



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday – June 12, 2019 – 6:30 PM

City Hall – Boards & Commissions Room 1101

301 W. 2nd Street - Austin, TX, 78701

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Vacant - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Claudia Yanez - Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3

David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Irfan Syed - Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, District 6

Dina Ayman - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Michelle Reinhardt - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Commission Members Present

Nehemiah Pitts III

Claudia Yanez

Malcolm Yeatts

David Alexander

Dave Floyd

Irfan Syed

Dina Ayman

Nicole Thompson

Sumit DasGupta

Unexcused Absence

Michelle Reinhardt

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Gerald Balaka spoke requesting the Commission to consider supporting the video and audio recording and publication of the Code Next work sessions.

Justin Irving spoke requesting the Commission support the digitization of City Council votes.

Motion to support the idea of implementing a system to capture City Council votes in a transparent, tabular form proposed by Commissioner DasGupta and seconded by Chair Pitts passed on a vote of 9-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2019

Motion to approve the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes made by Commissioner DasGupta and seconded by Commissioner Floyd passed on a vote of 9-0.

3. STAFF AND COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS (A member of the public may not address a board at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing)

a. Briefing on the Communications and Technology Management Departments effort to evaluate the accessibility of City services (Daniel Honker)

Presentation by Ben Guhin, Sarah Rodriguez, and Nameir Majette can be viewed [here](#).

4. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Introduction of new commissioner Elizabeth Nicole Thompson-Beavers

Commissioner Thompson introduced herself and her involvement in the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program's grant review panel and her interest in community technology issues.

b. Commission Discussion and Action on the adoption of the commission's annual work plan

Motion to create a new commission working group called the Strategic Policy Impact Working Group made by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Commissioner Yeatts, passed on a vote of 9-0

Commissioner Ayman was appointed as the Chair for the new working group.

Motion to add a fourth item und the Commission Challenge Statements made by Chair Pitts and seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 9-0.

Motion to approve the Commission's 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan as amended made by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta, passed on a vote of 9-0

- c. **Commission Discussion and Action on amending the Commission bylaws to include the oversight of City IT efforts**

The commission deliberated on possible amendments to their bylaws and decided against amendment.

5. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **Digital Inclusion and Civic Engagement Working Group.**

Chair Pitts met with City staff to debrief on the presentation to the City Council Audit and Finance Committee on remote participation at Commission meetings. The Committee ordered the creation of a working group to discuss feasibility and next steps. The Committee also ordered a report back on the working group findings.

Chair Pitts also met with County Commissioner Brigid Shea to discuss possible crossover in interest with the Commission.

- b. **Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group.**

Vice Chair Alexander attended a City budget meeting in District 4. He plans on meeting with the staff of his Council member to discuss the Commission's budget recommendations.

- c. **Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group.**

This group had a conference call discussing activity over the past year. They will prioritize discussions with other cities on "one touch make ready", Google Fiber deployment, what other cities are doing on shared conduit, network sharing, small cell deployment, smart cities, smart mobility, and upgrades to City fiber.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: July 10, 2019.

Presentations related to the video recording of Code Next meetings

Presentations related to the collecting Council votes in tabular form

7. ADJOURNMENT

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