AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were acted on by one motion.

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin City Council work session of April 5, 2016 and regular meeting of April 7, 2016.
   The minutes from the City Council work session of April 5, 2016 and the regular meeting of April 7, 2016 were approved on consent on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion on an 11-0 vote.

2. Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20151210-049 to correct the address on the ordinance map for the property described in the neighborhood plan amendment case No. NPA-2015-0003.01, located at 2403 East 16th Street (District 1).
   Ordinance No. 20160414-002 was approved on consent on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion on an 11-0 vote.

Items 3 through 6 were pulled for discussion.

Items 7 through 8 were Council Committee Items.

Items 9 through 13 were Zoning Ordinances/Restrictive Covenants (Hearings Closed).

Items 14 through 22 were Zoning and Neighborhood Plan Amendments (Public Hearings and Possible Action).

Items 23, 24, and 28 were Executive Session Items.

Item 25 through 27 were public hearing items set for 4:00 p.m.
ZONING AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENTS

9. C14-2015-0117 – Velocity Crossing – District 2 – Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 3311 South FM 973 Road and 3326 East SH 71 Eastbound (Onion Creek Watershed; Colorado River Watershed) from interim-rural residence (I-RR) district zoning, development reserve (DR) district zoning and general commercial services-conditional overlay (CS-CO) combining district zoning to limited industrial services-planned development area (LI-PDA) combining district zoning, with conditions. First Reading approved on March 24, 2016. Vote: 10-0, Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Owner/Applicant: SH 71-130 Holdings, LP (Karl Koebel). Agent: Metcalfe, Wolff, Stuart & Williams, LLP (Michele Rogerson Lynch). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

Ordinance No. 20160414-009 for limited industrial services-planned development area (LI-PDA) combining district zoning with conditions was approved on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

10. C14-2015-0154 – LMLM Investments LLC – District 2 – Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 7050 Elroy Road (Dry Creek East Watershed) from neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning to community commercial-conditional overlay (GR-CO) combining district zoning. First Reading approved on March 24, 2016. Vote: 10-0, Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Owner/Applicant: LMLM Investments, LLC (Tomas Gunz). Agent: Bury, Inc. (Derek Villamez). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

Ordinance No. 20160414-010 for community commercial-conditional overlay (GR-CO) combining district zoning was approved on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

11. C14-2015-0165 – South Congress @ Little Texas Lane Commercial – District 3 – Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 5711 South Congress Avenue (Williamson Creek Watershed) from community commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning. First Reading approved on March 24, 2016. Vote: 10-0, Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Owner/Applicant: 5711 S. Congress, LLC (Jimmy Nassour). Agent: Alice Glasco Consulting (Alice Glasco). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

Ordinance No. 20160414-011 for general commercial services-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning was approved on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

12. C14-2016-0008 – 7809 Old Bee Cave Road Subdivision – District 8 – Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 7809 Old Bee Caves Road (Williamson Creek Watershed-Barton Springs Zone) from rural residence-neighborhood plan (RR-NP) combining district zoning to family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning. First Reading approved on March 24, 2016. Vote: 10-0, Council Member Gallo was off the dais. Owner/Applicant: Ron McGuire Construction, Ron McGuire. Agent: Southwest Engineers, Matt Dringenberg. City Staff: Andrew Moore, 512-974-7604.

Ordinance No. 20160414-012 for family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning was approved on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.
13. C814-2012-0163 - Sun Chase Planned Unit Development - District 2 - Approve second reading of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by zoning property locally known as 15201, 15810, and 16070 Pearce Lane, and 7910 Wolf Lane (Dry Creek East Watershed) from interim-single family residence-standard lot (I-SF-2) district zoning and interim-single family residence-small lot (I-SF-4A) district zoning to planned unit development (PUD) district zoning. First Reading approved on February 11, 2016. Vote: 8-0. Mayor Adler and Council Member Casar off the dais; Council Member Troxclair abstained. Owner/Applicant: Qualico CR, L.P. (Vera Massaro). Agent: Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P. (Richard Suttle). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

The item was postponed to May 5, 2016 at the request of staff on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.


