



Austin City Council MINUTES

WORKSESSION
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 1999

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order noting the temporary absence of Council Members Griffith, Spelman and Lewis.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

1. John Kunkel – Discuss Solid Waste “Mulching Master” contract.

ACTION ON DISCUSSION AGENDA

14. Approve a resolution authorizing execution of a construction contract with CYPRESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Johnson City, Texas, for construction of storm sewer improvements located along Hyridge Drive between MoPac and Honeysuckle Trail, in an amount not to exceed \$442,988. (Funding in the amount of \$394,518 is available in the 1992-93 and 1998-99 Amended Capital Budgets of the Watershed Protection Utility. Funding in the amount of \$48,470 is available in the 1995-96 and 1997-98 Amended Capital Budgets of the Water and Wastewater Utility.) Low bid of four. 23.13% MBE, 8.37% WBE Subcontracting participation. [Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission] [To be reviewed by Environmental Board]
Resolution No. 9902224-14 was approved on Council Member Garcia's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 4-0 vote. Council Members Griffith, Spelman and Lewis were temporarily absent.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Items 11 and 12 were approved on Council Member Garcia's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 6-0 vote. Council Member Spelman was temporarily absent.

11. Amend an ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI) in the amount of \$42,000, the grant period being from November 2, 1998 through December 1, 1999 and amend ordinance 980915-A, of the 1998-99 Operating Budget, by increasing budget revenue and expenditures by \$42,000 in the Austin Energy Services Special Revenue Fund. The award will allow the City of Austin to continue to promoting Climate Wise, a program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, through December 1, 1999. (Funding is available from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. The City of Austin is required to provide a minimum in-kind match of 25 percent.) [Recommended by Resource Management Commission and Electric Utility Commission]
Ordinance No. 990224-11 approved
12. Amend an ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$43,342, from the AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION to market test a software tool for developing load profiles based on billing data. The grant period is from October, 1998 through March, 1999. The tool can be used for the purpose of combining electric loads to obtain or provide electricity in the emerging competitive marketplace; amend Ordinance 980915-A, of the 1998-99 Operating Budget by increasing budget revenue and expenditures by \$43,342 in the Austin Energy Services Special Revenue Fund. (Funding in the amount of \$43,342 provided by American Public Power Association; \$5,219 provided by each of the six DEED members including the City of Austin, for a total of \$31,313 in-kind contributions; and \$38,247 provided by Public Technology, Inc. (PTI). The City's in-kind contribution of \$5,219 is available in the 1998-99 Operating Budget for the Electric Utility Department.) [Recommended by Electric Utility Commission]
Ordinance No. 990224-12 approved

ACTION ON DISCUSSION AGENDA

13. Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Letter of Intent and a rebate in the amount of \$73,400 to TRAMMEL CROW RESIDENTIAL for the installation of high-efficient air-conditioners at The Reserve at North Bend Apartment Complex located at 12345 Lamplight Village Avenue. Energy improvements qualifying for this rebate will save an estimated 254 kilowatts at a program cost of \$289 per kilowatt saved. Each high efficient air-conditioner will save the residents between \$90 and \$135 per cooling season in energy costs. (Funding was included in the 1998-99 Operating Budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund.) [Recommended by Electric Utility Commission]
Resolution No. 990224-13 was approved on Council Member Lewis' motion, Council Member Griffith's second by a 6-0 vote. Councilmember Spelman was temporarily absent.
15. Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with J.T.B. SERVICES, INC., Houston, Texas for Remediation and Demolition Area 8 at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA), NAPT Contract No D2800C, in the amount of \$472,180.00 plus a contingency fund of \$118,045.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$590,225.00. (Funding is included in the 1998-99 Capital Budget for Aviation.) Low bid of six. 27.3% MBE, 5.3% WBE Subcontracting participation. (Recommended by Airport Advisory Board)

Resolution No. 990224-15 was approved on Council Member Lewis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 6-0 vote. Council Member Spelman was temporarily absent.

