



**Economic Opportunity Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
8th of June, 2015**

The Economic Opportunity Committee convened in a regular meeting on the 8th of June, 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 2:16 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Troxclair, Vice Chair Houston and Council Members Casar and Pool.

Staff in Attendance:

Veronica Lara, Director, Small & Minority Business Resources

David Colligan, Global Business Recruitment and Enhancement Division Manager, Economic Development Department

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the Economic Opportunity Committee meeting of May 11, 2015.

Minutes were approved on Council Member Pool's motion and Vice Chair Houston's second on a vote of 4-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Chip Rosenthal spoke about OpenATX and the Open Data Initiative and receiving potential quarterly updates from City staff.
- b. Rebecca Melancom spoke about IBIZ Initiatives.
- c. Darwin Hamilton spoke about the Fair Chance Initiative and offering thanks for Council support.
- d. Sandra Eames spoke about the Fair Chance Initiative.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Veronica Lara, Director of SMBR gave a presentation on the status of the Minority, Women and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE and VBE) Disparity Study.

Elleta Banks, Asian Contractor's Association gave a presentation providing an overview of the Asian Minority Trade Alliance.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Black Contractor's Association gave a presentation providing an overview of the Austin Black Contractor's Association.

Juan Oyervides, Hispanic Contractor's Association gave a presentation providing an overview of the Austin Hispanic Contractor's Association.

Sylvia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department provided a briefing on the Major Events Trust Fund and the Regular Event Trust Fund, including the role of the City and of the Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee (CELOC).

Julie Huls, President, Austin Technology Council (ATC), provided an overview of the partnership between ATC and the City of Austin.

Rondella Hawkins, Officer, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs provided an overview of the Google Fiber Community Connection Program.

4. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- a. **The EOC recommended that the City Manager bring forward policy options for ensuring the City's construction and non-construction contractor's fall under a wage policy and that those possible fiscal impacts be analyzed in the annual budget recommendation.**

Council Member Casar motioned to forward the item to Council with Council Member Pool's second with the vote passing 2-0-1-1 with Chair Troxclair abstaining and Vice Chair Houston off dais.

5 DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- a. **Discussion regarding the Major Events Trust Fund and the Regular Event Trust Fund, including the role of the City and the Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee (CELOC) was made by David King.**
- b. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by David King.**
- c. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Bob Batlan.**
- d. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Jeremy Hendricks.**
- e. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Javier Bantista.**
- f. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Marilu Fructuosa.**
- g. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Chris Willett.**
- h. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Emily Timm.**
- i. **Discussion regarding the City's Living Wage Policies in relation non-construction sub-contractors and sub-contractors was made by Phil Thoden.**

6. ADJOURN

Chair Ellen Troxclair adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m. without objection

The Minutes were approved on this the 24th day August 2015 on Council Member Pool's motion and Council Member Houston's second on a vote of 4-0.