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I'll call to order this working session work session of the Austin City Council. It is January 24th 2023. It is nine o'clock in the morning. We are meeting at Austin City Hall in the boards and Commissions room . And as I indicated, the purpose of this is To have a City council work session. Members you have in front of you . The agenda Items item number a is related to pre selected agenda items. That would those out of the folks that have been here before? No But for those of us that haven't been here. Before or in a while. What that is if someone has something they want to pull from the agenda so that we can have an opportunity to talk about it here in the work session. This is the That's

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the agenda item for that, And with that, I would reckon recognize Council member Ryan Alter. Let's see if I get this, right? Nope. How's that? Okay thank you Just wanted to let everybody know looking to postpone the Brodie Oaks pud and the two related items to it just like to have the opportunity to go out. Talk to individuals in the community and just get a little more feedback before we Do that in two more days. So, That's it. And I think Katherine Pool has Pool. Council member. Do you have an idea for how long that postponement would be just one meeting so to the night? Very good. So the city manager will make that note and we'll have it on our next meeting. Thank you. So much remembers what that will mean is that items six agenda items 60 to 71

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72. Will be pulled. And be the Emotional me to postpone those items for a week, according to council member Ryan Alter. Anybody got any more questions of the council member? Any thoughts? All right. There are typically this would be the place where we would have briefings from staff. As I understand the manager. There are no briefings today. So, but just. From those who again for those that are new, and for those that haven't been here awhile, and I include myself in that category. This is where we would have the briefings. The next will be our item number C or council. Items of interest that is typically reserved for items that of council members want to bring up that they might be bringing forward at some point or want to have a discussion in an open forum with

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the members of the City Council. Today I don't know of any but let me ask if any member of the council has something that they want to bring up so that we can. They can let us know about something or they want to have a discussion. Yes, counselor, Pool. Thanks Mayor. There are two items one. I just wanted to focus on item 54, which is an important item, reflecting the city of Austin's work on the environment and climate change, and I invite any and all of you to sign on with my existing co sponsors for that item, which we will It is on the Consent agenda for Thursday. The second thing I wanted to say after conversations with Mayor pro tem Ellis and Mayor Watson, we were looking at the Austin Energy Oversight Committee meetings, and they had been on work session in the past, but the time for them to start always was a little unpredictable because it was in the afternoon on work sessions, And so then we moved them to not being on work session days and approved that.

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That list for the calendar at our last meeting, in talking with the Mayor Pro tem and the mayor, the mayor suggested that we move those meetings back on to work session days, starting at nine A.M. So they would be top of the line when we would start to that would solve for the unpredictability of the starting time for that committee , and the dates will be shifted . There were seven meetings set for this year, They will be shifted to Work sessions around or about either the week before or the week after, depending on availability for the Austin energy staff, and then we will commence at nine A.M. On those particular days. You will then see because of the unique nature of setting. A meeting for the council. He will see that the February meeting is canceled and I'm Remembering that the date was, I think, the 14th whatever that second Tuesday was that will be canceled and it will then be a special called meeting

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for the week following the 21st If I'm right on the 14th, and then at that time we will approve the new calendar of meetings for 2023. Thank you. Thoughts or questions? Yes remember Alison Alter? I just

wanted to clarify for that Last statement was that with respect to us and energy or with respect to the council Meeting that you're shifting meetings, Energy . Just Austin Energy, the oversight committee. Okay, so those are just shifts for February dates for Austin Energy , not for the full cast meeting for the not changing council. Council meetings. The goal is to have Austin energy where there's a point in time certain so that everybody can be there. So what we will do is move them back to work sessions, and it will be the nine o'clock agenda item for work sessions that way. We ought to have everybody be able to be here and we'll have a time certain. The second goal was we're seeking to achieve there

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is to not since the Austin Energy Oversight Committee is a committee hold. It was to try to avoid having additional meetings on additional weeks. And so we will consolidated back into the work session, but just give it a time certain. Okay. Thank you for that. But, boy, thanks. Any other items that are council items of interest that somebody would like to bring up so we can discuss Yes. Council member. I think we're gonna the city manager said We'll talk about this at the next meeting, but I just want to flag that when we passed the calendar for council , we noted that there were some challenges with some of the dates August and beyond. So I just want to flag that will need to discuss those appreciate you bringing that up to remembers what what That's about, is that when the calendar was set before it. It's not in correspondence with the way it's been done in the past after the budget is passed, so what we'll do and

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councilor Alison Alter has has said that exactly right. We'll bring that back at a subsequent meeting, but very soon so that we can adjust our calendars and everybody will know what the calendar is. You want to add anything to that also gives a new council members an opportunity to weigh in on the calendar, because obviously they were not part of the setting of that. So this is a good just chance to check in and make sure that Everyone's comfortable with those dates going forward. Thanks, man. Great any other council items of interest that somebody wants to discuss. Very good. That will take us to, Council discussion of an agenda item and that it can council appointments, too. Intergovernmental Entities and Council Committee memberships members posted on the message board this morning and what was posted as it is in front of you and a hard copy suggestions related to council committees. It is meant to be a discussion

