

RESOLUTION NO. 20230209-081

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring the safety, reliability, and resiliency of its energy grid and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and the City Council is committed to ensuring accountability in its energy operations during major weather events; and

WHEREAS, an exhaustive and thorough audit of energy operations is necessary and required to assess Austin Energy's efficiency and effectiveness in fulfilling its responsibilities to the community during major weather events, ensuring that residents are not placed in compromising situations; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor completed a comprehensive audit of the City's response to Winter Storm Uri and City management has implemented and continues to implement the recommendations from the audit; and

WHEREAS, the recent winter storm caused widespread power outages and damage to the energy system, impacting residents and businesses throughout Austin; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to evaluate the adequacy of the City's vegetation management plan, the execution of that plan, and the response to the recent winter storm to identify opportunities for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor is responsible for conducting comprehensive audits to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of City operations; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Auditor is directed to conduct a comprehensive audit of Austin Energy's Vegetation Management Plan and its implementation by Austin Energy.

The audit and review should consider, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- the adequacy of the vegetation management plan, including the identification of areas for improvement;
- the execution of the vegetation management plan, including the frequency and quality of inspections, pruning, and removal activities;
- the identification of best practices and lessons learned from the recent winter storm and other events as they relate to vegetation management;
- the allocation of resources for vegetation management and storm response, including staffing, equipment, and funding; and
- recommendations for improving the vegetation management plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

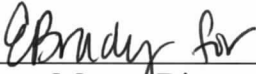
The City Auditor shall provide a report to the City Council by September 30th, 2023, including findings and recommendations regarding the vegetation management plan and Austin Energy's response to the February 2023 major winter storm event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Auditor shall provide an update on the progress of the audit at the May 24, 2023 Audit and Finance Committee meeting.

ADOPTED: February 09, 2023

ATTEST: _____


Myrna Rios
City Clerk