

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Council Member Garza was absent.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:40 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.

3. Discuss personnel matters related to the appointment of a City Auditor (Personnel exception - Sec. 551.074 of the Government Code).
4. Discuss matters related to large primary and transmission electric customers (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Section 551.086 of the Government Code).
5. 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 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 10:11 a.m.

DISCUSSION

1. Briefing and discussion on the voluntary flood buyout program and relocation policy.
This item was withdrawn without objection.
2. Briefing and discussion regarding the possibility of filing a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board for the Travis Central Appraisal District relating to commercial property values set by the Travis Central Appraisal District.
The presentation was withdrawn without objection. Discussion occurred between representatives from the Cities of Austin, Cedar Park and Round Rock; Austin Community College; Austin Independent School District; Central Health District; Travis County; and Travis Central Appraisal District.

4. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to file a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board relating to the level of appraisals of commercial property values by the Travis Central Appraisal District pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Texas Tax Code. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 2: Council Member Don Zimmerman CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

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Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 2:10 p.m.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 2:12 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.