

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

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

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m.

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- A.1 Discuss a real property acquisition of approximately 75.1 acres located at the intersection of Bull Creek Road and 45th Street, Austin, Texas (Real Property Section 551.072 of the Government Code).
- A.2 Discuss legal issues related to the acquisition of approximately 75.1 acres located at the intersection of Bull Creek Road and 45th Street, Austin, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting back to order at 10:42 a.m.

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the October 16, 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.

- 27. Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment to City Code Chapter 5-2 (Discrimination in Public Accommodations) to prohibit retaliation and directing the City Manager to process the Code amendment by a certain date. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)
- 28. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report back to Council with a timeline for the implementation of strategies to promote the development of family-friendly housing in the City based on recommendations made by the School and Family Work Group, which was created by the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and Travis County Commissioners' Court. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)

- 33. Approve a resolution initiating Code amendments relating to the powers, duties, and functions of the City Auditor and the Ethics Review Commission. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
 - Direction was given to staff to provide Council with a red-line version of the ordinance showing proposed changes identified in the resolution.
- 35. Approve a resolution establishing a City living wage policy that ties the living wage to an index consistent with a cost of living adjustment for non-sworn personnel on an annual basis during the budget process, directing the City Manager to ensure the City's purchasing policies reflect this annual increase and initiating a staff supported stakeholder group to evaluate the living wage rate. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)
 - Direction was given to staff to provide Council with an estimate on the number of employees including the number of contractor employees that would be impacted.
- 38. Approve third reading of an ordinance defining transportation network companies (TNCs) and directing the City Manager to enter into agreements with TNCs allowing their operation, creating a penalty, and amending City Code Chapter 13-2 to increase certain penalties.
 - Direction was given to staff to provide Council information on recommendations provided at the October 2 Council meeting relating to the risk assessment used by staff in the recommendation relating to claims being denied and drivers losing their insurance because they were using their vehicle for commercial use and provide examples of when this has occurred.
- 70. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 relating to the regulation of efficiency dwelling units in certain multifamily zoning districts.

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

The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of October, 2014 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Leffingwell was absent.