

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor Pro Tem introduced the agenda for the February 27, 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.

13. Authorize the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin to negotiate and execute all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to sell an approximately 13,200-square-foot vacant lot, locally known as 1120 E. 12th Street, to BUTLER EQUITY HOLDINGS, LTD., in accordance with Local Government Code Section 374.017, in the amount of \$451,000, excluding any applicable closing costs, for the development of a five-story vertical mixed use building.
14. Authorize the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin to negotiate and execute all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to sell approximately 26,206 square feet of vacant land, locally known as 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334 and 1336 E. 12th Street, to BUTLER EQUITY HOLDINGS, LTD., in accordance with Local Government Code Section 374.017, in the amount of \$901,000, excluding any applicable closing costs, for the development of a five-story vertical mixed use building.
50. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review and finalize cost estimates, to identify an appropriate funding source, and to return to Council with a budget amendment by March 6, 2014, to cover the costs of upgrading the Asian American Resource Center so that it has a commercial kitchen. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)
Direction was given to staff to add an item to the March 4th work session to discuss scheduling a mid-year budget work session.
44. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review and verify estimated costs associated with the development of a South Shore Central Small Area Plan, to identify an appropriate funding source, and to prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
12. Approve a settlement of claims asserted by the United States Department of Justice concerning hiring practices within the Austin Fire Department.

A request to postpone this item to the March 6, 2014 meeting will be made by staff at the February 27, 2014 Council Meeting.

48. Approve an ordinance modifying certain requirements of City Code Section 8-1-52 regarding extended hours of operation of sound equipment for events at the Mexican American Cultural Center only during the period March 12 - 15, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)

Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 6th day of March, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.