

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City has initiated and completed several studies to identify city service needs, including but not limited to the Flood Mitigation Task Force Final Report, the Austin Housing Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, the Project Connect Central Texas Regional High Capacity Transit Plan, the Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan, and Imagine Austin; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the City allocate and prioritize funding that will address issues such as flooding, affordable housing, mobility, high capacity transit, parks, libraries, and the capital renewal necessary to rehabilitate the infrastructure already in place; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, through an educational and consensus-oriented process, developed a vision for how the City should develop and present a new opportunity for coordinated investment; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

- (A) A Bond Election Advisory Task Force (Task Force) is established to identify and prioritize bond funding for projects that will address infrastructure needs, including but not limited to needs related to

flooding, libraries, housing, mobility, transit, parks, fire stations and other planned, unfunded capital improvement needs.

(B) The Task Force shall be composed of 15 members.

(C) The Task Force members shall be appointed and begin meeting by October 1, 2016, with the following requirements:

i. The Mayor and each Council Member will nominate one city resident as a voting member for appointment; and

ii. The Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting Commission shall appoint one member from their Boards and Commissions or a designee and Bond Oversight Committee shall appoint two members from their Committee or a designee; and

iii. In making appointments, the Mayor and Council will strive to appoint at least one appointee with a public finance background and at least one appointee with a civil engineering background to provide sufficient expertise to the body as it considers capital needs and potential funding scenarios.

(D) The Task Force shall work within the scope of a needs assessment and funding priorities recommended by City staff and aligned with recommendations from the Flood Mitigation Task Force Final Report, the Strategic Housing Plan, the Strategic Mobility Plan, Project Connect

Central Texas Regional High Capacity Transit Plan, the Long-Range CIP Strategic Plan, Imagine Austin, and other policy plans.

- (E) In addition to conducting regular meetings for the purpose of considering potential bond projects identified in the needs assessment, the representatives of the Task Force shall attend public briefings at City Council meetings, after which subsequent dates will be provided for the Task Force to present and consult with Boards and Commissions.
- (F) The entirety of the Task Force's proceedings shall be open to the public in order to maximize citizen engagement and the Task Force's efforts will culminate in recommendations to be considered by the City Council regarding potential bond projects.
- (G) The Task Force shall present its report to Council no later than May 1, 2017 and shall be dissolved upon Council's adoption of the ballot language for a bond election in 2017 or 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to schedule and conduct public briefings as needed to be presented to Council to provide information regarding the City's current bonded indebtedness, bond ratings, and future bonding capacity, as well as a prioritized capital improvements needs assessment for the purpose of planning future bond proposals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk

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