



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

- B.1 Colony Park RFQ Update.
Presentation was made by Martin Barrera, Redevelopment Project Manager, Economic Development Department.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- E.1 Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn without objection.
- E.2 Discuss legal issues related to City of Austin 2017 labor negotiations concerning employees in the Fire, Police, and EMS departments (Private consultation with legal counsel – Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn without objection.
- E.3 Discuss legal issues related to the City of Dripping Springs' Application for a Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater Effluent into Walnut Springs Tributary and Onion Creek (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Withdrawn without objection.

- E.4 Discuss legal issues related to rescinding action taken on August 10, 2017 regarding rezoning of the property located at 12611 Hymeadow (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item numbers 86 and 102 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

86. C14-2017-0027 - Texas Motor Transportation and Oil Field Haulers Inc. - District 1 –Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 700 East 11th Street (Waller Creek Watershed). Applicant Request: To rezone from general commercial services (CS) district zoning to Central Business District (CBD) zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant Central Business District (CBD) zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant Central Business District (CBD) zoning. Owner/Applicant: Texas Motor Transportation & Oil Field Haulers, Inc. (John Esparza). Agent: Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams (Michele R. Lynch). City Staff: Scott Grantham, 512-974-3574.
102. Approve a resolution to direct the City Manager on appropriate action related to Senate Bill 4 (state law regarding immigration). (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the meeting back to order at 2:15 p.m.

BRIEFINGS

- B.2 Financial Options for Downtown
Presentation was made by Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services Department; Carla Steffen, Deputy Director Chief Financial Officer, Austin Convention Center Department.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the following: the downtown growth in hotels; the portion of tax revenue from hotels and the tourism impact on property tax; identify the assessed valuation growth with new construction versus existing construction; the number of tax evaluation protests from hotels or new properties in the central business district; the portion of influence on tax revenue applied to the tax increment financing versus the portion of influence on tax revenue applied to the general revenue; a memo providing further explanation on the legal analysis supporting the interpretation that funds cannot be used towards affordable housing citing the requirements specifying affordable housing with voter approved debt backed by property tax and the limitations; the operational mechanics on the two downtown public improvements districts and how interface; further explanation on the law regarding providing transitional housing; Interstate Highway 35 expanded boundaries on the Waller Creek financing map; the projected impact to the general fund during the 20 to 25 years while the tax increment financing is in place; project detail on the capital investments in the amount of 62.1 million; impact on the loss of property tax and the impact on aid to Travis County.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the August 31, 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.

56. Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-1 of the City Code relating to eligibility requirements for service on a City board by a person required to register as a lobbyist. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 2: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
98. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Section 25-2-355 relating to voting requirements applicable to zoning recommendations by the Historic Landmark Commission.
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18. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-10 (Municipal Court) to revise and add provisions regarding indigency.
61. Approve an ordinance waiving certain City Code provisions in Title 25 to allow staff to process rezoning and neighborhood plan amendment applications relating to property located at 2514 Thrasher Lane. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 2: Council Member Jimmy Flannigan CO 3: Mayor Steve Adler)
55. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the regulating plan for the Plaza Saltillo Transit-Oriented Development Station Area, by extending its boundaries to include the Housing Authority of the City of Austin Chalmers Courts location. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 1: Council Member Jimmy Flannigan CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler CO 3: Council Member Delia Garza CO 4: Council Member Gregorio Casar)
88. C14-2017-0042 - 12602 Blackfoot Trail - District 6 - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 6610 McNeil Drive/12602 Blackfoot Trail (Rattan Creek Watershed) from neighborhood commercial-conditional overlay (LR-CO) combining district zoning and single family residence-standard lot (SF-2) district zoning to general commercial-mixed use (CS-MU) combining district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant neighborhood commercial-mixed use (LR-MU) combining district zoning, with conditions. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant single family residence-standard lot (SF-2) district zoning for Tract 1 and community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay combining (GR-MU-CO) district zoning for Tract 2. Owner/Applicant: Abraham Birgani. Agent: Shaw Hamilton Consultants (Shaw Hamilton). City Staff: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057.
59. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations for engaging the community in alternatives to activities such as “panhandling” with more effective and positive interactions with people experiencing homelessness. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Ellen Troxclair)

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17. Approve second and third reading of an ordinance relating to special events and high capacity event venues, repealing and replacing City Code Chapter 14-8 relating to right-of-way closures for special events and neighborhood block parties, amending requirements for temporary food establishments during a special event, repealing City Code Section 14-6-3 relating to closures for a street festivity, amending City Code Chapter 9-2 relating to 24-hour live music and multi-day special event permits; and creating offenses and establishing penalties.
98. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Section 25-2-355 relating to voting requirements applicable to zoning recommendations by the Historic Landmark Commission.
60. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to take necessary actions to allocate hotel occupancy taxes, and other revenues, to projects that promote tourism and the convention industry, in accordance with council directives. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ellen Troxclair CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
101. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore funding options such as public improvement districts, tax increment financing, public-private partnerships, and increases in hotel occupancy taxes to fund improvements to downtown Austin, to address homelessness in downtown Austin, to support the local music industry, and to fund park, civic, and historic facilities and districts including expansion of the Convention Center. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria CO 2: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 3: Council Member Jimmy Flannigan CO 4: Council Member Ann Kitchen)
68. Set public hearings for the full purpose annexation of the following annexation areas: Entrada (Approximately 246 acres in northeastern Travis County south of Wells Branch Parkway at the intersection of Immanuel Road and Crystal Bend Drive; contiguous to District 1)HOLT CAT Subdivision (Approximately 27 acres in southern Travis County along IH-35 approximately three-tenths of a mile south of Slaughter Lane; contiguous to District 5)Mooreland Addition (Approximately 34 acres in southwestern Travis County east of the intersection of Manchaca Road and Mooreland Drive; contiguous to District 5)River Place Outparcels (Approximately 212 acres in northwestern Travis County adjacent to the boundary of the River Place Municipal Utility District (MUD) and the city's full purpose jurisdiction; contiguous to District 6). Suggested dates and times: October 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm and October 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm, Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.
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85. C14-2017-0013 - 1139 ½ Poquito Street - District 1 -Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 1139 ½ Poquito Street (Boggy Creek Watershed). Applicant Request: To rezone from family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning to multifamily residence moderate-high density-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (MF-4-CO-NP) combining district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant multifamily residence moderate-high density-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (MF-4-CO-NP) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant multifamily residence-low density-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (MF-2-CO-NP) combining district zoning, with conditions. Owner: Poquito Rex, LLC (Rex Bowers); Sarah Rahl. Applicant: City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department (Jerry Rusthoven). City Staff: Heather Chaffin, 512- 974-2122.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of September 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was absent.