

Late Backup

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 20150129-026 amended the City Code by adding a new article to Chapter 2-5 of relating to Council committees, providing duties and procedures for the committees, making conforming amendments to other parts of the Code, and amending parts of article 2 of Chapter 2-5 relating to the Council's agenda and meeting procedures; and

WHEREAS, Council created new protocol for Council committees to make City government more efficient and transparent; and

WHEREAS, Council has established the intent to review the current committee structure; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to reduce time and workload burdens for City staff in carrying out and facilitating Council the committee process; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to improve accessibility and transparency of the committee process for the public; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The purposes of Council committees are:

1. to delegate a ~~limited number of~~ complex policy discussions to small groups who can more easily explore complicated policy issues or issues in dispute to generate useful policy solutions; and
2. to proactively craft policy on major city-wide issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council committees should not be used for postponements; instead requests for postponements should be established at Council work session for future Council Meeting agendas;
2. ~~Council committees will not be the primary vehicle for taking public comment; however, committees~~ At their discretion, Council committees can may take public comment early in the policy-making process if the committee finds early public input is helpful; and

3. Council does not assume that items from the City Manager should go to Council committee before being placed on a Council agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council assumes that Items from Council that are placed on the Council agenda with four co-sponsors do not require committee review.