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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14178	Agenda Number	16.
Meeting Date:	4/26/2012		Department:	Legal
Subject				
Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-5 relating to council meeting procedures and declaring an emergency.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	October 1, 2009 - Resolution No. 20091119-060 adopted related to early publishing of Council agenda May 13, 2010 - Resolution No. 20100513-029 adopted related to agenda items sponsored by a council member. March 2, 2011 - Rules regarding work session adopted December 15, 2011 - Ordinance No. 20111215-051 related to interim meeting procedures March 1, 2012 - Ordinance No. 20120301-034 extending interim procedures.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

On December 15, 2011, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 20111215-051, establishing interim procedures for Council meetings. The purpose of the interim procedures was to balance the efficient running of council meetings with the desire to encourage public discussion on matters that are before the Council. The interim regulations were set to expire in March 2012. On March 1, 2012, Council adopted Ordinance No. 20120301-034 extending the interim procedures until April 26, 2012.

Ordinance No. 20120301-034 also instructed the City Manager to bring forward a recommendation for Code amendments regarding Council meeting procedures. The proposed ordinance codifies the interim procedures. It also codifies the provision of several adopted resolutions and ordinances relating to Council meeting procedures, including work session procedures and early publication of the Council meeting agenda.