

RESOLUTION NO. 20140828-089

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has long sought to make information regarding pending development applications available to the public online through a primary case management system; and

WHEREAS, such information provides transparency by making critical information available both to residents of areas adjacent to proposed development and to permit applicants, who may receive additional time for obtaining necessary approvals if review deadlines established by the Land Development Code are not met; and

WHEREAS, in order for the online case management system to further these goals and serve the functions for which it is intended, it must include information from all departments that participate in the development review process; and

WHEREAS, the online case management system does not currently include information from several key departments and divisions involved in the plan review process; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2014, the City Council passed a resolution approving the "Electronic Plan Review Solution" to implement the Planning & Development Review Department's transition to a system for electronic plan review; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2014, the council authorized hiring Zucker Systems to begin evaluating permitting procedures with the goal of increasing efficiency of the review and application process; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of electronic plan review will require all departments participating in the development process to be fully integrated in to the online case management system, providing increased transparency, accountability, and efficiency, in addition to minimizing the often massive document submittals required of permit applicants under the current system; and

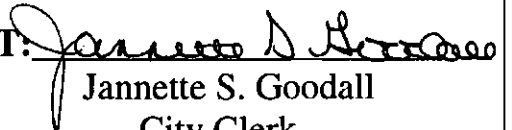
WHEREAS, realizing the full potential of electronic plan review requires improving the online case management system to include additional information relevant to plan review; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

1. The City Manager is directed to review the current utilization of the online case management system by departments that participate in the development review process and develop a recommendation for expanding the implementation of the system as expeditiously as possible to include full participation by all City departments and divisions that complete review as part of the development review process.
2. In developing recommendations, the City Manager may include a request to initiate amendments to the Land Development Code if deemed necessary to achieve the objectives expressed by this resolution.

3. The City Manager is directed to present his recommendations to the City Council within 60 days or as soon as reasonably practicable.

ADOPTED: August 28, 2014

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk