

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Boards and Commissions serve as advisory bodies to the Austin City Council; and

WHEREAS, Board and Commission members are appointed by the City Council and advise City Council on policy issues through recommendations, including adopted resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the significant work of the Boards and Commissions and values the recommendations it receives from those bodies; and

WHEREAS, having public access on the City of Austin website to information produced by the Boards and Commissions, such as votes/recommendations/resolutions, is essential to transparency in government and is in the best interest of the public and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs a standard procedure to track Boards and Commissions recommendations and resolutions, to report them to the City Council on a timely basis, and to include them in City Council agenda backup for related items;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
That the City Council directs the City Clerk and City Manager to:

1. Develop a procedure for Boards and Commission actions (recommendations and adopted resolutions) to be sent to the City Clerk's office for posting on the Board and Commission Information Center with meeting agendas and backup in a timely manner;
2. Develop a procedure to notify City Council of the action taken in a timely manner;
3. Ensure recommendations and adopted resolutions are included with City Council agenda item backup when actions are related to items posted on City Council agendas.

The City Clerk and City Manager are directed to report to the City Council on the new procedures within sixty days.