

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the April 17, 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.

12. Approve recommendations related to the purchase of a wildfire detection system by the City and recommendations to establish coordinated operations of wildfire detection systems owned by the City, Travis County, and the City of Westlake.
13. Authorize negotiation and execution of an encroachment agreement with GW APARTMENTS LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, for the retention of the six foot encroachment of a section of a retaining wall in a 451 square foot section of the right-of-way of Cesar Chavez and the extension of a section of decking improvements up to the retaining wall adjacent to and abutting that portion of Block 1 of the Green Water Treatment Plant Redevelopment Project, at the request of the City Arborist in order to preserve the arboreal integrity of designated heritage trees. Related to Item #14.
14. Approve an ordinance waiving the requirements of an appraisal and the payment of appraised value under Section 14-11-52 of the City Code and approving the reimbursement of the \$1,000 encroachment agreement application fee for the retention and maintenance of the encroachment of a section of a retaining wall in a 451 square foot section of the right-of-way of Cesar Chavez and the extension of a section of decking improvements up to the retaining wall at the request of the City of Austin under an Encroachment Agreement with GW APARTMENTS LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY in connection with the Green Water Treatment Plant Block 1 Redevelopment Project. Related to Item #13.
15. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to conduct a jointly funded market and feasibility study on future uses and improvements of the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park and Travis County Exposition Center. Related to Item #16.
16. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Special Revenue Fund Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to accept and appropriate \$50,000 from Travis County and \$25,000 from the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo for the market and feasibility study on future uses and improvements of the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park and Travis County Exposition Center. Related to Item #15.

19. Approve execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement for the Austin Regional Intelligence Center to include the following agencies as new partners: Austin Community College through its Police Department, Texas State University through its Police Department, the City of Cedar Park through its Police Department, Pflugerville Independent School District through its Police Department, the City of Kyle through its Police Department, and the City of Buda through its Police Department. Related to Item #20.
Direction was given to staff to incorporate language relating to compliance with retention requirements as part of the interlocal agreement.
20. Approve execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement for the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) to include the following new partner agencies in the funding mechanism established to sustain the operations of ARIC: Austin Community College through its Police Department, Texas State University through its Police Department, the City of Cedar Park through its Police Department, Pflugerville Independent School District through its Police Department, the City of Kyle through its Police Department, and the City of Buda through its Police Department. Related to Item #19.
Direction was given to staff to incorporate language relating to compliance with retention requirements as part of the interlocal agreement.
54. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapters 25-10 and 14-9 relating to the regulation of sidewalk signs and the placement of merchandise and accessories on sidewalks adjacent to a business. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
55. Approve a resolution declaring that freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right, directing the City to incorporate this principle into its policies, and requesting that the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force study the issue and report periodically to the council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)
50. Approve a resolution establishing a policy to require entities that contract with the City to provide their non-retaliation policy to the City, and prohibiting such entities from retaliating against employees who disclose their pay. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member William Spelman)
80. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 to create a Lake Austin (LA) district zoning overlay extending environmental protections from the LA base zoning district to certain properties within 1,000 feet of Lake Austin. Related to Item #79.
A request to postpone this item will be made at the April 17, 2014 Council Meeting.
75. C14H-2014-0001 - Baylor House - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 1607 West 10th Street (Shoal Creek Watershed) from family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning to family residence-historic landmark-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To forward to Planning Commission without a recommendation. Historic Landmark Commission Recommendation: To grant family residence-historic landmark-neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To forward to City Council without a recommendation. Applicant: Historic Landmark Commission. City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Planning and Development Review Department, 512-974-6454.
A request for a time certain of 6:30 p.m. will be made at the April 17, 2014 Council Meeting.
81. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapters 25-1 and 25-5 relating to vested development rights and continuing use rights under the Texas Local Government Code and amending Chapters 25-4 and 30-2 relating to subdivision plats.
A request for a time certain of 7:00 p.m. will be made at the April 17, 2014 Council Meeting.

B. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- B.1 Discuss potential appointees to the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force created by Resolution No. 20140410-033.

D. BRIEFINGS

- D.1 Saturday Citizens Forum Meeting Recommendations (Follow-up to Resolution No. 20140306-026)
Presentation was made by Ray Baray, Assistant to the City Manager, Jannette Goodall, City Clerk and Deborah Thomas, Law Department.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of May, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.