



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PRE-SELECTED AGENDA ITEMS

- A.1 Item #42: Approve an ordinance on second and third readings amending Title 25 of the City Code addressing the short term rental of residential units. Related to Item #93. (Council Member Laura Morrison)

Staff responding to questions included: From the Law Department – Chad Shaw, Attorney Senior, and Brent Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney; From Planning and Development Review Department – Jerry Rusthoven, Assistant Director, and Ryan Robinson, City Demographer.

BRIEFING

- B1. Briefing on recommendations for a proposed 2012 Bond Election

The presentation was made by Marc Ott, City Manager, Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager, Mike Trimble, Officer, Capital Planning Office; Betsy Spencer, Director, and Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Housing; Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, and Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Howard Lazarus, Public Works Director, Sara Hensley, Parks and Recreation Director. Staff committed to providing Council:

- a list of projects in the 2006 and 2010 bond packages that are not going to be done and those that are going to be completed but have not been started yet;
- a list of drainage projects that are included in the 2012 bond package that may be tied to other projects and those that are not included and will not be funded by the drainage fees that are being collected;
- a history of how the interest income from the bond money has been spent; and
- a list of all projects that have been completed from the 2006 and 2010 bond packages.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting at 11:56 a.m. without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell reconvened the Council Meeting at 1:07 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- C1. Discussion of November 2012 election matters and potential direction to staff.

The following items will be set for a time certain of 4:00 P.M. at Thursday's meeting: 83, 84, 89, 90 and 91. The following citizens addressed Council concerning the districting issue: Ann Kitchen,

Richard Jung, and Fred McGhee, and David Butts for a hybrid districting plan, Fred Cantu, Fred Lewis and Nelson Lender for the 10-1 districting plan.

83. Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to provide for some council members to be elected from geographic single-member districts, some council members to be elected at large, and to change the City's general election date from May to November. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
84. Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to provide for council members to be elected from geographic single-member districts, to provide for the drawing of geographic districts, to provide for the length and staggering of council members' terms, and to provide for City elections to be held in even-numbered years. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
89. Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to reduce the number of signatures needed for a citizen initiated ordinance or referendum. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
90. Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to allow council members to raise political funds for 30 days after an election. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
91. Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to move the City's general election date from May to November, to provide that council members serve four-year staggered terms, and to provide that council elections occur in even-numbered years. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)

The following item will be postponed to August 2 or 16 at Thursday's meeting.

92. Approve an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 4-6 of the City Code regarding pawnshops and dealers in secondhand goods. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member William Spelman)

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the June 28, 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.

81. Approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council subcommittees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members. Discussion on the appointments and the possible postponement selection of appointments to the Lake Austin Task Force to the August 2, 2012 Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m. without objection.

The minutes for the work session of June 26, 2012 were approved on this the 2nd day of August 2012 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.