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City to Show Council Actions in Real Time on AustinTexas.gov

Austin, TX – The City Manager's Office and Council Member Riley announced the City of Austin will now display Council actions in real time on AustinTexas.gov. This action allows all citizens the ability to follow City Council meetings through the web on an item-by-item basis for the first time. The link will be available on the City Council Information Center through the City Clerk's website starting with the April 5th City Council meeting.

The City of Austin is committed to utilizing the web to provide information in an easily accessible way. Recent examples include Austin Finance Online, which contains financial documents, a contract catalogue, and the eCheckbook for the public to review the City's finances. The Austin Data Portal is a new page that provides data in a relatively raw format so web and application developers can utilize the data in innovative ways. The City has also been working with Code for America developers and peer cities to find creative solutions to common city problems.

"As we continue to improve the new website, we want to promote the public's ability to become a part of the City Council meeting process," Council Member Riley said. "This new webpage will enable more citizens to participate during Council meetings as we consider particular items."

"This is a continuation of the AustinGO initiative and the recent web redesign efforts to use online tools in order to promote government transparency," City Manager Marc Ott stated. "The idea of offering this information to the public came at the suggestion of Council Member Riley, and I think it fits squarely with our goals for transparency," he added.

The link will appear during City Council meetings on the City Council agenda page (http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/council-meetings), just below the link to the meeting's agenda. It will be a draft of Council actions that is updated in real time during that Council meeting, and after the meeting it will appear on the "Meeting Details" page for that Council meeting until the final minutes are approved by City Council.

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