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AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the October 17, 2013 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.

29. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 4 to add Chapter 4-15 relating to special events and high-capacity venues, repealing and replacing Chapter 14-8 relating the right-of-way closures for special events; amending Section 10-3-96 relating to temporary food establishments; repealing Section 14-6-3 relating to closures for street festivities; initiating code amendments related to temporary signs during a special event; and creating a penalty.

Mayor Leffingwell announced a request for postponement will be made at the October 17, 2013 Council Meeting.

- Approve an ordinance ending the pilot program which allowed biking on trails on a 24-hour basis by repealing Ordinance No. 20130131-028 and Ordinance No. 20130228-033. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)
 Direction was given to staff to provide the statistics collected by Austin Police Department on interactions between police officers and trail users through the Council Q&A process.
- 32. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 to make the Rainey Street Subdistrict eligible to participate in the Downtown Density Bonus Program and to address other density regulations affecting the Rainey Street Sub-district; and directing the City Manager to process the amendments. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member William Spelman)
- 41. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager not to allow the removal of personal items placed on burial plots, to investigate best practices regarding cemetery maintenance and grave ornamentation, and to involve the Parks Board and other interested parties in the stakeholder process regarding cemetery maintenance and grave ornamentation. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
- 42. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement a policy allowing ornamentation within the boundaries of a burial plot, subject to applicable laws allowing removal for health and/or safety reasons,

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and pending the outcome of a stakeholder process and final policy direction from the City Council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)

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C.1 Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission appointments.

BRIEFINGS

D.1 Briefing on the Project Connect Central Corridor. **The presentation was made by Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager and Kyle Keahey, Vice-President, HNTB Corporation.**

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 24th day of October 2013 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.