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item. So if you have things that you as we go through this and what I'm gonna ask is that everybody take a minute. Look through. Get your bearings on it, And then what we'll do is we'll start with Council committee suggestions and we'll just start at the top. And walk through each committee, but I want

everybody to have a chance to look at all of them before. We start that process, and it is meant to be a free for all discussions, and if somebody has something that they want to talk about, we Give that opportunity, so I'll take just a second. You already? Let's start with audit and finance. The suggestion would be a five person committee chaired by a

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council member, Alison Alter. Vice chair Council member Pool. And council members Fuentes, Kelly and Ryan Altar serving on that committee. And I guess what I'll do, at least here initially is see if anybody wants to comment on that before we go to the next one, or we can just walk through all level. Let's just do that real quick Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee that is a committee of the whole and you'll notice that it's listed as a committee hole. We were just having that discussion. But the chair would be council member Pool and the vice chair would be council member, Kelly. Austin Water Oversight Committee. Again if that would be a four person committee Council member. Pool is Chair Council member Alison Alter is vice chair Council member Ryan Alter and Council member Jose Velasquez. Public Health Committee. Council member, Fuentes would be the chair. Last year would be council member Velasquez and I

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would serve on that committee. Housing and Planning Committee. You'll notice that this is a six person committee. With council member harper-madison sharing it . Vice chair being council member Ryan Alter Council member Qadri Mayor pro Tim Ellis, Councilman Reveillon and Councilman Velasquez serving on the committee mention that this is the only six person committee but There seems to be some interest in housing and planning. So, it's a six person committee. You want to say something? I don't. I don't mean to interrupt you mayor. But just if there's six people on it, then it's going to be a committee of the whole. Well we were told. That's not the case. So Okay, so I've got conflicting, conflicting information on that. Originally What I was planning on doing was saying to you all we've got 1/6 member committee and we can't do that. And I'm now told we can't do that. So What would that

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would require, is we have a discussion about who rolls off of that committee and because we don't want to do it that way. But I was told was that we could post since we post anyway, we would post it. You can have the meeting, but it would be the six members that would vote so it would not be a committee of the whole. But if you give different legal advice, and I'm gonna take you legal advice, and we're going to need to have a discussion about who Even though there's so much interest in this committee who would roll off the committee? That takes us to ask questions. Sure Council member Is there any difference in

The. Either legality or whatnot. If one of the members of the committee is a non voting member. So six people there, So you start to post for corn rules . But in terms of taking action, anything would only have five votes of being a. I'm not. No

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I'm just curious. I don't know. So under the open meetings act, Of course, If you have six of years of council members, you are having a meeting. Alright so it'll be a committee meeting of the whole issue that you all have had in the past. When this has come up is it's hard to get a quorum. And so that's the tricky and that's why you moved to Austin Energy meeting around to try and get that meeting of the whole committee of the home. So I think what? Unfortunately I think what we're left with is on this committee. We're gonna need to figure out a way a mechanism to Have somebody not be on the committee that is currently listed as a as a suggestion for being on the committee. So give some thought to that. We'll talk about it more than a minute. The mobility Committee of the chair . The suggested chair is Mayor pro Tim Ellis. The suggested vice chair is counseling are Kadri Council members Fuentes, harper-madison and Kelly would be part of the Mobility Committee and the Public Safety Committee. I would share that with two co vice chairs Kelly

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and Council members Kelly and Vela and Council member harper-madison and Council member Qadri serving on the Public Safety Committee. So. I think I'm gonna pause on those before I go to intergovernmental entities. We can take that up. Separately, Mayor pro Tim Thank you. Mayor just wanted to daylight. I have held a position on the Public Safety committee previously, and I'm still very much interested in that issue, and it's one of my priority areas, so I will still be popping into the meetings. But for the sake of having only five people participate on it. I'm happy to just attend the meetings and not necessarily be a voting member. But I am still very interested in the work ahead of us. Anybody wanna Make any more comments with yes, Council member. Thank you. Good morning, everyone. Happy first work session day, looking forward to working with everyone this year. I guess. First I would like to just put a plug in for public Health committee to see if anyone else would like to join our committee of three. We

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of course, get monthly briefings on homelessness. It's an important committee. So we welcome any additional committee members. On that. And then the second question I have for you. Mayor is on the public Safety committee. You I've not seen the set up of having to buy share. Some curious speakers share a little bit more. Sure there has been a lot of interest in having a couple of people had a lot of

interest in being chair or vice chair of the committee. And so what this is an effort to accommodate people that want to have a leadership position on public safety. But avoid, Conflict and trying to get there. Yes Councilor Kelly. Thank you. Council member of Fuentes. I'd like to join the public health committee with you . Yeah So thank you for the invitation Since there's room for me, I think that would fit and, that's all. Thanks. Councilor Walter Good morning and didn't get to say earlier when we talked to happy first

