



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. Council Member Pool was absent.

BRIEFINGS

- B.2 Briefing on the Austin Convention Center's Long-Range Master Plan.
Presentation was made by Mark Tester, Director Austin Convention Center and Allen Collier, Houston, Texas, David O'Neal, Principal with Conventional Wisdom and Phil Capron, Urban Land Institute.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with a breakdown of the existing debt for the Convention Center; to consider options that would incorporate the Palms School location into the long-range master plan; include the cost of living of Austin and peer cities into the fiscal impact; the cost estimates of future revenue increase from the expanded Convention facilities; and provide details on the analysis of a the revenue impact of the convention center based on sales and property tax revenue; provide Council with the memo sent to the Economic Opportunity Committee.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the October 15, 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.

25. Authorize execution of a 48-month contract with PLAYERS CONCESSIONS INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal TVN0053, to provide café management services for Zilker Park Café for an estimated revenue amount of \$558,000, with two 36-month extension options in an estimated revenue amount of \$418,500 per option period, for a total estimated revenue amount of \$1,395,000. (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.)

33. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to appoint a liaison to local organizations that share the City's goal of ending human trafficking in Austin; to incorporate information about preventing, identifying, and responding to human trafficking into existing training for City employees; and to develop plans and policies to prevent and reduce human trafficking in Austin. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler CO 3: Council Member Delia Garza CO 4: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo)
38. Approve a resolution initiating a process to consider code and ordinance amendments to remove or otherwise modify the option to pay a fee in lieu of providing on-site affordable housing within the City's various density bonus programs and directing the City Manager to conduct a review and compile reports regarding affordable housing, density bonus programs, and utilizing a fee-in-lieu option within density bonus programs. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Ora Houston CO 2: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 3: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)
A request for a time certain of 4:00 p.m. may be made on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
39. Approve a resolution amending the City's federal legislative agenda to include support for Planned Parenthood funding and amending the City's state legislative agenda to support expanding funding of or women's access to a full spectrum of health services. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Delia Garza CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Ora Houston CO 3: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 4: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
30. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month revenue contract with GILA LLC DBA MSB, or another qualified offeror to Request for Proposal EAD0122, to provide collection services for the Emergency Medical Services Department for an estimated revenue of \$7,500,000, with two 12-month extension options with an estimated revenue of \$1,500,000 for each extension option, for a total estimated revenue amount of \$10,500,000. (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.)
Direction was given to staff to provide information on the impact of referring the item to a Council Committee.
50. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an amendment to City Code Chapter 13-2 related to Transportation Network Company fees and to bring the amendment to the Mobility Committee for consideration no later than November 16, 2015.
A request for a time certain of 6:00 p.m. may be made on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
Public testimony may be limited on this item at the Thursday, October 15, 2015 Council Meeting to four speakers each side.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:10 p.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.

- E.1 Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
This item was withdrawn without objection.

- E.2 Discuss information relating to pricing and terms of potential long-term purchase agreements of utility-scale solar generated power (Public Power Utility Competitive Matters - Government Code Section 552.133).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting back to order at 1:52 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

3. Adopt a plan of achieving 600 megawatts of utility-scale, solar generation capacity by 2017 in addition to solar capacity currently existing or under contract, and to authorize negotiation and execution of power purchase agreements with qualified offerors for up to 350 megawatts of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity (for a total acquisition of approximately 600 megawatts of new solar capacity, if available and affordable) for terms of up to 25 years, for a combined estimated annual amount of \$44,000,000 and combined total of \$1,100,000,000.
Public testimony may be limited on this item at the Thursday, October 15, 2015 Council Meeting to 30 minutes total.
54. Approve an ordinance on second and third readings to amend Title 25 of the City Code relating to secondary dwelling units. (THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON JUNE 18, 2015). Related to Item #55.
55. Discussion and possible action on recommendations related to amendments to City Code regarding secondary dwellings. Related to Item #54.

BRIEFINGS CONTINUED

- B.3 Briefing on historic preservation, including local historic districts.
Presentation was made by Steve Sadowsky, Preservation Officer, Planning Department.
Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the referenced report that includes data on historic preservation programs and the impact on a City's tourism business.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

51. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an amendment to City Code Chapter 13-2, addressing public safety measures related to background check requirements for Transportation Network Companies, and to bring the amendment to the Mobility Committee for consideration no later than November 16, 2015.
A request for a time certain of 6:00 p.m. may be made on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
Public testimony may be limited on this item at the Thursday, October 15, 2015 Council Meeting to four speakers each side.
53. Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment to address the lack of an on-site affordable housing density bonus program for multi-family properties and to adjust the requirements of Multifamily Residence Highest Density (MF-6) district zoning to incorporate a density bonus program.
A request for a time certain of 4:00 p.m. may be made on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
Public testimony may be limited on this item at the Thursday, October 15, 2015 Council Meeting to four speakers each side.
56. Approve a recommendation regarding short-term rentals.

Public testimony may be limited on this item at the Thursday, October 15, 2015 Council Meeting to four speakers each side.

71. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F pertaining to residential design and compatibility standards, commonly known as “McMansion,” relating to property within the East Riverside Corridor or Transit Oriented District zoning districts.

BRIEFINGS CONTINUED

- B.1 Briefing on the 2016 Council meeting schedule.
Presentation was made by Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, City Manager’s Office and Catie Powers, Acting Agenda Office Manager.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

13. Approve an ordinance setting the council meeting schedule for calendar year 2016.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- D.1 Discussion regarding the operating procedures of the city council and of council committees.
This item was withdrawn without objection.
- D.2 Discussion regarding implementation steps by the Development Services and Planning and Zoning Departments to improve the delivery of planning and development services.
This item was withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of November 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s second on an 11-0 vote.