COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES



AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010, Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. A quorum of the Council was present throughout the public forum.

 Public Forum on Austin Energy's Proposed Resource and Climate Protection Plan Jim Walker was the Moderator for the Panel which consisted of the following members: Roger Duncan, General Manager of Austin Energy Roger Wood, Freescale
Phillip Schmandt, Chair of the Generation Task Force Carol Biedrzycki, Texas ROSE Michael Cation, SMARTE Building Joe Beal, Former LCRA General Manager Cyrus Reed, Sierra Club

The Moderator accepted questions from the audience and questions that were sent electronically from the citizens watching the panel discussion on TV.

The panel discussed the generation plan, the business model and the future of the utility. Roger Duncan did a brief overview of both the generation plan and the business model. Phillip Schmandt explained the work the Task Force has done since they were created last July. The Task Force made nine unanimous recommendations. Three of those were: review the plan every two years; encourage conservation over generation; and, develop programs to make energy more affordable for low income residents.

Jim Walker called for a recess at 7:15 p.m. and resumed the panel discussion at 7:25 p.m.

Council will be asked to adopt the Generation Plan as recommended by the staff and review the business model. Staff will begin preparation for a rate case in 2012 and, if directed by Council, present recommendations for affordability programs.

Both Jim Walker and Mayor Leffingwell thanked the panel for their participation in the public forum and the citizens for attending.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. without objection.

The minutes for the special called meeting of February 22, 2010 were approved on this the 11th day of March 2010 on Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' motion, Council Member Shade's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Member Cole was off the dais.