



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST (ACTION ITEMS)

- B.1 Approve a resolution canvassing the results of the May 14, 2011 General Municipal Election.
Resolution No. 20110524-B001 was approved on Council Member Riley's motion, Council Member Shade's second on a 7-0 vote.
- B.2 Approve the waiver of the deadline requirements and the closure notice which allows affected individuals and neighborhood associations to object to the closure under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the Sine Die event sponsored by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus which is to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 12 noon until 12 midnight on West 13th Street between Colorado Street and Lavaca Street and on Colorado Street between 12th Street and 13th Street. (Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)
The motion to approve the waiver of the deadline requirements and the closure notice which allows affected individuals and neighborhood associations to object to the closure for the Sine Die event sponsored by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m.

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.

- D1. Discuss legal issues related to Cause No. D-1-GN-11-001063; Dominic Chavez, Alfred Stanley, and Michael Levy v. City of Austin and City Council Members, Lee Leffingwell, Mayor, Chris Riley, Place 2, Mike Martinez, Place 2 and Mayor Pro Tem, Randi Shade, Place 3, Laura Morrison, Place 4, Bill Spelman, Place 5, and Sheryl Cole, Place 6; In the 419th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Work Session Meeting back to order at 10:21 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

- C.1 Discussion and overview of departmental conditions including year-end estimates, horizon issues, unmet needs and key performance data for the following departments: Planning and Development Review, Police, and Fire.

The introduction was done by Ed Van Eenoo, Budget Officer. The Planning and Development Review briefing was done by Greg Guernsey, Director, Lisa Nickle, Financial Manager, and Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager. The Police Department briefing was done by Art Acevedo, Police Chief, Alice Suter, Assistant Director- Admin Bureau, Chief's Office and Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager. The Fire Department briefing was done by Harry Evans, Assistant Chief, Amy Singer, Administrative and Finance Manager, and Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the May 26, 2011 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m. without objection.

To see the complete agenda for Thursday's meeting refer to the May 26, 2011 Council Agenda. (For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk.)

The minutes for the Work Session Meeting of May 24, 2011 were approved on this the 9th day of June 2011 on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.