



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. New council orientation addressing city administration and governance.

Presentations were made by:

- **Welcome and Overview – Mike Hockmuller, Human Resources Department**
- **World of Municipal Employment, Public Safety Civil Service and Contract Negotiations – Mark Washington, Human Resources Director and Deven Desai, Labor Relations Officer**
- **The Office of the City Clerk – Jannette Goodall, City Clerk**
- **The Making of a City Council Meeting – Ray Baray, Chief of Staff**
- **Lunch Speaker – Clarence Anthony, Executive Director, National League of Cities**
- **Council Committees, Corporations and Intergovernmental Bodies – Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City**
- **Understanding our Role with the Media – Renita Coleman, Associate Professor, University of Texas, School of Journalism, John Bridges, Managing Editor, Austin American –Statesman, Joy Diaz, City Hall Reporter, KUT, John Garrett, Publisher & CEO, Community Impact Newspaper, Frank Volpicella, Executive News Director, KVUE and Doug Mathews, Chief Communications Director.**
- **Issues We Want to Tackle – Mayor Steve Adler**
Direction was given to staff to compress the workshop schedule into a two or three day schedule and include “Environment, Social Services and TIF/PIDs” into the list of policy issue areas. Add to the end a facilitated discussion on all topics.
- **Wrap-up Remarks – Mayor Steve Adler**

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 29th day of January, 2015 on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Council Member Renteria’s second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay.