



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas. Council Members Pool and Troxclair were absent.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

1. Council discussion addressing watershed protection, environmental matters, endangered species, and issues related to parks and open space.

**Policy Workshop Topic One – Watershed Protection, Environment and Endangered Species**

**City Staff – Victoria Li, Director Watershed Protection Department, Willie Conrad, Program Manager, Austin Water Utility**

**Panel Discussion – Dr. Lauren Ross, Glenrose Engineering, Hank Smith, Texas Engineering Solutions, Will Schnier, Big Red Dog Engineering & Consulting and Valerie Bristol, Travis Audubon.**

**Other Voices – Erin Foster, Travis Austin Recovery Group, Jaqueline Perez, Onion Creek Neighborhood, David Venhuizen, P.E., Tomas Pantin and Bill Bunch Save our Springs Alliance.**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding council meeting procedures.  
**Mayor Adler announced a proposed calendar will be posted to the Council On-line Message Board.**

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 12:44 p.m.

1. Council discussion addressing watershed protection, environmental matters, endangered species, and issues related to parks and open space. (CONTINUED)

**Policy Workshop Topic Two – Parks and Open Space**

**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on how many times the Emma Long Metropolitan Park and Walter E. Long Park have been included on the prioritization list for park improvements funded by bond monies and how much has been spent on each of the metropolitan parks.**

**City Staff – Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department**

**Panel Discussion – Susan Roth, Parks and Recreation Board, Colin Wallis, Austin Parks Foundation, Melissa Hawthorne, Barton Hills Neighborhood Association, Lynn Osgood, University of Texas, Department of Urban & Regional Planning and Jeff Francell, The Nature Conservancy.**

**Other Voices - Sharon Blythe, Advocate for Cemeteries, Matt Knifton, Texas Rowing, Harry Savio, Homebuilders Association, Thais Perkins, Tree Folks, Steven Zettner, RPS Technologies and David King, Zilker Neighborhood Resident.**

**Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 5th day of March, 2015 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Adler's second on a 11-0 vote.**