



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at Palmer Events Center, Exhibit Hall 2 at 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

1. Call to order
Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All Council Members were present.
2. Water Treatment Plant 4 Forum.
The members of the panel were:

Austin Water Utility: Greg Meszaros, Director; Daryl Slusher, Assistant Director; Teresa Lutes, Division Manager; David Anders, Assistant Director.
Other City representatives: Steve Coonan, Senior Engineer with Alan Plumber and Associates; Bill Newman, Managing Director for Public Finance Manager; Clarke Heidrick, President of the Austin Area Research Organization and Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce; and Rudy Garza, Assistant City Manager.

Environmental Representatives: Luke Metzger, Environment Texas; Brian Rodgers, Change Austin; Amy Hardberger, Environmental Defense Fund; Colin Clark, Save our Springs; Bill Bunch, Save our Springs; Paul Robbins, environmental writer and activist; and Chris Lehman, Sierra Club.

Moderator was Jim Walker.

Mayor Leffingwell welcomed the panel participants and the audience and introduced the Moderator.

Jim Walker explained how the Forum would be conducted –

- A) opening remarks from both sides.
- B) presentations in four separate areas and questions and answers in each of these areas. The questions were submitted by Council Members, from both sides of the panel and from the website.
- C) Closing remarks from both sides.

Opening remarks were done by Greg Meszaros and Colin Clark.

Presentations in the following areas were done by the speakers noted:

Demand and Capacity – Steve Coonan and Amy Hardberger.
Reliability – Brian Rodgers and Greg Meszaros.

The forum was recessed at 7:40 p.m. by the Moderator.

The Moderator reconvened the forum at 7:50 p.m.

The panel continued presentations in the remaining two areas:

Environmental Impact – Daryl Slusher and Luke Metzger.
Fiscal Impact – Bill Bunch, David Anders and Bill Newman.

Paul Robbins, Chris Lehman and Teresa Lutes participated in the Question and Answer portions of the forum.

Closing Remarks:

Environmental Representatives: Bill Bunch

City: Rudy Garza, Greg Meszaros, and Clark Heidrick

3. Adjournment

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. without objection.

The minutes for the special called meeting of September 17, 2009 were approved on this the 15th day of October 2009 on Council Member Shade's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.