



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 13, 2022**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, 6 p.m., in the Boards and Commissions Room 1101 at Austin City Hall.**

Commission Chair, Craig Nazor, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Chair Nazor conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of 12 commissioners. Six Commissioners attended the meeting in person: Nazor, Smagula, Herrera, Hassen, Norton and Nilson. Six Commissioners attended via teleconferencing: Mitchell, Neuhaus, Clinton, Nemer, Jarl and Dulzaides. District 10 is vacant.

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:** Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Don Bland, Jason Garza, Dr. Kathryn Lund, Abigail Varela, Rebekha Montie, Kelsey Cler, Sarah Luce, Mary Brown, Nicole Savage, Mark Sloat

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

**Virtual:**

Jean Hubrath  
Leslie Padilla

**In Person:**

Sarah Aguilar  
Rhonda Pickens  
Emily Wells  
Ashley Niels  
Pat Valls Trelles

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hassen moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, May 9, 2022. Commissioner Nilson seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 12 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance at the time voting approval: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Herrera, Hassen, Nilson, Norton, Nemer, Mitchell, Neuhaus, and Dulzaides. District 10 is vacant.

**2. BRIEFINGS**

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. AAC Staffing and Services
- c. AAC Public Communications on Services
- d. Parliamentary Presentation on Meeting Decorum

**3. OLD BUSINESS: Update, Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Monthly Reporting of Data
  - No action.
- b. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
  - No action.
- c. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
  - No action.
- d. Austin Animal Center Staffing Request for Budget FY 23
  - Speakers: Julie Marquis
  - No action
- e. Resubmission of Vicious Dog Recommendation to Correct Language Error
  - Motion by Norton to approve to resubmit the recommendation; Seconded by Herrera which passed with a unanimous vote of 12-0.

**4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Regarding members of the Commission's No Kill Committee
  - The following Commissioners were identified to serve on the committee: Neuhaus, Hassen, Nazor, Smagula and Nemer.
  - Hassen and Smagula will act as co-chairs for the committee
- b. Hold Period Ordinance
  - No action

- c. Spay/Neuter on Second Impoundment
  - No action
- d. Proposed Increase in Living Wage to \$22/hour
  - Motion by Nilson; seconded by Herrera which passed on a unanimous vote of 12-0.
- e. State of the Shelter Resolution
  - Speakers: Sandra Muller, Kayla Murray, Kristin Skilling, Melissa Gervase, Dayne Corraera, Shelby Lynne, Kelli Patrick, David Loignon, Gina DeStaffaney, Sophie Sewell, Emily Steinberg, Andrea Schwartz, Brunie Drummond
  - Motion by Hassen to move the item to forefront of discussion; seconded by Neuhaus which passed with a 10-1 vote, with Nilson voting no.
  - Motion by Nilson to table the item; Seconded by Herrera which failed on a vote of 3-9 with Nator, Clinton, Hassen, Neuhaus, Mitchell, Nemer, Smagula, Dulzaides and Jarl voting no; Nilson, Norton and Herrera voting yes.
  - Motion by Neuhaus to approve the resolution; seconded by Nemer.
  - During discussion, Nemer proposed a friendly amendment narrow focus onto Chief Animal Services Officer and remove the Leadership Team; Neuhaus accepted the amendment.
  - Motion on the posted resolution, with friendly amendment, was approved on a vote of 8-1-3, with Nator, Clinton, Hassen, Neuhaus, Nemer, Mitchell, Dulzaides and Smagula voting yes; Nilson voting no; and Norton, Herrera and Jarl abstaining.

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners agreed to retain agenda items under Old Business, 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d. Commissioners agreed that New Business Agenda item 4b will be moved to Old Business. Commissioners also included a new agenda item regarding the City's five-year financial strategic plan for the next meeting.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Chair Nator adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:32 p.m.