

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2009, the City Council adopted the Urban Design Guidelines which serve as recommendations for all urban development and redevelopment projects by both the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Design Guidelines recognize the significant impact of the built environment on the historic, iconic, and unique characteristics of Austin and its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, as Austin continues to mature as a city, new infrastructure projects will be needed to meet the demands of its population, including water towers and electric substations, which are important elements of a city's built environment; and

WHEREAS, considerable community dialogue has already occurred regarding the placement and design of city infrastructure projects needed for the additional population created by the Mueller Airport redevelopment and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Design Commission serves as a tremendous resource to the City Council to offer expert advice on how infrastructure projects can enhance the built environment and how to successfully engage community input; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the Austin Design Commission on recommendations for design guidelines for infrastructure projects commissioned by the City of Austin, including Austin Energy, the Austin Water Utility, and other city-owned enterprises and departments. These recommendations shall include policies and procedures for the design and placement of infrastructure projects, incorporating opportunities for public notification and input.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk