



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Council Member Spelman was absent.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session to go into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m.

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

- A.1 Discuss legal issues related to the November 6th, 2012 charter amendment election, proposed ballot language, transition issues, preclearance considerations, and related ordinances (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Work Session back to order at 10:42 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

- B.1 Staff Briefing on Central Magistration.
This item was withdrawn at staff's request.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the April 26, 2012 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.

Law

16. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-5 relating to council meeting procedures and declaring an emergency.
Law will bring a motion sheet for Council's consideration and action at the regular meeting on Thursday reflecting various changes that were discussed at this meeting.

Parks and Recreation

24. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to appropriate \$306,800 in Parkland Dedication Fees for the renovation of Wooldridge Square.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

D.1 Discussion and possible action on the Council meeting and work session schedule for 2012.

Council proposed changes to the Council meeting schedule for the next couple of months as follows:

- ◆ **April 25 budget meeting was cancelled. Budget meetings will be scheduled on May 2 (3 hours) and May 9 (6 hours).**
- ◆ **Urban rail meetings will be held on May 22 and 29 from 9 to 12 during regular work sessions. Meetings will continue, if needed, so this is completed by August 16.**
- ◆ **Bond presentations will be June 26 during the Work Session and on August 7 from 9 to 12.**
- ◆ **Austin Energy rate meetings will be Session 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 16 and Session 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 17. The April 30th meeting from 9 to 12 was already on the schedule. The final rate decision is anticipated to be done on June 7.**

AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

Public Hearing and Possible Action

139. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 (Zoning) relating to regulation of the location and use of buildings and land for alternative financial services businesses.

Parks and Recreation

23. Authorize a one-time exemption to City Code §10-6-2, which prohibits smoking in City parks, by authorizing a Temporary Designated Smoking Area at Pease District Park for April 28, 2012, for Eeyore's Birthday Party.

Items from Council

73. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide recommendations for a comprehensive air quality ordinance to control and abate air pollution and emissions of air contaminants, an enforcement mechanism, an implementation timeline, and any necessary funding requirements needed to ensure proper implementation; to consult with stakeholder groups; and to make his recommendations, including a draft ordinance, to the City Council by August 16, 2012. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. without objection.

The minutes for the work session of April 24, 2012 were approved on this the 24th day of May 2012 on Council Member Morrison's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote