



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

B1. Update regarding homelessness issues.

Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager, Matt Mollica, ECHO, Susan McDowell, CEO Life Works.

Direction was given to staff to provide opportunity to the Council to tour facilities prior to committing to the purchase; to locate potential facilities in all districts; for staff to provide better communication with council regarding real estate matters.

Direction was given to staff to provide a cost analysis on operations, maintenance, and renovations; and for the City Manager to provide what the plans are for identifying funds, what pool of funds have been identified if the identified funds do not progress at the needed rate. Is there a plan to bring in city funding, and if so where is that coming from and assure that there would be no other services displaced at any time. Staff was asked to share information regarding Council v. Policy processes based on commercial property markets.

Direction was given to staff to include existing organizations are fully funded and to be clear and transparent on how funding is spent with regard to purchasing real estate and funding existing facilities.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the November 14, 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.

20. Approve a resolution updating the City of Austin's Public Improvement District Policy.

A request to postpone this item will be made on Thursday, December 5, 2019

21. Approve negotiation and execution of an automatic aid agreement with Travis County Emergency Service Districts (ESDs), Williamson County ESDs, and the cities of Leander, Cedar Park, Round Rock, and Georgetown to provide services that are mutually beneficial to the fire service agencies and residents in their respective jurisdictions, for an initial term of one year with up to nine additional one-year terms.
2. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 4-14 (Registration of Rental Property) to modify rental registration periods under certain circumstances.

A request to postpone indefinitely will be made on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

66. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to hire an independent investigator; undertake a comprehensive investigation and evaluation of the Austin Police Department for racism and other discriminatory attitudes, training, protocols, or procedures; and delay the start of new cadet classes. Council Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria.
67. Approve a resolution casting Council's votes in the Williamson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors election. Council Sponsors: Mayor Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Jimmy Flannigan.
84. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance for the full purpose annexation of approximately 68 acres located in Travis County, at 6507 McKinney Falls Parkway, southeast of the intersection of McKinney Falls Parkway and Dee Gabriel Collins Road. The property is currently in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and is adjacent to Austin Council District #2.

A request to postpone will be made on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

27. Approve the renaming of Dove Springs Recreation Center, located at 5801 Ainez Dr., to the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center. District(s) Affected: District 2.

A time certain of 6:30 will be requested on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

46. Authorize award of a contract with Techline Inc., to provide steel utility poles, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 1:25 p.m.

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

Executive Session ended and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

BRIEFINGS

- B2.** Land Development Code revision discussion.
Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager, Annick Beaudet, Transportation, Brent Lloyd, DSD, Alex Steinberger, Cascadia Partners, Marya Crigler Chief Appraiser.

Property Taxes

Direction was given to staff to return and speak about the change in valuation.

Housing Capacity

Direction was given to staff, with regard to capacity, that since there is not a factor that exists that staff can look at and therefore based their analysis on previous trends; to provide that information to Mayor and Council. To provide what the current Land Development Code has as theoretical entitlements compared to the actual housing being seen occurring in Austin.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of January 2020 on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Adler was absent.