



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, via. Videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

BRIEFINGS:

- B1. Briefing on Covid-19 related matters, including a report on nursing homes.**
Presentation was made by Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health Department, Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Medical Director and Stacey Chang, Executive Director, Design Institute for Health, Dell Medical School, University of Texas

Direction was given to staff to ask for clarification from the Attorney General regarding the release of data relating to nursing facilities; provide clarification to the public on the need adhere to social distance rules with our extended family members; provide a chart for contact tracing and impact of increasing the amount of contact tracing; provide information on the number of cases involving day care centers.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE JULY 29, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

29. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to decrease the transfer out of \$5,000,000 to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund; and appropriating \$5,000,000 to increase expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Fire Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) for additional funds to cover personnel expenditures; and amending the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) decreasing the transfer in of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund Operating Budget.
43. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care to provide staff to assist the Austin Police Department with handling 9-1-1 calls for mental health emergencies.

49. Approve ratification of an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the ImpACT Program to provide permanent supportive housing to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and are the highest utilizers of crisis services in an amount not to exceed \$110,079 for the term July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.
59. Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Overdrive Inc., for continued digital content materials and services that would increase the contract amount by \$10,710,000 and extend the term by three years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$16,020,201. (Note: This amendment was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this contract there were no subcontracting opportunities identified; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

The Mayor recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:01 a.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 without objection.
- E2. Discuss legal issues related to the November 2020 election (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn without objection.
- E3. Discuss legal issues related to SJ Louis, Construction of Texas, LTD. v. City of Austin v. Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company v. Kellogg Brown & Root Services, Inc., Espey Consultants, Inc. and KBR/Espey Joint Venture, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-001121, in the 459th Judicial District, Travis County (Private consultation with legal counsel-551.071 of the Government Code).
Conducted
- E4. Discuss legal issues related to Wells v. City of Austin, Cause No. 1: 19-cv-1140-RP in the United States District Court, Western District, Austin, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Conducted
- E5. Discuss legal issues related to Salazar v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. D-1-GN-17-002576 in the 98th Judicial District, Travis County; 1:20-cv-00730 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn without objection.

- E6. Discuss legal issues related to McMiller v. City of Austin, Cause No. D-1-GN-17-002576 in the 353rd Judicial District, Travis County Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Withdrawn without objection.

Executive session ended and Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting 1:01 p.m.

BRIEFINGS CONTINUED:

- B2. Update on St. Johns Home Depot Site.

Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager and Christine Maguire, Manager, Economic Development Department. Additional speakers were Liz Mueller, University of Texas, Jake Wegman, University of Texas, Rev. Daryl Horton and Cherelle VanBrakle.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE JULY 29, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CONTINUED:

83. Approve a resolution affirming the new vision for the St. John Property, supporting the City Manager's decision to initiate a Request for Proposals process, and initiating rezoning and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendments for the properties located at 7211 North IH-35 and 7309 North IH-35 to commercial services-mixed use-vertical mixed use building-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-V-NP) combining district. Council Sponsors: Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Kathie Tovo.
117. Approve a resolution affirming the new vision for the St. John Property, supporting the City Manager initiating a Request for Proposals process and supporting the financial tools that may be necessary to reposition the property, and initiating rezoning and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendments for the properties located at 7211 North IH-35 and 7309 North IH-35 to commercial services mixed use-vertical mixed use building-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-V-NP) combining district. Council Sponsors: Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Kathie Tovo.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- D1. Discussion about the fiscal year 2020-2021 proposed budget and tax rate.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Officer and Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Deputy City Manager.

Direction was given to staff to incorporate more input and involvement from Council on the reimagining of policing; provide a list of groups that are on the taskforce; provide staff recommendations on proposals posted by Council Members;

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE JULY 29, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CONTINUED:

74. Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Relief Enterprise of Texas, Inc., to provide cleanup services for overpasses, under bridges, and in the transportation right of way, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,725,000. (Notes: This procurement 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 procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE JULY 30, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

29. C14-2020-0040 - New Lot -Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 11833 Buckner Road (Lake Travis Watershed). Applicant Request: To rezone from family residence (SF-3) district zoning to community commercial (GR) district zoning. Staff Recommendation and Zoning and Platting Commission: To deny the rezoning. Applicant/Owner: Ramin Zavareh. City Staff: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057. District(s) Affected: District 6.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 27th day of August 2020 on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garza's second on a 11-0 vote.