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work session to all of our new members. I This first sort of I'm seeing for water oversight. And while I started that committee, I want to be on that committee. I want to be part of that. I really love the idea of other people being in leadership so that we have more people who are paying a lot of attention to Austin Water. So I would like to suggest that that that Ryan alter be vice chair and I will just be on the committee. I guess we ought to ask Ryan author. Yeah that would be wonderful. I would love to have that opportunity. It's a very important issue, especially in District five, so Okay. Thank you very much. I really appreciate That faith Yes. Ah thank you. And that is absolutely nothing to do with my importance that I put on that. I just want to make sure that other people are, as focused on us and water as I have been, and it has worked well with council member of Fuentes is Chair and my being on the committee for us

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to be able, to do that, and audit and finances is a heavy lift in terms of chairmanship and managing that, I also wanted to add like to pretend that there will be several committees that I attend regularly. I'm serving on Campo. So I anticipate that I will be attending mobility and do a lot with public safety, etcetera, and obviously will be popping in as needed, but I wanted to roll off mobility, so somebody else would have a chance to do that. We appreciate that. Thank you. Other thoughts are yes, kinsman Qadri. Thank you, Mayor and just wanna so excited to be here. And one of things staff for making our lives so much easier leading up to this meeting. I just wanted to add that I'd like to join public Health Committee as well. And yeah, that's it. I'll just for purposes of counting that gives five so now nobody

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else can get your subject lately. I'm teasing, of course, council member harper-madison. Thank you. I appreciate it. So I wanted to propose given the new configuration. I wonder if council member Alter Ryan Alter . I wonder if you would consider , recalibrating on housing and planning. If you do take the vice chair on water oversight. I'm I'm happy to do what? Whatever needs to be done, so I would say, Why don't you think about it? I'm not no pressure, but I'm just I'm thinking that might be the way that

we resolve our one too many on housing and planning. I am happy to make it work, so I appreciate it and I'll point out Thank you for bringing that up. Councilman harper-madison. I want to point out that Part of the part of the suggestion. Gives all of the new members of the Council Council members vice chairmanship. But it doesn't give anybody too. So If that can work out, we ought

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to try to work that out. So thank you for bringing that up. Cast member Fuentes. Thank you, Mayor. I think I may have missed this. But Councilor Pool was. Did you mention something about you sharing both of the oversight committees, And that and those committees meeting during work session? Was that what I missed earlier? For right now. It's just Austin Energy because I haven't had conversations with staff with Austin Water, But there is some similarity as far as utilities and oversight. And so there are four meetings currently set for us and water for next year, and I just haven't dug into the specifics on that. Do you have any suggestions? Well more more of a concern of having the same person chair. Both of our oversight committees. You know, I really appreciate your leadership on Austin Energy, and I think you've done a fantastic job, but I really see this opportunity of Austin Water oversight to be You know the opportunity for another member of the day is to step into that leadership roles that they can gain that expertise and skills.

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I suggested on the council and the message board that council member Ryan Alter would be a good candidate for that. So just wanted to circle up on that conversation. I and I think that that's an interesting suggestion we were attempting with the three new council members to keep them at parity and to ensure that they all had a leadership opportunity and beginning as a vice chair, and then potentially, you know, succeeding into a chair after kind of getting your feet on the ground, which was the conversations that have been had so far. I mean, I understand the thought of vice share the importance of vice chair and having that assumed to be the chair position, But I don't necessarily think that that is You know, it's not a standard operating Procedure, and certainly would just like to reiterate my support for council member Wright Alter as the chair of Boston oversight, Austin Water Oversight and I know that

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you know, since we're all talking about this as a as a day as, just want to let folks where I stand and that support and then also just reiterate. I have concerns with having the same council member chairing both of our oversight committees. Okay? Yes, my pretend. I can add a bit to that because I completely appreciate that. And we both had the chance to chair that committee and know the important work that

that's going on there. And we appreciate council member Alison Alter beginning because I know the conversation started from a really good place. I would be comfortable with it simply because they don't have as many meetings. As we do with Austin energy, and I just know on our agenda is kicking off the evaluation of Austin waters. Rates that they charge up coming over the next year. And so I think Council member Pool did a really good job, as did others with us in energies Wright case and so I would think. Her kind of helping us with Austin Water in that review process might be

