# Late Backup

# **MOTION SHEET**

#### Amending the ordinance in back-up to:

- (1) clarify that only the discount element of the Customer Assistance Program is applicable to the drainage charge;
- (2) allow combining properties for the calculation of impervious cover percentage in certain circumstances; and
- (3) provide that the annual report include reporting on the impact of green infrastructure on drainage and potential for customers to reduce the impact on drainage, thus reduce their drainage charge.

# **Suggested Script: (read the following from the dais)**

I move:

- (1) to amend Part 4, Section 15-2-5, by adding a new subsection (C) to allow properties tied together for development as a condominium regime or other unified development to be combined when calculating impervious cover percentage.
- (2) To amend Part 9, Section 15-2-10 to include the impact of green infrastructure in the annual report.
- (3) to amend Part 14, section 15-2-14, subsection (A) to clarify that only the discount element of the Customer Assistance Program is applicable to the drainage charge.

The exact ordinance language has been provided to the City Clerk and distributed on the dais.

**Ordinance Language:** provided to City Clerk—changes from ordinance in back up in **different font and bold**.

## PART 4.

#### § 15-2-5 IMPERVIOUS COVER CALCULATION.

- (A) Impervious cover shall be calculated in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual and City Code Section 25-8-63 (*Impervious Cover Calculations*). For the purpose of impervious cover calculation for drainage utility purposes, impervious cover shall exclude gravel railroad track ballasts.
- (B) The percentage of impervious cover on a benefitted property shall be calculated using the total area of the benefitted property as the denominator and the total impervious cover as the numerator, then converting the fraction to a percentage.

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(C) The percentage of impervious cover on a benefitted property may be calculated on a composite basis with another benefitted property if:

(1) the properties together constitute a condominium regime; or (2) the properties were legally developed together as one site as evidenced by a unified development agreement, city site plan, or other acceptable documentation.

### PART 9.

# § 15-2-10 [12] ANNUAL REPORT.

The director shall provide an annual report of the <u>drainage utility</u> [<del>Watershed</del> Protection and Development Review Department</del>] revenues, expenses, and programs to the city council. <u>The annual report shall include findings on the</u> <u>impact of green infrastructure on drainage and recommended strategies that</u> <u>could allow utility customers to reduce the drainage charge by reducing their</u> <u>property's impact on drainage. The recommended strategies shall address the</u> <u>potential for credits or discounts for innovative stormwater controls that</u> <u>exceed land development requirements and/or detention and water quality</u> <u>treatment minimum requirements.</u>

## **PART 14.**

## § 15-2-14 [17] REDUCED CHARGE BASED ON NEED.

(A) <u>A utility customer who qualifies for assistance under Austin</u> <u>Energy's Customer Assistance Discount Program</u> [The user of residential benefitted property] may request a reduced drainage charge based on financial need. [A request must be in writing and be provided to the director.]