



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. Council discussion addressing land use issues, the Comprehensive Plan (Imagine Austin) and housing matters within the City of Austin.

Policy Workshop Topic One – Comprehensive Plan – Imagine Austin

City Staff – Greg Guernsey, Director and Matt Lewis, Assistant Director Planning and Development review Department

Panel Discussion – Cookie Ruiz, Ballet Austin and Imagine Austin Citizens Advisory Task Force; Mandy DeMayo, Executive Director, Housing Works; Cid Galindo, President, Central Texas Chapter of Congress of New Urbanism; and Heidi Gerbracht, VP of Public Policy, Real Estate Council of Austin; Mary Ingle, Austin Neighborhoods Council

Other Voices – Jeannette Booher, South Austin Neighborhood Action Team; Lori Renteria, Long-time Citizen Planner; Daniel Llanez, District 6; Jeff Jack, District 5; Pat Smith, South East Austin Community representative

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m.

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.

4. Discuss personnel matters related to the appointment of council members to council committees, intergovernmental bodies and other entities (Personnel Exception - 551.074 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 12:55 p.m.

1. Council discussion addressing land use issues, the Comprehensive Plan (Imagine Austin) and housing matters within the City of Austin.

Policy Workshop Topic Two – Housing (including land banking, bonds, Section 8 vouchers)

City Staff – Betsy Spencer, Director and David Potter, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

Panel Discussion – Liz Mueller, Professor; Mike Gerber, Housing Authority of the City of Austin; Terry Mitchell, Momark Development; Tim Irvine, Executive Director of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;

Other Voices – Mandy DeMayo, District 10; Ingrid Edwards, District 6

3. Approve a resolution relating to the Fire Department's hiring process, diversity in the Department, collective bargaining process, and budget. (Notes: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston CO 2: Council Member Delia Garza CO 3: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)

Resolution No. 20150205-003 was approved with the following amendments on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on an 11-0 vote.

The motion to amend paragraph 2 of the resolution to read "The Council desires that collective bargaining with the Austin Firefighters Association include bargaining over a mutually acceptable hiring process, including criteria for selecting a hiring vendor, and that such bargaining be completed prior to Council action on the selection of a hiring vendor. The Council further desires that the current vendor evaluation process incorporate specific modifications to that process agreed to today by the Fire Department and the AFA, and that the vendor selection process proceed in a manner that will meet the timeline required in the Consent Decree. In the event a collective bargaining agreement cannot be achieved on a timeline that ensures compliance with the Consent Decree, the Council directs the City Manager to include consultation with the AFA in the formation of any agreement for professional consulting service in connection with the hiring process at the Austin Fire Department." was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on an 11-0 vote.

There was a friendly amendment by Council Member Garza to "as agreed to today, February 5, 2015 and shown on Exhibit A." The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion and Council Member Zimmerman who seconded the motion.

There was a friendly amendment by Council Member Zimmerman to line one and line five to change the word "desire" to "direct", the friendly amendment was withdrawn.

The motion to amend paragraph 7 to delete from the resolution was approved on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on an 11-0 vote.

2. Approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council subcommittees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members. **The motion to approve appointments and certain related waivers to citizen boards and commissions, to Council subcommittees and other intergovernmental bodies and removal and replacement of members was approved on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Zimmerman was off the dais. Council Member Houston was absent.**

Board

Nominated By:

Downtown Commission

Mark Gilbert

Urban Transportation Commission

Land Development Code Advisory Group

Nuria Zaragoza

Land Development Code Advisory Group

1. Council discussion addressing land use issues, the Comprehensive Plan (Imagine Austin) and housing matters within the City of Austin.

Policy Workshop Topic 3 – Land Use

City Staff - Greg Guernsey, Director, Planning and Development Review Department, Brent Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney, Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department, Rob Spillar, Director, Austin Transportation Department and Betsy Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of February, 2015 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on a 11-0 vote.