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helpful to so I know it's not customary to do it that way, but I think given the work ahead I would be okay with it for this for this time. Anybody else have any comment or thoughts? Yes Councilor Alter. Just want to thank Councilor Puentes for showing that faith and support. It's obviously, in my comments on accepting the accepting showing interest in the vice chair position as an interest of mine. I am happy to serve this body in whatever capacity. We all think it's best inappropriate and so You know, whatever title is before or after I am completely happy to be of service to this committee. In whatever form, Okay? Other thoughts. Alright Other thoughts about any of the other committees and let me just tell you where I think we are so that we stay up. Audit and finance. There's not been, discussion

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about that Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee. That's a committee of the holes we've already talked about. We have. We just had a discussion about Austin Water Oversight Committee . There are two parts of that discussion. One is, switching a alter With our altar. I still haven't figured out exactly how I'm going to do this. And there's been discussion about The chair, the chair position on the Public Health Committee suggestion has been or the volunteering has been that we would include, on that committee council member Kelly and Council member Qadri. On housing and planning. We're going to need someone to drop off of that committee. And. I would say, I would suggest that if there's nobody that's just ready to do that, and you don't have to do

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it right now, By the way, this will be brought up Thursday when we take action on it. So we've got but if there's no one ready to drop off. I'll suggest that maybe we do something, you know , buy lots or chance or something like that. So the that we It's fair to everybody but our wait and see. Hang on one second counselor harper-madison . Thank you, Mary. Appreciate it. And I'd like to, voice my support for council member Ellis as the vice chair for housing and planning if she's open to it. I don't think you have a vice chair spot on any of the others. I don't and I appreciate that. I know that we've worked closely together on some of the big housing concepts that might be coming our way over the next couple of months. I'm

happy to step into the role, if that makes things more balanced that that That would work since we were trying to give, The suggestion was that each new member would have at least one vice chair position and we were trying to have some equity there. So, with with Whatever

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position I mean, I'm a little worried that Alter has been promoted twice already in this meeting, and I maybe my position may be in jeopardy. But you know, Council member of Alison Alter just for historical reference When I came on council , I had a vice chair and my colleague, council member Flanagan had a chairmanship. So I don't know that that parody is Necessary. As a thing, and I think that. You know, I didn't mean by suggesting that I didn't want to do water vice chair, to make it so that council member Ryan Altar was being pushed off of a chair of housing, which I'm sure he also would value greatly , and I think he should have an opportunity to think about that and think about what he would most want to do. Because I think that that's not what that was not my intention. But that's why we're having the discussion so that we can everybody can kind

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of voice points of view. Castillo Ryan Alter You had your hand up. Just wanted to make sure if the six of us Who are proposed for the Housing Planning Committee. We can't have any kind of discussion together about how we want. This is it. Just to make sure because you mentioned maybe deciding later. I just want to make sure I do this correctly. Go ahead. Sure that's correct. The six of you can't talk about that. But I do want to make sure everybody understands. We always post the committee meetings so that all the council members can come and attend. So you can be maybe not named as a member of the committee, but you can come every single time and be part of the discussion. Use can't vote. So you're not a member of voting member, but But certainly can see everything that happened there and participate and talk about it even and we've got a little time so between now and Thursday, So what I would suggest is that if you if you're on the committee, but you are willing to step off make that

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known through the message board. And if that doesn't happen between now and then? You know, I'll By myself, Draw lots for you and tell you who who lost? But I don't want to do that, so , but I don't know of any other way to do that. So what we can do that? I guess we could do it and At the council meeting in front of everybody, But you just you all you all think about it and see what you can come up with. So on housing and planning. We've talked about that. And what we've also discussed is that the vice chair would become mayor pro Tim Ellis. In and council member All Ryan Alter would be a member subject to

what other Change might be made in removing one person mobility Committee. We haven't Unless somebody wants to talk about it. That's we're we've been Silent on that. And

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Public Safety Committee. Other than the question that was asked. We've been silent on that. So is there anything else that anybody would like to take up at this time as part of the discussion of Council committee suggestions? Yes, I remember. Alison Alter. Thank you. I just wanted to check. I mean, if we're shifting, how our council committees function. My preferences on this could be totally different. We haven't had a conversation about that. So I just want to. I just want to flag that sure. This is what I agree to you with a With a look at what we've done, but I would have different preferences if we were if we were making major changes, which I'm not advocating for, But I just want to. I want to have a sense of where we're where we're going. And I've heard rumblings. But haven't I think would be a time to have that conversation has been some discussion about,

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Whether we have committees do more. Substantive activity before an item comes to council . We are a legislative body, and , typically and in a pretty good size legislative body. So some thought has been, in order to Do the work and be efficient and be substantive in doing that work, is it? Would it be better in some instances, for example, for some items from council if not all items from council to go to the committee that has jurisdiction over that item from council? Yeah certain things coming from staff go first to a committee with recommendations that then get brought to the full body. That is very preliminary, and it would be something that I would think and I'll just say, Hmm. There is I have some hope, and I think the

