

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, November 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 Members Harper-Madison, Pool, and Vela were absent.

B. BRIEFINGS

B1. Progress update regarding the implementation of Resolution No. 20230921-099 and City Proposition A approved by the voters in 2023, which provided guidance to the Office of Police Oversight.

Postponed Indefinitely.

B2. Briefing on I-35 Cap and Stitch project.

The presentation was made by Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, and Richard Mendoza, Interim Transportation & Public Works Director, and Kimberly Olivares, Deputy CFO.

Direction was given to staff to provide in writing detailed information about the future debt options for the \$15 million discussed that have multiple options to fund and when Council will make those decisions.

B3. Briefing on parkland dedication requirements.

The presentation was made by Robynne Heymans, Principal Planner, and Scott Grantham, Principal Planner.

Direction was given to staff to provide clarification on the potential change to the boundaries from suburban to urban. How the change may affect the formula for parkland deficiency as it would change some areas from requiring a quarter mile to a half mile for access.

C. COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 6. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Housing Trust Fund Budget (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to increase requirements by \$5,000,000 for the purchase of the downtown Salvation Army facility. Related to Item #16. District(s) Affected: District 9.
- 16. Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire in fee simple Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and the south 25 feet of the north 53 feet of Lot 5, Block 88 of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to the plat on file at the General Land Office of the State of Texas, said lots having street addresses of 506 East 7th Street, 514 East 7th Street, 700 Red River Street, 718 Red River Street, and 801 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, from The Salvation Army, for a total amount not to exceed \$15,067,682 including closing costs. Related Item #6. District(s) Affected: District 9.
- 15. Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire in fee simple Units 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, B1, B2, and B3 in the 5202 Office Building Condominiums, a condominium project in Travis County, Texas, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded under Document No. 2017088520 of the Official Public Records of Travis County Texas and amendments thereto, and an easement estate for access as created and defined in the Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions recorded under Document No. 2017050690 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, said condominium project having a street address of 5202 East Ben White Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78741 from Thor 5202 Ben White, LLC and Thor 5202 Ben White TIC, LLC, as tenants-in-common for a total amount not to exceed \$71,540,917 including closing costs. Related to items #4 and #5. District(s) Affected: District 3.

Mayor Watson recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 10:47 a.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 information related to cybersecurity matters, including assessments and deployments of personnel and devices, audits, network security information and information technology resources, and critical infrastructure (Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits Sections 551.076 and 551.089 of the Texas Government Code).

Conducted.

E2. Discuss legal matters related to the conveyance, exchange, or value of approximately nine acres of parkland located at 2525 S. Lakeshore Blvd, also known as Central Maintenance Complex (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code).

Conducted.

E3. Discuss real estate matters related to the conveyance, exchange, or value of approximately nine acres of parkland located at 2525 S. Lakeshore Blvd, also known as Central Maintenance Complex (Real property -Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code).

Conducted.

- **E4.** Discuss legal issues related to the confidentiality of police officer personnel files (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code). **Postponed.**
- E5. Discuss legal issues related to the protests that occurred on May 30 and 31, 2020 (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code).

 Postponed.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Watson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 30th day of November 2023 on consent on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Ryan Alter was absent.