## **RESOLUTION NO. 20130523-071**

WHEREAS, Austin Energy is a municipally owned utility, and the City Council is committed to ensuring that it continues to be financially sound while providing clean, affordable, reliable energy to its customers; and

WHEREAS, a new City Council Committee on Austin Energy would provide a regular public forum to hold in-depth discussions regarding the major issues facing the utility, engage with diverse stakeholders, and make recommendations to the full Council for final action; and

WHEREAS, recent discussions regarding the governance structure of Austin Energy have demonstrated the value of forming a Council committee that can provide recommendations to the full City Council regarding the governance of the utility, including the authority of a new Electric Utility Board which is currently under consideration by the City Council;

## NOW, THEREFORE,

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council Committee on Austin Energy is created with the following conditions, scope, and purpose:

- The Committee will include at least three Council members who will be confirmed by the full Council.
- The Committee will be subject to applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
- The City Council Committee on Austin Energy will provide oversight and policy recommendations on utility matters including:
  - o mission, scope, and responsibilities of relevant advisory committees;

- o strategic and generation plans;
- o major capital purchases or transactions;
- o rates, annual budgets, the general fund transfer and any other utility transfers;
- o financial policies and the financial status of the utility;
- o the sale and/or lease of utility property;
- o AE programs for low-income customers;
- o energy efficiency and solar programs;
- o customer protection;
- o fuel hedging and related financial strategies;
- o key accounts and special tariffs; and
- o competitive matters.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide the staff resources necessary for the Committee to accomplish its scope of work.

**ADOPTED**: <u>May 23</u>, 2013

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Jannette S. Goodal

City Clerk