

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special meeting on Friday, February 23, 2007 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Wynn called the Council Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

Those present were:

Council: Mayor Wynn, Mayor Pro Tem Dunkerley, and Council Members Cole, Kim, Leffingwell, Martinez and McCracken.

Staff: Toby Futrell, Julie Beggs, Leslie Browder, Rudy Garza, Juan Garza, Laura Huffman, David Smith, John Stephens, Kristen Vassallo, Ralph Gohring and Shirley Gentry.

Council Staff: Gloria Aguilera, Rich Bailey, Rossana Barrios, Bobby Garza, Rachel May, Andy Mormon, Beverly Robbins, and Kenny Thompson.

1. Discuss and confirm City's vision and determine four new Council priorities
There was a consensus that the following priorities would be brought forward at a future Council Meeting for adoption by resolution:
 - Rich social and cultural community
 - Vibrant urban fabric
 - Healthy, safe city
 - Sustainable economic development and financial health
3. Review and confirm proposed Council guidelines for internal communications
The following will be added to the Code, by passage of an ordinance, at a future Council Meeting, to change the rules for Council meetings:
 - Post short (5 minute) updates/briefings on Council Subcommittee work on the full Council Agenda.
 - At each Council Meeting, Mayor will ask for preview of future/upcoming items from individual Council Members to allow a week's notice on proposed upcoming items. However, if a Council Member does not mention an item, it will not prohibit the item from appearing on the next agenda.
 - Items from Council should always be posted with a draft resolution as agenda back up to provide detail on the proposal.
 - Items from Council will receive a fiscal note to include staff resources (high, medium, low) required, as well as dollars before the vote is taken.
 - Emergency items will require three Council Member sponsors.

- Zoning items will be posted for 2:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m., with a Council option to set some zoning items for a later time.

Further discussions will be held on how to manage lengthy public hearings and decision making at late Council meetings.

The Mayor recessed the Council meeting at 10:28 a.m.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 10:43 a.m. Council Member McCracken arrived. Council Member Leffingwell left.

2. Discuss and decide on work plan of key council initiatives for the next 18 months
There was consensus that the following items should be given priority attention:
Rich Social and Cultural Community
 - Finalize Barton Springs pool master plan and begin implementation
 - Downtown quality of life especially the Waller Creek project and lighting for the entire hike/bike trail and complete connectivity.**Vibrant Urban Fabric**
 - Green Water Treatment Plan redevelopment
 - Increase and maintain performance measure of maintaining lane miles from 10% to 11%.
 - All transportation requests will be analyzed by the Audit and Finance Subcommittee, including an analysis of State restrictions on funding, before any transportation needs are prioritized.**Healthy, Safe City**
 - Audit of police – intent is to manage sustainable increases in cost over time
 - Develop long-term landfill plans including economic development and recycling
 - Approve structural water conservation policy**Sustainable Economic Development**
 - Affordable housing density bonuses to create affordable units for moderate and low income
 - Support for cutting edge, creative glass businesses including incubators, co-investments, incentives, test markets and clean energy
 - Climate protection plan
4. Review and confirm next steps:
 - Adopt vision and priorities by resolution at future date
 - Formalize key council initiative work plan for use in budget deliberations
 - Adopt Council guidelines by ordinance or resolution at future date

Mayor Wynn adjourned the meeting at without objection at 11:40 a.m.

The minutes for the Special Called Meeting of February 23, 2007 were approved on this the 8th day of March, 2007 on Council Member Martinez' motion, Council Member Cole's second on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Kim was off the dais. Council Member McCracken was absent.