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manager has some hope that what we would do is maybe an early to mid February have a retreat of the council, where we could talk about a number of items, including items like that and how we how we want to operate as a council going forward. Of course, that would have to be posted and the in and we would have to do that openly and with transparency, But but at least what it would be a It would be a work session. That's bigger than what we're doing right here and right now, and that would come up. I don't think we ought to anticipate anything in trying to make the decisions here today. We are operating under a certain set of circumstances right now, and we ought to make our decisions on Thursday, based upon the circumstances under which we operate. If we make we decide as a group to make changes in the way we do those things I think it probably does require Us to reevaluate. Who we who may want to be on certain committees and what committees

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you volunteered for who you would rather see on some of those committees, even how we might pick those committees ought to be a part of the discussion. So I think it's I appreciate you bringing it up. It needs to be part of the discussion. If we even have that discussion down the road, but I think we have to make a decision Thursday with regard to these committees, and we should not, We should not delay anticipate or create. I'd rather have so And so they're if they're they're they're they're going to do something different at this point. Yes Council member. Thank you. I appreciate that clarification and just would ask that if we are going to experiment and in in major ways that we would be revisiting, he would be serving on which committees I know that depending on what direction that would go on, I might have very different choices and bring a lot of expertise to that. And I know that other of my colleagues would so I think what you're what you're proposing makes a lot of sense. I think you look

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at it from top to bottom. The whole bit. Would have to be done come from Rivera. I really appreciate council member Allyson Alters comment and In my experience, having some having worked at the Legislature, they're very substantive committee work that goes on in the Legislature of the as much bigger body. You know. 150 House members 31 senators. Ah that has not been my experience at City Hall. The There is an oversight capacity. I really have gotten a lot of the presentations that staff will bring to the committee. It's an opportunity to ask questions. It's an opportunity to daylight kind of issues or concerns, but we have not really kind of done. Mark up of legislation or I can't think of an item that kind of went from committee to counsel in my , You know, almost year here that that kind of served as a really kind of the guiding document for broader discussion on council. Again, I'm I guess

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I'm kind of neutral on on. You know what the role and purpose of the committees are. But but I do appreciate the council member House and alters comment and the same thing with yours that if we are going to change the role and make it a more substantive job to have a committee and to mark up legislation, then I think we that that's that does kind of affect my kind of thoughts and judgment on on. So which committees people should no question. I think it would everybody. I mean, I think that's the whole discussion is how you go about doing that, including by the way, and I think you're probably absolutely right that there hasn't been that done that way before, But that's because it hasn't been done that way before. And it might be that There are some committees and I'm making this up because I'm sitting here because we're having just a broad discussion, but that's the purpose of then having another discussion. And that would be.

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Maybe there are some committees that you do certain things with Some communities. You may not And that would make a difference I would think on who would serve on those committees and how they would serve on those committees. So there's just a lot of thought. That's not going into that, but it's a question of Can we make things work better? For the people we serve, and, and my hope is that this council? As energetic as it is, it is willing to experiment with some things because it's ok if we experiment with something and then and I'm not advocating for anything, but but We experiment with something and it doesn't work. Well we can declare it doesn't work and try something else. But the goal is to provide to do the work in an efficient, appropriate way. Substantive way and That's one thing that that that is. Probably something we will discuss. Ah in some form of

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retreat or something where we have a broader discussion about those things, But these are all good comments and things that ought to be brought up when we do that. Yes, my pro Tim. I like the idea of having more briefings and items from council go through committees. I like it because it seems like it's in line with shortening our work sessions and getting us through our council meetings in a more timely fashion, so I like the idea of being able to do that. I think it's also important that we look at You know, are the committee's the policy arm where the city manager is administrative, and his departments are functioning based on the decisions made at the administrative level, there will be issues that come up with departments that need a policy arm that says should we move forward with changing this? What are the appropriate adjustments that need to be made? And so I talked to the city manager about this just a few days ago, so it's still a very fresh idea, but You know, should our committees if they're functioning at that level. Be more in alignment with sd 23

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looking forward to sd 28 or whatever that five year outlook is going to be moving forward so that every department is captured within some of the committees, and they always know they've gotten administrative level And they've also got some policymakers that can help work some of these issues out, and I think it will add to the level of transparency. And different voices and opinions that can add to an I F C So for instance, when we write something, we are only in a five person sub quorum at the very most, and there may be a lot of different perspectives that aren't being factored in. And if we can hash through those before the work session even comes. I think that puts us in a good place where the public knows which which boards and commissions have looked at it, which council members have co sponsored which committee has looked at it as well. And hopefully we can get some of those

amendments ironed out so that when it comes time to take votes were ready to go, and we can just be excited about the winds. Okay, So, I'm gonna move us on from Council member. I mean from Council committee suggestions. I've walked through

