



AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:04 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.

- D.1 Discuss legal issues related to *Nan Galvan v. City of Austin, et al*, Cause No. D-1-GN-08-003538, 353rd Judicial District, 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 9:17 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- B.1 Discussion regarding council subcommittee membership and the number of subcommittees.
The Council discussed possible merger of existing subcommittees, changing mission and name of the Committee for Emerging Technology and Telecommunications and the membership of both committees and intergovernmental entities. The actual appointments of council members to various bodies will be done by resolution at a future Council meeting. The City Attorney was asked to provide specific information about the rules that govern the makeup of certain bodies and the need for ordinance changes if the makeup of a committee is changed.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the August 4, 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.

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA

4. Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable for the fee simple acquisition of a 12.62-acre tract of land out of Lot 4, Block H, Interport Planned Development, Travis County, Texas, located on Fallwell Lane, Austin, Texas, from New Interport, Ltd., a Texas

Limited Partnership, to increase the land buffer and to support the planned expansion of Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$998,000.

9. Approve a settlement in Dominic Chavez et al v. City of Austin et al. Cause No. D-1-GN-11-001063, In the 419th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and - to effectuate the settlement - approve an Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 11-1 relating to partial exemptions from ad valorem taxes for Historic Landmarks, and approve changes to the application form for historic property tax exemptions.
18. Authorize award, negotiate, and execution of a 1-year revenue concession contract with BRIGHT BLUE MARKETING INCORPORATED DBA BRIGHT BLUE COMBO PLATTER, Austin, TX, for the City of Austin Annual Holiday Festival with five 12-month extension options.
21. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a city ordinance providing a comprehensive phase-out of single-use retail plastic bags offered at retail checkouts within the city limits. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)
24. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with City staff and community stakeholders and to recommend to Council amendments to the Code of Ordinances and the City's National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat program in order to resolve conflicts that exist between the provisions of the Code and the program. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)
25. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to transmit copies of this resolution supporting federal legislation to regulate conditions for egg laying hens to federal officials. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)
26. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify options and related costs for administration of a May 2012 city election. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
28. Approve a resolution establishing the Charter Revision Committee to gather public input and provide council with recommendations regarding proposed charter amendments and districting plans. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)
29. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Title 25 and Chapter 11-1 and directing the City Manager to develop an ordinance, make recommendations, and take other actions relating to the City's historic preservation program.
33. Set a public hearing to consider an appeal submitted by event promoter David Grice, president of Raceworks, Inc. of a decision by the Director of the Transportation Department denying a street closure application because of the proposed route for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2011. (Suggested dated and time: August 18, 2011, 4:00p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).
37. Discuss legal issues relating to districting, proposed city charter amendments, and election legislation (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 1145 a.m. without objection.

To see the complete agenda for Thursday's meeting refer to the August 4, 2011 Council Agenda. (For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk.)

The minutes for the work session meeting of August 2, 2011 were approved on this the 18th day of August 2011 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.