Economic Opportunity Committee **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES ***12th of October, 2015***

The Economic Opportunity Committee convened in a regular meeting on the 14th of September, 2015 in the Austin City Council Chambers at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ellen Troxclair called the committee Meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:
Chair Troxclair, Vice Chair Houston and Council Members Casar

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve the minutes of the Economic Opportunity Committee meeting of September 14th, 2015.

Minutes were approved on Vice Chair Houston's motion and Council Member Casar's second on a vote of 3-0 with Council Member Pool absent.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
David King spoke on short term rentals.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Consider and develop a recommendation regarding Fair Chance Hiring Practices
  Acting Assistant City Manager Washington
  Joya Hayes, Assistant Director, Human Resources Department

  Discussion by the Committee resulted in separating the resolution into two parts, 'Ban the Box' and 'Fair Chance Hiring".

  Vice Chair Houston motioned for affirmative vote on 'Ban the Box' to refer to council. Councilmember Casar seconds the motion, 3-0 passage with Pool absent from Committee.

  Councilmember Casar motioned to require city staff to draft an operable ordinance that includes definitions and penalties. Motion fails on failure to gain a second.

  Clarification by Chair stated: Affirmative vote on 'Ban the Box' should be forwarded to the full council, but committee was not prepared to vote on drafting an ordinance on any components beyond this action.

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- Consider and develop a recommendation regarding the Convention Center's Long Range Master Plan
  Mark Tester, Director, Austin Convention Center Department

  No Action was taken.

- Discussion and recommendation regarding nominees to the CodeNext Land Development Advisory Group

  No Action was taken

4. BRIEFING

- The Committee received a briefing from Small Minority Business Resource.
  Veronica Lara, Director, Small Minority Business Resource

  No action was taken.

- The Committee received a briefing from Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs.
  Rondella Hawkins, Officer, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs

  No action was taken.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Ellen Troxclair adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m. without objection

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