ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026**

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Krueger called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Mariana Krueger, Chair
Haris Qureshi, Secretary
Richard Brimer
Isabella Changsut
Justin Fleury
Martin Luecke
David Sullivan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Sean Atkins

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on October 7, 2026.
   The minutes from the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on October 7, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Brimer's, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Changsut was off the dais. Vice Chair Bristol and Commissioners Fierro and Morrison were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Sustainable Building Materials Forum and hands-on deconstruction workshop to increase local contractors' capacity, salvage high-quality materials for reuse, and reduce demolition waste. Presentation by Cara Bertron, Program Manager II, Austin Planning; Beth Larkin, Project Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation; and Elizabeth Nelson, Planner Principal, Austin Resource Recovery.

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The presentation was made by Cara Bertron, Program Manager II, Austin Planning; Beth Larkin, Project Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation; and Elizabeth Nelson, Planner Principal, Austin Resource Recovery.

3. Staff briefing regarding proposed amendments to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the University of Texas related to the area generally bounded by Lady Bird Lake (formerly Town Lake) to the south and west, Enfield Road and 8th Street to the north, and Veterans Drive and Hearn Street to the east that establishes the parties' expectations related to the conveyance of Lion's Municipal Golf Course (Muny), development regulations, the vacation of City rights-of-way, the creation of a regulating plan, and the creation of a tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ). Presentation by Trish Link, Division Chief, Land Use and Real Estate, Austin City Attorney's Office, and Kim Olivares, Director, Austin Financial Services.
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The meeting was recessed from 8:33 p.m. until 8:44 p.m. without objection.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and action to approve a recommendation to Council regarding the Green Infrastructure Initiative. Presentation by David Sullivan, Environmental Commissioner. Sponsored by Chair Krueger and Commissioner Sullivan.
The motion to approve the recommendation to Council regarding the Green Infrastructure Initiative was approved as amended on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Luecke's second, on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Bristol and Commissioners Fierro and Morrison were absent.

The following amendment was made by Commissioner Brimer and seconded by Chair Krueger.

The amendment was to revise section 5 (Recommends Quarterly Reporting) to read:

"Recommends that City Council direct the City Manager to provide quarterly progress reports to Council or the appropriate Council committee and the Environmental Commission…"

The amendment was approved on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Bristol and Commissioners Fierro and Morrison were absent.

The following amendment was made by Commissioner Brimer and seconded by Commissioner Luecke.

The amendment was to revise section 2 (Recommends Council Leadership) to read:

"Recommends that City Council reaffirm its commitment to the Green Infrastructure Initiative and direct the City Manager to provide the leadership, resources, and

interdepartmental support necessary to advance implementation of the Austin Roadmap for Advancing Green Infrastructure in the Right-of-Way throughout the city and in newly annexed properties."

The amendment was approved on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Bristol and Commissioners Fierro and Morrison were absent.

The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger and seconded by Commissioner Brimer.

The amendment was to revise section 3 (Recommends Clarification of Authority) to read:

"Recommends that City Council clarify the authority of the Director of Austin Transportation and Public Works to resolve conflicting department priorities and criteria that affect right-of-way design in order to implement Council priorities regarding implementing street trees and other green infrastructure."

The amendment was approved on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Bristol and Commissioners Fierro and Morrison were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve a recommendation to Council for proposed amendments to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the University of Texas related to the area generally bounded by Lady Bird Lake (formerly Town Lake) to the south and west, Enfield Road and 8th Street to the north, and Veterans Drive and Hearn Street to the east that establishes the parties' expectations related to the conveyance of Lion's Municipal Golf Course (Muny), development regulations, the vacation of City rights-of-way, the creation of a regulating plan, and the creation of a tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ). Sponsored by Chair Krueger and Commissioner Brimer.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Krueger adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. without objection.

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