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the suggested changes if you have comments or questions or thoughts, this has been posted. The way you have it in hard copy on the message board by my office Feel foot free to reply there in anticipation of the meeting on Thursday, when we will finalize this, Now let's go to intergovernmental, anti appointment Entities appointment suggestions. And I'll just run through this in many instances, by the way on intergovernmental entities, and you all saw it on the message board in the way that set up, in the spreadsheet that you had The some some of these, if not many of them. There's a ledge, a statutory requirement or something like that, or the bylaws of some entity on who can Who can or should serve. And the first example that's the firefighters Relief and retirement fund. The

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ccp coordinated the balconies, Candy Land Conservation Coordinating Committee. We've suggested council member Pool, the can board of directors Council member Fuentes, the Capital area Council of governments, and before I mentioned that. That is confusing to me about water all the committees and not committees, but, I hope I've gotten this this right. The General Assembly is council member would be council member Kelly, Council member Vela and me the executive committee. It's My Understanding Council member. Kelly currently serves on the executive committee. In the Clean Air coalition would be Mayor Pro tem. Ellis who I believe serves as vice chair of that already. Campo. Mayor pro Tim Ellis. Council member Alison Alter Council member harper-madison and Council member Fuentes with me serving as an alternate and If we end up

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doing that, begging each of the previous four not to ever require an alternate capital, Metro Council member Pool Council member of L a. And I'll just point out that there may be other entities making appointments where a member of this body ends up on the capital Metro board, but from from the City Council of Austin, it would be council member Pool and Council member of Ella. Mayor retirement. I'm sorry. Yes. I like to go ahead and voice my, very strong desire to be on that cat Metro board if another spot should open up for a member of this body. Thank you. The employees Retirement System Board of Trustee trustees Council member Pool The Austin. City of Austin, a. I S D and Travis County Joint Committee Council member, Alison Alter Council member. Fuentes Council member of Alaska's and the mayor. Clean Air Force Board

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Mayor pro Tim Ellis National League of Cities is something All council can participate in. Pecan Street Council member Qadri The police retirement Fund Council member, Kelly There's a committee on regional affordability that, as. Because of the pandemic. It ended up being fairly dormant. I would like to see that, reenergized, and so we're gonna have going ahead and making a suggestion about council member Fuentes, Councilman Ryan Alter Council member Velasquez and the mayor serving on that, if that's the way that if that's the way that ends up What I would ask is that before we do something I'd be given a little bit of time to try to figure out where it really is and report back to everybody, and then we can figure out if that's the if that's the way we want to handle it going forward, or there's some iteration of that.

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Affordability regional affordability Committee. I just bring that up in advance. Yes Thank you, Mary. I just also wanted to express my desire to be on that. If we're going to revamp regional affordability, I'd like to jump back on that. Okay I think it's directly in alignment with some of those regional conversations We're having at Campo to thank you. Sobriety center. That would be Mayor Watson, Colorado River Floodplain Coalition mayor pro Tim Ellis tml. The requirement is the mayor. Us Conference of Mayors is the mayor visit Austin. Mayor pro Tim Ellis and Mayor Watson. Psych services Stakeholders Council member harper-madison and the mayor, hate crimes Task Force Council member Alison Alter Council member Fuentes and Council member Qadri. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Council member of Ella Also in transit Partnership, Mayor Watson Workforce Solutions of central Texas Mayor Watson So let me

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open it up for discussion. Council member Alter I would like to If possible, also joined the Austin and County. Then a lot of work, especially with School, finance and school district work. And so I think there'll be a good synergy there on some of the things looking to do so okay? And I, you know, let me just say that. I don't know. As I sit here right now on that one, and on the regional affordability, the regional affordability one had the way it was set up. It had a specific number. The bylaws that were passed by the Council of specific number as I'm sitting here right now, I'm not remembering what that was, so I will go back and look at that and post those on the message board as well. So as we look at making decisions and Request to be on that, So and I'll do that because men Walter on on the joint committee as well. Council member Kelly. Thank you. The work that I've been doing is our executive committee,

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representative through cap cog over the last two years has been very important for the region and establishing relationships with our partners at the county and also different cities. I just want to mention that in that role. I also serve as a criminal Justice Advisory Committee Liaison for Cap Cog. And I'm, the president of the Capital Area Initiatives Foundation, and I hope to continue that work throughout the next year and strengthen those partnerships and show everybody how willing that the city of Austin is to work with our partners across the region. So thank you. Thank you for your work on that. Other comments or yes, counselor Pool. I just wanted to know with regard to my service line kept Metro. I'm currently serving as secretary and with the departure of two additional, so we lost two council members Renteria and kitchen at the end of their terms to more members will be cycling off this year, which puts Council member Trevelyan and me as the longest serving on cat Metro. We will be doing officer elections. I don't know

