

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, March 7, 2023**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX and via Videoconference.

Mayor Watson called the Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Council Member Harper-Madison was off the dais.

C. COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

16. Approve a resolution accepting the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Plan; incorporating ETOD Policy Plan tools for the stations within the boundaries of the Northeast Austin District planning process; initiating amendments to Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to adopt elements of the ETOD Policy Plan; and initiating amendments to City Code Title 25. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

Regarding the memo distributed to Mayor and Council on XXX by HPD, direction was given to staff to come back with concrete and clearly defined metrics that includes the production of affordable housing, and to also include the preservation of existing affordable housing along the lines as well.

Direction to define and identify in the resolution Transit Hubs so that everyone will be informed of the places that will be impacted as opposed to routine bus stops.

22. Approve an application to create a Parking and Transportation Management District (PTMD) and an ordinance establishing a South Congress Area PTMD. District(s) Affected: District 3, District 9. Strategic Outcome(s): Mobility, Safety, Government that Works for All, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.
25. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a charter review commission to propose amendments to the City Charter including, but not limited to, changes in petition requirements. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, Mayor Kirk Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Paige Ellis, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison.
Council Member Pool would like to be added as a cosponsor to this item.
27. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create a plan to increase the number of direct-current fast charging stations for electric vehicles equitably throughout the City.

Council Sponsors: Council Member Leslie Pool, Mayor Kirk Watson, Council Member Zohaib “Zo” Qadri, Council Member José 'Chito' Vela, Council Member Alison Alter. **Mayor Pro Tem Ellis and Council Member Fuentes request to be added as sponsors to this item.**

Council Member Kelly announced she will have amendments to the item and will post them to the message board for consideration at Thursday's, March 8, 2023 meeting.

B. BRIEFINGS

B1. Climate Equity Plan Update.

The presentation was made by Jason Alexander, Chief of Staff, Zach Baumer, Interim Chief Sustainability Officer. Katie Coyne, Environmental Officer Watershed Protection, Andrew Smiley, Tree Folks

Direction was given to staff to revisit the 2019 resolution and discuss how to provide support and advance the issues currently being presented to be allowed to successfully implement the plan.

Direction was given to staff, regarding the American Youthworks program. Provide the number of youths trained and employed since the start of the program.

Mayor Watson recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:15 p.m.

E. 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.

E1. Discuss the employment, duties, and evaluation of the Interim City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

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E2. Discuss personnel and legal issues related to the search for and appointment of a new city manager (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code and Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

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Executive Session ended and Mayor Watson adjourned the meeting at 1:10p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of March 2023 was approved on consent without objection.