

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

# AGENDA



## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AUSTIN ENERGY RATES

**Monday, April 30, 2012**

The Austin City Council will convene at 9:00 AM on  
Monday, April 30, 2012 at Austin City Hall  
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



**Mayor Lee Leffingwell**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole**  
**Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1**  
**Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2**  
**Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3**  
**Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4**  
**Council Member William Spelman, Place 5**

For meeting information, contact the City Clerk, 974-2210

*The City Council will go into a closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, to discuss personnel matters, to discuss or take action on a “competitive matter” of Austin Energy as provided for under Section 551.086, or for other reasons permitted by law as specifically listed on this agenda. If necessary, the City Council may go into a closed session as permitted by law regarding any item on this agenda.*

### **Reading and Action on Consent Agenda**

#### ***Action on the Following:***

#### **Ordinances / Resolutions / Motions -**

**All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.**

### **9:00 AM – City Council Convenes**

#### **Austin Energy**

1. Discussion regarding rates for specific customer classes, including faith-based, community, and not-for-profit organizations, school districts, industrial users, and out-of-city ratepayers; rate design for distributed solar and energy efficiency goals; and the design and scope of low-income customer assistance programs.
2. Discussion regarding Austin Energy’s 2011 audited finances, off-system wholesale power sales in the nodal market, connection and disconnection fees, and Austin Energy revenue requirements not addressed in prior work sessions.
3. Discussion regarding fixed charges and alternatives, revenue regulation, inverted block rate structures, bundled rate plans for low-use customers, and the components and calculation methodology for the fuel charge.
4. Discussion and possible action to give preliminary direction to the City Manager regarding prior work session topics: financial policies governing debt service coverage ratio, capital projects debt-to-equity ratio, reserve funds, and interim revenue options; general fund transfer levels and calculation methodology, other transfers, and payments for shared services; distributed generation and energy efficiency goals, and the design and funding of low-income electric customer assistance programs; budget reduction options, line extension and new service policies, and revenue regulation and decoupling; and cost-of-service methodologies for allocating costs among customer classes in setting Austin Energy electric rates.
5. Discuss participation by the independent consumer advocate, Paul Chernick of Resource Insight, Inc., in future Austin Energy rate work sessions, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Resource Insight,

Inc., to provide participation through the end of the City Council rate review process in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the rate work session schedule and topics.

## **Adjourn**



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