls-Trelles – spoke for herself and on behalf of Yolanda Rodriguez Pacheco, Assistant Principal at Mendez Middle School. Ms. Valls-Trelles distributed a letter to committee members, written by AP Pacheco regarding an issue of loose dogs that were picked up at the middle school by animal control. Ms. Valls-Trelles also spoke regarding item 25 on the October 1, 2019 Council agenda. Ms. Valls-Trelles would like to see it amended to include performance measures regarding reporting by animals shelters.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. Discussion and possible action on the reappointment of members to the Central Health Board of Managers.

Council Member Harper-Madison instructed the Clerk's office to automatically conduct an open call for applicants for future vacancies. Member Maram Museitif addressed the Committee and expressed her interest in reappointment. This item was taken up for discussion during Executive Session.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations for an appointment of members to the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors.

This item was taken up during Executive Session.



Briefings

5. Caritas of Austin update on the collaboration to prevent and end homelessness, known as the Best Single Source Plus.

Jo Kathryn Quinn, Caritas CEO and staff gave the Best Single Source Plus presentation on homelessness prevention to the Committee. Ms. Quinn and her staff provided an overview on the program and the partnerships for this program.

6. Resolution 20181018-041, Adult Day Centers briefing from Dr. Angel University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs.

Dr. Angel gave the Committee an update on her staffs work with Austin Public Health and other partners regarding resolution 41.

Executive Session

7. Discuss the selection of members to recommend for appointment to the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors. (Personnel matters – Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

Mayor Pro Tem Garza motioned to schedule four candidates for interviews to fill the current vacancy for the Sobering Center. Candidates are: Jessica Palvino, Carl Haunter, James Burn and Shannon Fofform. Seconded by Council Member Kitchen. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Approved on a 4-0 vote.

8. Discuss the reappointment of members to the Central Health Board of Members. (Personnel matters – Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

The Committee went into Executive session at 3:01 p.m. and returned to the dais from Executive session at 3:33 p.m. Council Member Tovo motioned to recommend the reappointment of Member Museitif; Mayor Pro Tem Gaza seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Approved on a 4-0 vote.

Future Items

9. Discussion of future agenda items.

Council Member Kitchen suggested a future briefing on e-cigarettes and vaping. Mayor Pro Tem Garza suggested a presentation on life expectancy.

Adjourned at 3:38 pm

These minutes were approved at the December 11, 2019 Health and Human Services Committee meeting on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Tovo's second on a 4-0 vote.