

ORDINANCE NO. 20060525-081

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 52 CREATING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

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

PART 1. Chapter 2-1 of the City Code is amended to add a new Article 52 to read:

ARTICLE 52. AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

§ 2-1-521 CREATION; COMPOSITION.

- (A) The African American Resource Advisory Commission is created. The commission shall have a balanced membership reflecting in-depth knowledge of the challenges and concerns of the African American community. The commission is composed of nine members appointed by the city council and shall include:
- (1) seven members who are representative of or sensitive to the needs of the African American community in the city, including:
 - (a) a person recommended by the Austin Area Urban League;
 - (b) a person recommended by the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce;
 - (c) a person recommended by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;
 - (d) a person recommended by the Pro Arts Collective;
 - (e) a person recommended by the Austin Revitalization Authority;
 - (f) a person employed as a professional health care worker; and
 - (g) a person employed as an educator; and
 - (2) two members from the community-at-large.
- (B) The city manager shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the commission.

(C) The voting members of the commission shall serve without pay.

§ 2-1-522 TERM.

A commission member shall serve a two year term, with the terms of five members expiring on July 1 of even numbered years and the terms of four members expiring on July 1 of odd numbered years.

§ 2-1-523 ATTENDANCE; VACANCY.

- (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B), a member who does not attend three consecutive commission meetings automatically vacates the commission member's position.
- (B) The chair of the commission may excuse a member's absence for illness or a family emergency.
- (C) If a position on the commission is vacated by a commission member, the city council shall select a replacement to serve the remainder of the member's un-expired term.

§ 2-1-524 MEETINGS; OFFICERS.

- (A) The commission shall meet not less often than quarterly.
- (B) The commission shall elect a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and parliamentarian annually from their membership with a maximum of two consecutive annual terms in any office. The chair or a designated member shall act as a liaison between the commission, City staff, and council.
- (C) Five members of the commission are a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 2-1-525 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- (A) The commission shall advise the city council on issues related to the quality of life for the City's African American community and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront African Americans in social, economic, and vocational pursuits, including:
 - (1) health care;
 - (2) housing, including affordable housing, home ownership, and homelessness;
 - (3) entertainment opportunities for professionals and students;
 - (4) employment; and

(5) cultural venues, including museums, theaters, art galleries, and music venues.

(B) The commission shall adopt rules to govern its actions, in compliance with the City Charter, the City Code, direction from the city council, and state law.

§ 2-1-526 STAFF RESOURCE SUPPORT.

The director of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Department shall provide staff resource support to the commission.

PART 2. The city council directs the African American Resource Advisory Commission to review and provide the council with a written response to the City's report *African American Community Scorecard: An Analysis of Comparative Indicators for Austin, Texas*, Group Solutions RJW's report and recommendations related to African American quality of life in Austin, and citizen input at the public hearings held by the city council.

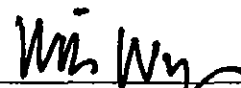
PART 3. The commission members shall conduct an organizational meeting as soon as practicable after their appointment. At the first meeting of the commission, the members shall draw lots to determine one at-large commission member and four other commission members whose terms shall expire on July 1 of even-numbered years, and one at-large commission member and three other commission members whose terms shall expire on July 1 of odd-numbered years.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on June 5, 2006.

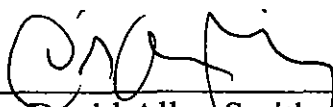
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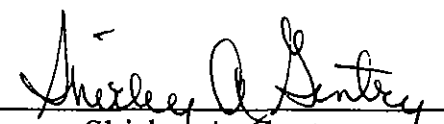
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