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if I'll continue as secretary or chair, the Finance and Administration Committee or maybe vice chair, But there's additional work ahead for my last two years on the council, and I look forward to continuing on on the camper cap. Metro. Thank you. Yes. Member team. I was gonna say the Campo boat is full. I appreciate that segue. Campo does have one of the appointed position while they have a couple of appointed positions, but one of which is specifically for an elected official. And so I'm working through that process. I hope to serve in council member kitchens , shoes that she left to be filled. To be a Campo appointee to the Cat Metro board. I think this is really important for issues like the success of Project connects and the metro rapid routes which we know the one coming through. My district has not ranked high enough because of the land use policies that we need to be looking at moving forward, But I just wanted to express here my interest. That is not a decision

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of the council. That's a decision of the qualifying. People who serve on Campo. So I just wanted to flag that. Yes. Remember Alison Alter and I'll come over. Thank you. So I've been serving on the joint subcommittee with diced and the county. And I wanted to say that I'm absolutely thrilled that there are four other council members who want to be on this committee and care about these relationships with the county and the school district. We've been doing some some good work. I believe that there are only technically three voting members and there's some balance across the school district, etcetera. That being said, I think it would be very easy to have, three members and two alternates and we don't take a lot of votes where it like of substance at this point, But we are doing important work with respect

to resilience. Hubs had a lot of really important conversations with respect. To school financing. I know that I've done work that supports a I S D S bond and making sure that they

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can actually get the buildings built. We've been championing primetime and victory tutorial and parent support specialists, and there's a lot of opportunity to do more. We've been talking about housing as well, so there's a lot of good work that could be done, But I think that might be a way forward and affectively. You can be on the committee. It's just only three of us at a time technically could vote. But there has been needs since it's sort of randomly scheduled for alternates, and we may have to change a bylaw at the joint subcommittee, but I think that would be very doable. And I, for one would love to have Folks who are who are joining me in in focus, together with council member Fuentes who's been on there in the focus with the county and the school district. Good comment. So the way I made a note of this make sure did this The right way. Based on your comments is that. We would go forward with, first of all.

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Find of the verify that the three because I and I believe you on that because I have not done that. But once we verify that what we would do is then the council would appoint three voting members and two alternates who could step in and vote at a given point in time, if the three voting members aren't there But also be there and participate in a in an ex officio type capacity. So that thank you for doing that. I thought I saw was your yes. Council member get my question was about the regional affordability committee. Kind of like you. I don't remember exactly what the makeup was. But I do recall. Specifically there were members outside of the city of Austin on that board. And so I wonder how we go about making those selections. I wasn't where they need the selection of the way I read the bylaws, but it's But I've I've slept and had a

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couple of weekends between reading the bylaws and, and but the way I read the bylaws was that, each jurisdiction would make the appointments based upon what was created. Some jurisdictions have one appointment, the city had multiple appointments and what I'll do is I'll go back and verify that and put it on the message board so that we will know how. How we play this, I've also back during the during the campaign visited with Maybe it was right after the campaign visited with the then chair, which was county Attorney Garza about how some of that worked. And I think we ought to have another visit to get some more advice from her about how that might best work. And in fact, Whether or not you need to have that many people or have, you know, do you need to have an

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executive committee those kinds of things because we wanted to work and really it looked like it did good work up until the pandemic just The damage. Thank you. I appreciate that observation because I do believe it was on its way to being more of a functional body and really having robust discussions about I mean, that was the beginning of us having discussions about losing our workforce to Buta, and that means he's county Bastrop County, you know, And so we had just started to touch on this conversations that February and then everybody was gone in March, so I appreciate bringing it back. Hmm E from just looking back at it. Counselor Ryan Alter just took a look at his Three appointments from the City Council. So it sounds like similar situation is a I S D. We're Potentially three of us are Voting members are official members and the other two are alternatives of it. I'm sure we can figure that out. Good. We were just so we're gonna have to try and figure something out on that regard as well. Anything

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else that anybody wants to talk about on the intergovernmental entities Suggestions? Let me walk through this real quickly to see if I've got everybody's notes. The first notes. I have Really are with Capital Area Council of Government. Governments and my notes are that Council member Kelly? By virtue of her service on that, including, I think the executive committee has her serving on very at least two advisory committees as part of all that my next notes or with regard to capital Metro and The note is that council member harper-madison would request to the opportunity to be on cap Metro. If there's an opening is the way I wrote that down. On the joint committee with ah city of Austin, a I S D and Travis County. Council member, Ryan Alter has indicated an interest

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in being on that. We are going to, Verify the number of voting members, although I've, trust that's three and what we would do is we would need to, Decide who those three are, and then two alternates slash ex officio members would be part of that. The next Note that I have is related to regional affordability. And that is the note I have is that council member harper-madison would like to be a part of that that it also is subject to of how many voting members there are and I believe it's three. Is the city clerk. No. And I think I know the answer that she doesn't know. Good morning. Good morning

