



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET AND TAX RATE HEARING MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget and Tax Rate Hearing Meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Council Members Martinez and Spelman were absent.

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Austin Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.
The public hearing was conducted and the motion to close the public comment and schedule adoption of the budget for September 10th to be continued on September 11th and 12th if necessary was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 5-0 vote. Council Members Martinez and Spelman were absent.
2. Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
The public hearing was conducted and the motion to close the public hearing was approved on Council Member Morrison's motion, Council Member Riley's second on a 5-0 vote. Council Members Martinez and Spelman were absent.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting at 11:42 a.m. to go into Executive Session without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number 3 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting back to order at 1:05 p.m.

3. Conduct a public hearing and adopt an ordinance approving an interim consent agreement for the Rio de Vida Municipal Utility District ("MUD"); and waiving Sections 25-9-155 (review of petition and recommendation by city employees), 25-9-156 (board and commission review and recommendation), and 25-9-157 (distribution of reports) of the City Code relating to an interim consent agreement.

The public hearing was conducted and the motion to close the public hearing and adopt the first reading of the ordinance was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Riley's second on a 4-1 vote. Council Member Morrison voted nay. Council Members Martinez and Spelman were absent. The ordinance will not be considered for second and third reading because the MUD enabling legislation expires before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 27th day of September, 2012 on Council Member Morrison's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.