



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Austin City Hall 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX and some members of City Council may be participating by videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20211104-062, relating to City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) regarding hybrid participation at meetings of boards and commissions and their subcommittees and quorum requirements to change the effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 20220118-003 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Alter's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:21 a.m. without objection.

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.

4. Discuss legal issues related to a citizen-initiated ordinance and a potential May 2022 election (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Conducted.
5. Discuss legal issues involved with lawsuits and claims related to Austin Police Department during the protests that occurred on May 30 and 31, 2020 (Private consultation with legal counsel – Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Conducted.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. Approve an ordinance ordering a special municipal election to be held on May 7, 2022 to submit to the voters a proposed citizen-initiated ordinance, certified sufficient on January 10, 2022, regarding the creation of the “Austin Freedom Act of 2021” including measures to eliminate low-level marijuana enforcement and ban no- knock warrants; providing for the conduct of the special election, including authorizing the City Clerk to enter into joint election agreements with other local political subdivisions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the election; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 20220118-002 was approved on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Council Member Kelly’s second on a 7-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Alter, Council Members Ellis, Harper-Madison, Kelly, Kitchen, and Tovo. Those voting nay were: Council Members Casar, Fuentes, and Renteria. Council Member Pool was off the dais.

1. Approve an ordinance creating the “Austin Freedom Act of 2021,” including measures to eliminate low-level marijuana enforcement and ban no-knock warrants.

No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Adler adjourned the Council Meeting at 10:48 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 3rd day of February 2022 on Council Member Pool’s motion, Council Member Kelly’s second on a 11-0 vote.