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. There is a spreadsheet that the mayor posted online. It looks like this. It has the it already has the authority authorized Sorry. The authority , of how many members should be appointed to each so for the city of Austin and sd board, it is three that is confirmed. What is the other one? You were regional affordability. I can find it. That. Okay, so the committee created Ah States, each entity represented on the committee may select appointees by formal action of the respective bodies, so there were two. Two had no three help me. Yes So there are three. So thank you very much for that. So I'm

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on the joint committee with the jurisdictions and the regional affordability. In both instances we would need to make Three appointments where we would have two that are alternates slash ex officio. So give some thought to that. And. Have you know how we want to go about doing that? And we'll We'll, By the way, I'll post what the clerk just told us on the message board so that you'll have that information as well. Because I had forgotten. That would be it was already on there. So that's the change. That's the proposal and those are all the proposed questions or changes. Sorry Remember, I have one more. I just want to know if it was possible if I could be on the on the visit Austin as the member who represents downtown and has a major share of Boston's tourism industry and their district.

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Okay so I'm visiting Austin. We have currently mayor pro Tim Ellis and Mayor Watson and counselor Qadri has also indicated that he would like to be on that, so I'll make sure that's part of the message board response and we'll figure that out. Thank you. Good That's good discussion. Anything else that anybody wants to bring up on the intergovernmental entities. Okay So what I'm gonna do is I'll put up on the message board. This information. Give me a little time to get that done. But then on Thursday, we're going to have to Parking or driving, as they say in the mobility world, and, we'll we'll figure out how how best to go about that. Alright And if anybody has anything that you get out of here, and you think I wish I would have said Go to the message board and put it up on the message board. So that we can we can look at that, okay? Anything else on. The

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council discussion related to intergovernmental Entities and council committee memberships. Yes counselor Ron Alter, have a mechanics questions. So when we get to Thursday Well, we have at that point, some decided list based on our discussion on the message board. Then we just vote up or down on. That would be the hope based upon the people going to the message board. Somebody rolling off somebody volunteering to be an alternate something of that nature so that we get to that point. And yeah, that would be the hope. But if we have to have a discussion about it, we'll have a discussion about

it. And, frankly, if we have to Draw lots will draw lots and by the way, unless somebody has a better idea. If we get to Thursday, and we've got this kind of situation , I think that's what we will do is just draw lots and go with that. By the way for those that might be on something where I'm also on it, and You worry about drawing lots. Don't I always

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lose a drawing lots. So just just be happy that you're there with me. Anything else? Okay So that's the council discussion members. It's now time for us to go into an executive session. Ah, so for The public. The City Council of Austin, Texas, is now going to go into a closed session session to take up one item. Pursuant to sections 551.71 of the government code. The City Council will discuss legal issues related to a potential election in May 2023 concerning civilian police oversight. Members. Is there any objection? To the council going into a closed session on the item announced Hearing none. The council will now go into a closed session. Members of the public at the end of this closed session. Either I or the mayor

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pro Tim will come out and announce that we're out of the executive session. The closed session and we will then be in a position the only other business on our agenda will be to adjourn . But we will announce when we're out of the closed session . With that being said, We're now we're now in the closed session. Got everything going through you read. Got everything. No wins for you.

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Texas Hard Mexican zone someplace and it place I go hard Mexican soul. Chacon. That's true. It's all the girls. I've got a Texas heart, don't you know? But I've got a Mexican soul. When I've been in Mexico, while Obama. Is a trip back to Texas is what I want to be taken . Here's the best of border

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trade those country Western swing. Corpus Christi, said Antonio. Old St Angelo. I'll be there a little while. For too long. I'm headed back again. Texas Heart Mexican soul. For some place and in place I go. Texas Mexican soul. Forget Drago . Mexico. Mama. Got you extra points. Because I got to Texas Heart, No but on dot Mexican soul.

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Single. Are you kidding? Moment. Yeah. Better tonight . Texas heart Mexicans long for someplace in a place I go. Texas heart Mexican soul. Triangle.

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Mexican. 20 It's all because I've got a Texas hard and don't you know, but I've got a Mexican soul. Oh No. Texas Hard Mexican zone. Some place and a place I go Texas Heart Mexican soul. Mexico. For

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us. Choice. Girls got to Texas heart, Don't you know? But I've got a Mexican soul. When I've been in Mexico, while Obama is a . Trip back to Texas is what I want to be taken. The border trade those country Western swing. Corpus Christi, said Antonio. Fort Worth down to old San Angelo. I'll be there a little while. For too long. I'm headed back again. Texas Heart

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Catch you. Person can. You know, it's bigger than just you and I You can tell. Turn your So far. Fast.

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The Austin City Council is now out of closed session in closed session. We discussed legal issues related to agenda item E one potential election in May 2023 concerning civilian police oversight and no action was taken members that brings us to the end of our agenda. The chair would recognize without objection. The motion to adjourn. Is there any objection? Hearing none. We are adjourned. Thank you all good work.