

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

BRIEFINGS**B.1 Legislative Update**

Presentation was made by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the May 18, 2017 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

45. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to take appropriate legal action related to Senate Bill 4 (a state law relating to enforcement of immigration law by local governmental entities). (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 3: Council Member Jimmy Flannigan)
This item will be pulled from the consent agenda and a request to set this item for a time certain may be made at the May 18, 2017 Council Meeting.

Direction was given to staff to include Mayor Adler as a co-sponsor.

11. Approve a resolution creating the Art Space Assistance Program as an economic development program of the City, and approve program guidelines.
Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following: the plan for the rent stabilization program; information on the needs that were identified and the amounts; information on how other artist groups identified in the resolution are being addressed in this resolution; to include responsibilities of the landlord into the resolution; information on whether an emphasis on the tenant improvements includes energy efficiency improvements; what is meant by professional development opportunities; how common is it for a tenant to

have a three year lease and will the grants be paid out as a lump sum or over time; how will arts be defined; what is the difference between the original backup and the revised backup; whether the length of time and location will factor into the judging criteria; are groups who receive funding under this program eligible for funding under cultural arts program; the criteria used by the grant review committee to make exceptions to the City's living wage requirement vetted; and the list of organizations that were contacted about the grant program.

12. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to transfer out \$3,500,000 to the General Fund; and amending the General Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to increase the transfer in by \$3,500,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund; and appropriating \$3,500,000 to increase expenditures in the Austin Fire Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to provide additional overtime funds that are needed due to the high number of sworn fire vacancies and the requirement to maintain four-person staffing requirements.
Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following information: details on what the \$3.5 million being spent on; the opportunity costs of this decision; why and how did we end up in a situation of relying on so much overtime to now be funded out of our reserves; and the breakdown of the increase in the budget for Fire resulting from overtime demands over the past few years.
14. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-5 relating to procedures for City Council meetings, public hearings, appeals, and committees, and City Code Chapter 15-9 relating to utility rate hearings. Related to Item #15
15. Approve a resolution adopting procedures for City Council meetings, public hearings, and appeals. Related to Item #14
Direction was given to staff to provide clarity on City Code Section 1-1-4 (F) to provide Council with the flexibility to continue past 10 p.m.; to revise Section 1-1-8 (D) to either as the current language or once a month; include a statement about recusal in the procedures; provide clarity for Section 1-2-3 (C); include transcripts under Section 2-1-4; and to revise Section 2-2-1 to revise the sentence to make it clear that the determination of standing of the appellant occurs before Council's decision to postpone or continue the hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- D.1 CodeNEXT discussion.
Council Members agreed to use the Council Message Board to begin creating a list of topics and points of clarity that Council is interested in discussing and the priority of the topics that should be discussed to assist with establishing a timeline for Council discussions on CodeNext.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following: recommendations on a process for Council to submit changes to CodeNext; a list of changes being made by staff; a list of proposed changes that will be changed or recommended by staff; and a list of policy decisions that staff will need Council to make.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

18. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 to create a new Rosewood Park Capitol View Corridor, and directing the City Manager to process the amendment to be presented to Council on or before August 17, 2017.

52. Approve the appointments of Julie Oliver and Maram Museitif to the Central Health Board of Managers.
Direction was given to staff to provide a list of applicants interviewed by the Health and Human Services Committee.
40. Approve an ordinance relating to the creation of a temporary plaza in the South Central Waterfront Area; and waiving certain code requirements and associated fees. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Delia Garza CO 3: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 4: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)
This item will be postponed.
16. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER D/B/A INTEGRAL CARE (IC) for the Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST), to connect homeless individuals with services necessary to begin their process of stability and recovery, in the amount of \$242,354, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
29. Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts with ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO. and WRIGHT TREE SERVICE INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals TVN0062, to provide energized distribution line clearance services, with an initial 24-month term in an amount of \$34,000,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount of \$12,000,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000,000, divided between the contractors. (Notes: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program and subcontractor goals were applied to the solicitation. The subcontracting goals were met and the resulting contracts will include 4.20% MBE and 1.86% WBE participation.)
43. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a lighting inventory study in West Campus and to implement such strategies as are recommended by the study to increase pedestrian safety. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Ora Houston CO 3: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 4: Council Member Jimmy Flannigan)

BRIEFINGS

- B.2 Smart Cities Update
Withdrawn
- B.3 Capital View Corridors Briefing
Withdrawn

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E.1 Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn
- E.2 Discuss legal issues related to establishing a new capitol view corridor (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 8th day of June 2017 on Council Member Flannigan's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Members Garza and Kitchen were absent.