



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting**

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June 11, 2014

City Hall – Austin, Texas

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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Elizabeth Quintanilla, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Chelsea McCullough	Tracy LaQuey Parker
Marcy Hoen	

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – June 11, 2014 - 6:38 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Elizabeth Quintanilla
Wendell Ramsey
Melvin White
Chelsea McCullough
Tracy LaQuey Parker
Marcy Hoen

Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
John Speirs
Melanie Kroll Eichman
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission.

3. Citizen Communications: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Mr. Scott Johnson spoke on amending the Telecom Cell Tower Ordinance which included new construction next to existing telecom towers.

4. Approval of minutes – May 14, 2014 Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of May 14, 2014 were approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner McCullough's second on a vote of 6-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla arrived after item 4)

5. Communications & Technology Management (CTM) department budget presentation. (Stephen Elkins, CIO)(wp3)

Bruce Hermes Deputy Chief Information Officer, budget presentation included CTM's items to improve network security, investments in public safety technology, and estimated costs associated with an IT market study wage adjustment. View the presentation at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=211670>

6. Austin Public Library budget presentation. (John Gillum and Joe Faulk)(wp3)

Joe Faulk, Manager, Information System & Business Enterprise for the Austin Public Library's gave an overview of the new central library. Find more info on the new library at

www.library.austintexas.gov/new-central-library

View the presentation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=211366>

7. Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) budget presentation. (Melanie Kroll Eichman)(wp3)

Melanie Kroll Eichman, Financial Consultant's presentation included TARA's programs and budgets, and projected revenues for FY 15. View the presentation at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=211364>

8. Discussion and possible action on Commission budget recommendations to Council. (Lemuel Williams)(wp1)

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommends that the Austin City Council approve in the FY 2014-2015 budget maintaining current Austin Free-Net funding of \$197,774, increasing the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) funding to \$300,000 from \$200,000 and funding one (1) new FTE, a Program Specialist in the Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs. Recommendations approved on Commissioner Ramey's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 7-0

9. Distracted Driving Study Group presentation on recommendation to Council on possible changes to the current distracted driving ordinance. (Rondella Hawkins)(wp1)

Council passed a resolution in February 2014 that directed the City Manager to establish a distracted driving study group to receive public input and to develop recommendations on

modifications to the City's current no texting while driving ordinance. Those recommendations are due to Council by August 1, 2014. The resolution specifically tasked the group to look at a hands free ordinance. Public input can also be given on a survey at www.austintexas.gov/distracted-driving.

The recommendations from this study group are to be reviewed by the Public Safety Commission and the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACTTC). Since there is no ACTTC meeting before August 1st, the recommendations will be circulated to the Commission for input. This input will be given to Council and the public will have another change to give input.

10. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis)(wp3)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) update included Cable/Video Issue; City Regulations; and Federal Activity. Visit the full report at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=211365>

11. Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan update. (John Speirs)(wp4)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs update included the Steering Committee's process; framework for inclusion; and potential amendments. View the PowerPoint presentation for more detailed information at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=213188>

12. Digital Inclusion Assessment (survey) Working Group update. (Chelsea McCullough) (wp4)

This working group did not meeting this month. Staff is currently doing a great job formulating the survey. This working group will be more involved when they engage the community in getting out the word that everyone in the city can participate in the survey.

13. Open Data /Open Government update (2011 Council directive)(Lemuel Williams)(wp3)

Council directed the CMO to develop an open government framework to address; open data, open source platforms, mobile applications, and social media. With the new Innovation Officer the process has changed to develop this. It's time to bring back the Open Government Working Group.

Motion that Commissioners Williams and Ramsey serve on the Open Government/Open Data Work Group was made on Commission Williams's motion; Commission Ramsey's second on a vote of 7-0

14. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Quintanilla invited the Commission to attend the quarterly Stem Council meeting.

Commissioner McCullough reported on the Hack for Change. This program is the pairing of the private sector, nonprofit sector, and public sector, where nonprofits and civic organizations present their needs.

15. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

Propose agenda items for the August 13, 2014 regular meeting.

- Presentation from Please Be Kind to Cyclist.
- Presentation from past GTOPs recipient.
- Meet the new Innovations Officer.
- GTOPs Grant Review Working Group update.
- Digital Inclusion Assessment (survey) Working Group update.
- Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan update.
- Budget recommendation for ChannelAustin.
- Civic Project update.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm