



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
October 12, 2020**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
APPROVED DECEMBER 17, 2020**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened, via video conferencing, in a Regular Meeting, Monday, October 12, 2020, 6 p.m.**

Chair David Lundstedt conducted a verbal roll call and called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Craig Nazor, Katie Jarl, Palmer Neuhaus, Edward Flores (joined the meeting during Item 3b), Dr. Jon Brandes, Nancy Nemer, Monica Frenden, Andrea Schwartz, JoAnne Norton, and Ryan Clinton.

**Commission Members Absent:** District 4 Vacant

**Staff in Attendance:** Don Bland, Jason Garza, Belinda Hare

**Speakers included (agenda item):**

- Ellen Jefferson, 2a
- Lucy Fernandez, 2a
- Sandra Muller, 3a; 3b; 4b
- Yolanda Rodriguez, 2a
- Pat Valls-Trellis, 2a

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Nazor moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020, Special Called Meeting; Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion. Commissioner Norton abstained. Motion passed 10 - 2 with one abstention and Commissioner Flores not present. Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Brandes, Nemer, Frenden, Schwartz, and Clinton voted to approve. Commissioner Flores joined the meeting at Item 3b; District 4 position is vacant.

**2. Staff Briefings**

- a. Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer (CASO), and Jason Garza, Deputy CASO, presented the August 2020 Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Workgroup on Austin Animal Center's Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) Program  
No action.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Code Revision Workgroup.  
Commissioner Schwartz moved to adopt changes to the ordinance as presented by Commission Norton; Commissioner Nazor seconded the motion. Commissioners voted 9 to 3 against the motion. Those voting against included Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Frenden, Nazor, Brandes, Nemer and Clinton. Commissioners Norton, Flores and Schwartz voted for the motion. District 4 is vacant.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Commission's 2021 meeting schedule.  
Commissioner Mitchell moved to accept the meeting schedule as presented; Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion which passed unanimously 12 to 0, with all Commissioners present voting for the meeting schedule.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Human Animal Support Services (HASS).  
Commissioner Nazor moved to recommend City Council participate in HASS; Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion which passed 8 to 3, with Commissioner Frenden abstaining. Those voting in favor included Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nazor, Brandes, Nemer and Clinton; Commissioners Flores, Norton and Schwartz voted against the motion.  
Commissioner Nazor moved to recommend City Council send HASS for Committee consideration; Commissioner Clinton seconded. Motion passed 8 to 3, with Commissioner Frenden abstaining. Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nazor, Brandes, Nemer and Clinton; Commissioners Flores, Norton and Schwartz voted against the motion.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Commission Chair Lundstedt asked that Staff Briefings include animal sales in Travis County.
- b. Under New Business, Commissioners requested Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Travis County's sale of animals.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.