



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:21a.m.

**C. BRIEFINGS**

C.1 Briefing related to the 2015 Texas State Legislative Session.

**Presenter – Karen Kennard, Government Relations Office**

C.2 Briefing on voluntary flood buyout program and relocation policy.

**Presenters: Nick Goodling, Law Department, Victoria Li, Watershed Protection Director, Lauraine Rizer, Real Estate Officer,**

**Direction was given to staff to provide dates of recent buyouts and how much has been spent; full cost of relocation cost for the 5700 properties in the 25 and 100 year flood risk and 25 and 100 year flood plain; TCAD value; planning for where development is occurring and potential flooding effects to new developments; bring forward an item on Williamson Creek on the June 4, 2015 agenda.**

**The Mayor introduced the agenda for the May 21, 2015 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.**

2. Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20141120-014 increasing the percentage-based ad valorem (property) tax exemption on the assessed value of residence homesteads.
4. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to authorize the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) to allow a FBI SWAT employee to temporarily ride out on an EMS ambulance.
8. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 2 to a service contract with GE PACKAGED POWER INC., TRANSCANADA TURBINES INC., and WOOD GROUP PRATT & WHITNEY, for maintenance and repair services for gas turbines at Decker Creek Power Station and Sand Hill Energy Center, and for the purchase of a standby LM6000 gas turbine for the Sand Hill Energy Center, increasing the contract amount for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000,000. ( Notes: This contract was awarded in compliance with

City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

16. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 4 to a contract with LONGHORN CAR-TRUCK RENTALS, INC., to provide vehicle rental services in an amount not to exceed \$149,500, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,312,500. ( Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.)
20. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Watershed Protection Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to accept and appropriate \$16,300,000 for the implementation of the Onion Creek Forest/Yarrabee Bend Partnership Project with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, including the buyout and demolition of single family houses in the floodplain of Onion Creek near the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Drive, ecosystem restoration, and the creation of recreational facilities.
23. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to increase the City's minimum wage for City employees in the FY2015-2016 budget and future budgets. ( Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Ora Houston CO 3: Council Member Leslie Pool)
24. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to take steps to increase opportunities to let dogs out of their kennels while housed at the Austin Animal Center; and to provide a report on long-term options to improve animal welfare at the Austin Animal Center and to increase the Animal Service Office's online capabilities. ( Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen )
25. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to convene a working group to develop recommendations related to the use of conviction history in hiring (fair chance hiring practices) by private employers in the City of Austin. ( Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo )
26. Approve a resolution increasing the number of members on the Land Development Code Advisory Group. Related to Item #40. ( Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 3: Council Member Sheri Gallo )
40. Approve a recommendation to expand the CodeNEXT Advisory Group. Related to Item #26.
30. Approve an ordinance on second reading relating to the Austin Cab I, Incorporated d.b.a. Austin Cab taxicab franchise. ( Notes: Transportation )
31. Approve an ordinance on second reading relating to the Greater Austin Transportation Company, d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company taxicab franchise. ( Notes: Transportation )
32. Approve an ordinance on second reading relating to the Lone Star Cab Company taxicab franchise. ( Notes: Transportation )
33. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 13-2 relating to ground transportation passenger service requirements.
34. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore the feasibility of a fourth taxi cab franchise.

- 39. Authorize execution of an amendment to the August 2013 Parkland Improvement and Use Agreement with the West Austin Youth Association regarding Lamar Beach and Town Lake Metropolitan Park. ( Notes: Parks and Recreation - Item #10 on February 26, 2015. )
- 42. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 50-year license agreement with DECKER LAKE GOLF, LLC to provide funding, design, development, management, and maintenance services for a golf course at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park. (THE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014). ( Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. Goals will be established in future construction phases.) (Purchasing - Item #28 on March 5, 2015. )
- 48. Conduct a public hearing and consider an appeal by Daniel Llanes, regarding the Planning Commission's approval of a variance from City Code Section 25-2-721(B)(1), which prohibits the construction of a building or parking area within the primary setback of the Waterfront Overlay in the Red Bluff Subdistrict (District 3).
- 52. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapters 15-2 and 15-9 relating to the drainage charge.

**Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:37 p.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.2 Discuss matters related to large primary and transmission electric customers (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Section 551.086 of the Government Code).
- A.3 Discuss legal issues associated with City Council Resolution No. 20140612-065 that directs the City Manager to file a challenge petition with the Travis County Appraisal Review Board relating to commercial property values in the City set by the Travis Central Appraisal District (Private consultation with legal counsel-Section 551.071).

**Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 2:24 p.m.**

- C.3 Briefing on the possibility of filing a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board for the Travis Central Appraisal District relating to commercial property values in the City set by the Travis Central Appraisal District.

**Meghan Riley, Law Department**

**Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 4th day of June, 2015 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Garza was off the dais.**