

# **Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting 11 April 2017

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 11, 2017 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Rangel called the commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Eric Rangel – Vice Chair Jonathon Gins Alex Reyna
Mario Champion Daniel Hennessey Beverly Silas
Kelly Davis Chris Hosek Cynthia Weatherby

**Commission Members Absent:** 

D'Ann Johnson – Chair Michael Wilfley

**Staff in Attendance:** 

Jim Dale Marissa Monroy Cheyenne Krause Emily Smith

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of February 14, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Silas second on a 6-0-1 vote with Commissioner Rangel abstaining, Commissioners Davis and Hosek off of the dais, and Commissioners Johnson and Wilfley absent.

**Ayes:** Champion, Hennessey, Gins, Reyna, Silas, Weatherby, Wilfley

Nays: None Abstain: Rangel

**Absent:** Johnson, Davis, Hosek, Wilfley

#### 2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Robin Orlowski
- John Kennedy

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Extending Parking Meter Hours on Wednesday Nights – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Jason Redfern, Parking Operations Division Manager, and Rob Spillar, Director of the Austin Transportation Department.

**Action taken**: A motion to accept staff's recommendations was adopted on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Champion second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Johnson and Wilfley absent.

Ayes: Rangel, Champion, Davis, Hennessey, Gins, Hosek, Reyna, Silas, Weatherby

Nays: None Abstain: None

**Absent:** Johnson, Wilfley

#### B. Nomination and Election of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action

**Action taken**: Commissioner Rangel nominated Commissioner Johnson to serve as Chair. A motion to elect Commissioner Johnson to the position of Chair passed on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Johnson and Wilfley absent.

**Ayes:** Rangel, Champion, Davis, Hennessey, Gins, Hosek, Reyna, Silas, Weatherby

Nays: None Abstain: None

**Absent:** Johnson, Wilfley

**Action taken**: Commissioner Rangel nominated himself to serve as Vice Chair. A motion to elect Commissioner Rangel to the position of Vice Chair passed on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Rangel abstaining and Commissioners Johnson and Wilfley absent.

**Ayes:** Champion, Davis, Hennessey, Gins, Hosek, Reyna, Silas, Weatherby

Nays: None Abstain: Rangel

**Absent:** Johnson, Wilfley

## C. Proposed Amendments to City Hands-Free Driving Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20140828- 041) – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Scott Johnson, safety advocate. Francis Reilly, Vision Zero Program Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, was also present to answer questions.

No action taken. Mr. Johnson will draft recommendation language for the UTC's consideration at a future meeting.

## D. Bringing Equity Through Hike and Bike Trail in E. MLK Region – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Pinaki Ghosh, East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Chair, Tyson Brown, Pecan Springs-Springdale Hills Neighborhood Association Vice President, and Ali Ronder, Hog Pen Neighborhood Association President. Janae Ryan, Urban Trails Program Manager with the Public Works Department and Randy Scott, Park Development Coordinator with the Parks & Recreation Department were also present to answer questions.

No action taken. The presenters will draft recommendation language for the UTC's consideration at a future meeting.

#### 4. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **A. Downtown Commission** No update.
- **B.** Joint Sustainability Committee Commissioner Davis gave the update. On March 22, the Joint Sustainability Committee discussed additional actions to supplement the 2015 Austin Community Climate Plan list of actions.

- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In March, the BAC received briefings on the Travis County Transportation Plan and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and passed recommendations regarding New Mountain Bike Trails in Central Austin and Consideration of Bicycle Use in AISD Facilities Master Plan.
- **D.** Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In March, the PAC received briefings on Travis County Transportation Plan, Austin Convention Center proposed expansion, and ATD's Arterial Management Division. In April, the PAC received a briefing on 2016 Mobility Bond Local Mobility Implementation.

#### 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by staff and/or commissioners which may be placed on a future UTC agenda. These items will not be discussed by the commission as part of this current agenda.

- **A.** Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (May)
- **B.** Transit Priority in Corridor Plans Susan Pantell (May)
- C. Capital Metro Project Connect (May)
- **D.** Big Jump Project
- E. FY 2018 Budget Austin Transportation and Public Works Department Budget Process
- **F.** Proposal for an E. MLK Hike and Bike Trail (Gins and Hosek)
- **G.** Amendments to City Hands-Free Driving Ordinance (Hosek and Champion)
- H. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- I. Pedestrian Mall
- J. Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Route Designation Study
- K. North Toll Road 130
- L. Prop 7 TXDOT
- M. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- N. Personal Rapid Transit

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Rangel adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. without objection.