16. Amend ordinance Chapter 2-2 of the City Code relating to Council meetings; and declaring an emergency.
Ordinance No. 990224-16 was approved with a friendly amendment by Council Member Lewis to have Section 2-2-36(B)(4) read, "At 4:00 p.m., the Council shall conduct zoning public hearings that are consent and on which no one has requested time to speak and at 4:30 p.m. all remaining zoning public hearings", Council Member Garcia's second by a 7-0 vote.

BRIEFINGS

6. HIV/AIDS in Austin/Travis County: A Community Snapshot
Presentation was given by David Lurie; Austin Travis County Health and Human Services Department, Dr. Steven Harris Health Authority and Danny Reyna.
7. Chestnut Neighborhood Plan
Presentation was given by Rev. Joseph Parker, Ben Franklin, Arbella Slate, Jolene Hall, Scotty Ivory, Eleanor Thompson and Austin Librach.

ADDENDUM

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

Executive session was held at 4:05 p.m. until 5:07 p.m.

The City Council will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and personnel matter specifically listed on this agenda. The City Council may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

22. Discuss state and federal law applicable to municipal sign regulation.

BRIEFINGS

8. Land Development Code
Presentation was given by Andy Martin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. 6:00 P.M. – Conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 13-3A, City Code, adopting January 1999 Addendum to the City's Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Land Use Assumption and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), and

amending the Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Service Area to add the Balfour Tract and Commons Ford Park within the Impact Fee Service Area boundary.
(Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission)

A motion to continue the public hearing to a later date was passed on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Griffith's second by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Watson and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman were absent.

BRIEFINGS

9. Street Cuts
Presentation was given by Lino Rivera and Peter Reick.

PREVIEW OF ITEMS FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

4. Discuss and identify consent and discussion agenda items for the February 24, 1999 Council meeting agenda. (Agenda for February 25, 1999 is attached and incorporated by reference.)
5. Set Time Certain, if necessary, for agenda items on the February 25, 1999 Agenda.
Item 26 pulled for time certain at 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFINGS

10. Landfill
Presentation given by Willie Rhodes, Joe Word and Craig Carter.

PREVIEW OF ITEMS FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

2. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from the City Manager for March 4, 1999.
3. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from Council for March 4, 1999.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

Items 18 through 21 are posted on the agenda for the Thursday, February 25, 1999 Council Meeting. No discussion occurred at this meeting.

The City Council will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and personnel matter specifically listed on this agenda. The City Council may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

Private Consultation with Attorney - Section 551.071

18. Discuss *South Cross Plaza v. City of Austin*, Cause No. 94-06387, in the Travis County District Court. (This litigation concerns development regulations applicable in the Barton Springs Zone.)
19. Discuss *Irene H. Sandahl, et al. v. City of Austin and Oak Cliff Financial Corporation, Inc.*, Cause No. 98-13530, Travis County District Court. (This litigation concerns development regulations applicable in the Barton Springs Zone.)
20. Discuss *James Chrisman Phillips, et al. v. The City of Austin, Texas*, Cause No. 98-13949, Travis County District Court. (This litigation concerns development regulations applicable in the Barton Springs Zone.)

ACTION ON DISCUSSION AGENDA

21. Approve execution of an amendment to the contract with The Holford Group to increase the contract amount by \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$85,000, for expert witness services in *South Cross Plaza v. City of Austin*, Cause No. 94-06387, in the Travis County District Court. (This litigation concerns development regulations applicable in the Barton Springs Zone.)
No action was taken at this meeting.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 p.m. on Council Member Lewis' motion, Council Member Garcia's second by a 6-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Goodman was absent.

On this the 11th day of March, 1999 the minutes for the regular meetings of February 24th, 25th and March 4th were approved on Council Member Garcia's motion, Council Member Spelman's second by a 5-0 vote. Council Members Slusher and Griffith were off the dais.