

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

**The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.**

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The Mayor Pro Tem introduced the agenda for the March 6, 2014 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.**

4. Approve an ordinance establishing the value of the exemption from ad valorem taxes for a portion of the appraised value of residential homesteads owned by individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older.  
**A request will be made to postpone this item to March 20, 2014 at the March 6, 2014 Council Meeting.**
6. Authorize execution of a construction contract with SANTA CLARA CONSTRUCTION, LTD., for Shoal Creek Restoration Project- 15th to 28th Streets in the amount of \$6,241,721 plus a \$624,172 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,865,893. Related to Item #5. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 91.06% MBE and 6.81% WBE participation.)
21. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a stakeholder process to consider changes to the sidewalk café regulations, including associated fees, processes, and use of permits instead of license agreements, and bring a report outlining any changes and recommended code amendments back to Council within 90 days. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)

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- C.1 Discussion and possible action regarding the timing and process for a potential mid-year budget amendment work session.  
**The motion requesting an item be placed on the March 18, 2014 Council Work Session agenda for discussion and possible action by Council on potential mid-year budget requests was approved with the following direction on Council Member Riley's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 5-1 vote. Those voting aye were Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Council Members Martinez, Morrison, Spelman, Riley and Tovo. Council Member Spelman voted**

**may. Mayor Leffingwell was absent. Direction was given to staff to work with Council Member Riley to develop a budget policy and include an item for discussion and possible action on the budget policy on the March 18 work session.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 20th day of March, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Leffingwell abstained.**