



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1751, Agenda Item #: 27.

4/21/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-206 relating to the Joint Sustainability Committee to increase membership and include consideration of the Austin Climate Equity Plan.

Lead Department

Audit and Finance Committee.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 30, 2022 - Recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee on a 4-0 vote with Council Member Tovo off the dais.

Additional Backup Information:

Staff recommends proposed bylaw amendments as follows:

- Edit Article 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES: include Austin Climate Equity Plan
- Edit Article 3. MEMBERSHIP: to increase membership from 13 to 18, Mayor will nominate five additional members
- Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (D): edit meeting frequency to monthly
- Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (F): edit number required to obtain quorum due to increased membership, quorum would be 10

Staff Recommendation (based on City Code §2-1-6 and bylaw template):

“If only a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum (18-member board, quorum is 10, 2/3 of 10 is = 7 votes). If more than a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action must be adopted by an affirmative vote of the number of members necessary to provide a quorum (18 members = 10 votes).”

The Committee recommended the Mayor to provide two weeks' notice when appointees are named. The Committee requested to send the item as recommended by staff to full Council for approval on Council Member Kelly's motion; Council Member Fuentes seconded the motion on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Tovo was off the dais.