



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021**

**The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 via Videoconference. Council Member Renteria was off the dais.**

**Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- D1. Discussion about the fiscal year 2021-2022 proposed budget and tax rate.  
Presentation was given by Interim Budget Officer, Kerri Lang.**

**Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:57 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.**

- E2. Discuss real estate and legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of an interest in real property and improvements related to the motel conversion strategy to provide services, shelter, and/or housing (Real property -Section 551.072 of the Government Code and Private consultation with legal counsel -Section 551.071 of the Government Code).**

**Conducted**

- E6. Discuss the employment, duties, and evaluation of the City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).**

**Conducted**

**Executive Session was recessed and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m.**

**Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting and reconvened Executive Session at 2:21 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED**

- E1.** Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**
- E2.** Discuss real estate and legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of an interest in real property and improvements related to the motel conversion strategy to provide services, shelter, and/or housing (Real property -Section 551.072 of the Government Code and Private consultation with legal counsel -Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**
- E3.** Discuss legal issues related to Smith et al v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. 1:18-cv-505 in the United States District Court Western Division, Austin, Texas; Senko et al v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. 1:20-cv-01047, in the United States District Court Western Division, Austin, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**
- E4.** Discuss legal issues related to Albina Roque et al v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. 1:17-cv-932 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**
- E5.** Discuss legal issues related to a potential November 2, 2021 election (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**
- E6.** Discuss the employment, duties, and evaluation of the City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted**

**Executive Session ended and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED**

- D3.** Discussion on the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute's Interim Report regarding the mental health diversion initiative.  
**Presentation was given by Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager; BJ Wagner, Senior Fellow of Justice System Policy, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute; Andy Hofmeister, EMS Assistant Chief; Assistant Chief Richard Guajardo, Austin Police Department and Lieutenant Kenneth Murphy, Austin Police Department; Dawn Handley, Chief Operations Officer, Integral Care.**

**Direction was given to Staff to have the curriculum implementation schedule completed by the end of September.**

- D2.** Briefing and discussion on issues related to homelessness.  
**Presentation was given by Dianna Grey, Chief Homeless Strategy Officer.**

- D4.** Discussion on Covid-19 related matters.  
**Conducted**

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

26. Authorize negotiation and execution of an exclusive negotiation agreement with Greystar Development Central, LLC, for terms governing a master developer contract for the redevelopment of 7211 N IH 35 (the former Home Depot) and 7309 N IH 35 (the former Chrysler Dealership), known as the St. John Site. District(s) Affected: District 4. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Government that Works for All.

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Tovo's second on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison was off the Dias.**