



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

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

BRIEFINGS

- B1. Update on Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

The presentation was made by Mark Escott, Medical Director and Stephanie Hayden, Austin Public Health Director

Direction was given to staff to include Senior Facility groups in existing communication system; to discuss activities the city could do for waving work fees at a future work session; to create a one stop shop where all information can be accesses.

- B2. Update regarding homelessness issues.

The presentation was made by Chris Shorter, Assistant City Manager, Andy Hofmeister, EMS Assistant Chief, Patricia Barrera, Business Process Consultant Sr., EMS, Vella Karmen, Interim Homelessness Officer, Rosie Truelove, Neighborhood Housing, Ken Snipes, Austin Resource Recovery

Direction was given to staff to better market the resources the City offers, like HOST, to raise greater awareness in the community, so that in turn there is greater community support. For staff to provide a date on extending the downtown area.

- B3. Briefing on the City's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

Presentation was made by Edward Campos, Interim Director, SMBR, Collette Holt, Holt & Associates.

Direction was given to staff that as the budget process begins, to look to enhance enterprise programs.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the March 12, 2020 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.

16. Approve an ordinance waiving requirements of City Code Chapter 14-3 and authorizing negotiation and execution of all documents necessary or desirable to provide relocation assistance and authorize the payment of relocation funds to the tenants located at 2711 South Interstate Highway 35 in an amount not to exceed \$320,000. District(s) Affected: District 3.
21. Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness, adding one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and one additional 12-month extension for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,920,804.
24. Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Movability, Inc., to develop and administer a transit pass incentives program, for an increase in the amount of \$100,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$550,000. (Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this contract there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).
35. Approve negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to purchase transit passes in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for use in a pilot program to increase transit ridership.
Direction was given to provide information on the two separate goals - subsidizing and getting choice riders. To build into the program an approach that ensures that staff are reaching out to smaller companies, to companies that have lower wage workers, and that the information is measured.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:33 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).
Withdrawn
- E2. Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the City Clerk (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn

- E3. Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the City Auditor (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

Withdrawn

- E4. Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the Municipal Court Clerk (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

Withdrawn

- E5. Discuss legal issues related to the gas rate increase request filed by Texas Gas Service Company being considered by the City Council and the Texas Railroad Commission in GUD Docket No. 10928 (Private consultation with legal counsel-Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Conducted

- E6. Discuss real estate and legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in real property and improvement for the Austin Convention Center (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Government Code and Consultation with Attorney - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Conducted

- E7. Discuss legal issues related to the City's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program, Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, and procurement laws and requirements (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Conducted

- E8. Discuss legal issues related to requirements to fill a possible vacancy in the position of an elected official (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Conducted

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED

4. Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with M.A. Smith Contracting Company, Inc., for the Rutherford Lane Campus Parking Lot Improvements project in the amount of \$1,899,463.00, plus an \$189,946.30 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,089,409.30. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 8.32% MBE and 1.05% WBE participation.]. District(s) Affected: District 1.

A request to postpone will be made at the Thursday, March 12, 2020 meeting.

41. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with parks nonprofit partners to create opportunities for partnership agreements that benefit the community, and to outline roles and responsibilities between those groups and the Parks and Recreation Department. Council

Sponsors: Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Kathie Tovo.

42. Approve a resolution relating to individuals experiencing homelessness, permanent supportive housing programs, and rapid rehousing programs. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria, Council Member Kathie Tovo.
70. C14-2019-0155 - 4011 Convict Hill Rezoning - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 4011 Convict Hill Road (Williamson Creek Watershed-Barton Springs Zone). Applicant's Request: To rezone single family residence-standard lot (SF-2) district zoning to townhouse and condominium residence (SF-6) district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant urban family residence (SF-5) district zoning, with conditions. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant townhouse and condominium residence-conditional overlay (SF-6-CO) combining district zoning, with conditions. Owner: Devch, LP (Rick C. Anderson). Agent: LOC Consultants (Sergio Lozano, P.E.). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719. District(s) Affected: District 8.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 9th day of April 2020 on Council Member Harper-Madison's motion, Council Member Alter's second on an 11-0 vote.