

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is a dynamic community that faces unique challenges and opportunities as the city continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, in the coming decades, many new citizens and businesses will call Austin their home, and, within the next 20 to 40 years, the population of the region is projected by numerous sources to grow by more than a million; and

WHEREAS, good planning as well as timely and adequate investment in infrastructure to accommodate growth will determine whether this continued growth in population and commerce will benefit or harm the region; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, through an educational and consensus-oriented process, developed a vision for how the City of Austin should develop and presents a new opportunity for coordinated investment; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the City allocates and prioritizes funds for goals such as the preservation of open space and the development of urban density; and

WHEREAS, by initiating a bond election based on support of the vision of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, the City will provide funding for the capital resources that are necessary to shape and define future population growth

in a manner that benefits the City of Austin through enhancing the quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

(A) A Bond Election Advisory Committee is established to identify and prioritize bond funding for projects that will advance the vision identified by the Imagine Austin planning process.

(B) The committee shall be composed of 15 members.

(C) The committee members shall be appointed by November 10, 2011, as follows:

(1) Each Council Member will nominate two city residents as voting members for appointment; and

(2) The Planning Commission shall appoint one member of their commission or a designee.

(D) The committee shall work within the scope of a needs assessment and funding priorities to be recommended by City staff.

(E) In addition to conducting regular open and posted meetings for the purpose of considering potential bond projects that have been identified in the needs assessment, the committee shall attend a series of public briefings conducted at City Council meetings for which subsequent dates will be provided.

(F) The entirety of the committee's proceedings shall be open to the public to maximize citizen engagement and the committee's efforts will culminate in recommendations to be considered by the City Council regarding potential bond projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to schedule and conduct public briefings as needed to be presented to the City Council to provide information regarding the City's current bonded indebtedness, bond ratings, and future bonding capacity, as well as a prioritized capital improvements needs assessment for the purpose of planning future bond proposals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk