

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special called meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo called the Special Called Meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with OXFORD ADVISORS, LLC for independent consumer advocate services for residential and small commercial electric utility customers, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

2. Approve a resolution affirming the City Council's commitment to a fair and equitable appraisal system and its support of legal actions related to the level of appraisals of commercial property values.  
(Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Don Zimmerman CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 4: Council Member Leslie Pool)  
**The motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman.**

**The motion to amend the resolution and add "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin City Council will use all additional tax revenue generated as a result of the appraisal challenge as a revenue neutral tool to lower the property tax rate for all taxpayers." Failed on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Gallo's second on a 2-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Zimmerman and Gallo. Those voting nay were: Mayor Pro Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Houston, Kitchen, and Renteria. Council Member Casar was off the dais,; Mayor Adler and Council Members Pool and Troxclair were absent.**

**Resolution No. 20151203-002 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 7-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais; Mayor Adler and Council Members Pool and Troxclair were absent.**

**Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 10th day of December 2015 on Council Member Gallo's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais. Mayor Adler was absent.**