The item was postponed to May 12, 2016 at the request of Council on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

15. C14-2015-0104 - Lenox Oaks - District 3 - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 434-500 Bastrop Highway Southbound and 6705-6709 Ponca Street (Carson Creek Watershed; Colorado River Watershed) from general commercial services-neighborhood plan (CS-NP) combining district zoning, family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning and single family residence-standard lot-neighborhood plan (SF-2-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-mixed use-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 1 and Tract 2; from general commercial services-neighborhood plan (CS-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-mixed use-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 3; from general commercial services-neighborhood plan (CS-NP) combining district zoning, general office-neighborhood plan (GO-NP) combining district zoning, family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning and single family residence-standard lot-neighborhood plan (SF-2-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-mixed use-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 4; and from family residence-neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-mixed use-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 5. Staff Recommendation: To grant general commercial services-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (CS-CO-NP) combining district zoning, general commercial services-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (CS-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning and neighborhood commercial-mixed use-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (LR-MU-CO-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 1 and Tract 2; general commercial services-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (CS-CO-NP) combining district zoning and general commercial

The item was postponed to May 12, 2016 at the request of Council on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

16.  C14-2014-0198 - One Two East - District 1 - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 1109, 1105, and 1107 North IH 35 Service Road Northbound (Waller Creek Watershed) from general commercial services-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning to general commercial services-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 1, and from commercial-liquor sales-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-1-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning to commercial-liquor sales-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-1-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 2. Staff Recommendation: To grant general commercial services-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning for Tract 1, and commercial-liquor sales-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-1-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning for Tract 2. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant general commercial services-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning for Tract 1, and commercial-liquor sales-neighborhood conservation combining district-neighborhood plan (CS-1-NCCD-NP) combining district zoning, to change a condition of zoning for Tract 2. Owner: JH West 12th Street Partners, Ltd. (Haythem Dawlett). Agent: Drenner Group (Jewels Watson). City Staff: Heather Chaffin, 512-974-2122.

The item was postponed to August 4, 2016 at the request of the applicant on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

17.  C14-2015-0062 - US 183 & McCall Lane Rezoning - District 2 - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 2900, 3000, and 3024 U.S. Highway 183 South and 3120 McCall Lane (Onion Creek Watershed; Carson Creek Watershed) from limited industrial services-neighborhood plan (LI-NP) combining district zoning to limited industrial services-planned development area-neighborhood plan (LI-PDA-NP) combining district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant limited industrial services-planned development area-neighborhood plan (LI-PDA-NP) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To be reviewed on April 12, 2016. Owner/Applicant: Met Center NYCTEX, Phase II, Ltd. (Howard Yancy). Agent: Thrower Design (Ron Thrower). City Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719.

The item was postponed to May 12, 2016 at the request of staff on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.
18. C14-2015-0144 – Ski Shores – District 10 – Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 2905 Pearce Road (Lake Austin Watershed) from family residence (SF-3) district zoning to commercial recreation (CR) district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant commercial recreation (CR) district zoning. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: Case has been withdrawn by applicant. Owner/Applicant: Ski Shores Properties LTD (Bradley A. Fowler). Agent: Coats|Rose (Pam Madere). City Staff: Victoria Haase, 512-974-7691.

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant without objection.


The public hearing was conducted and Ordinance No. 20160414-021 for downtown mixed-use conditional overlay (DMU-CO) combining district zoning was approved on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on a 9-0 vote. Mayor Adler abstained. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo recused herself.


The item was postponed to May 12, 2016 at the request of staff on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on an 11-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to include certain requirements in the proposed [re]Manufacturing Hub solicitation. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Ann Kitchen)

Resolution No. 20160414-003 was approved as amended below on Council Member Casar’s motion, Council Member Garza’s second on a 7-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Gallo, Houston, Troxclair and Zimmerman.

The motion to strike “gives preference” and replace with “critically evaluate” in the Be it Further Resolved failed on Council Member Troxclair motion, Council Member Zimmerman’s second on a 3-8 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Gallo, Troxclair, and Zimmerman. Those voting nay were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Houston, Pool, and Renteria.

A friendly amendment was made by Council Member Casar, seconded by Council Member Pool to amend number four in the Be it Further Resolved clause to read “Whether the
initial construction project will be Better Builder certified or by an equivalent program.” The friendly amendment was accepted without objection.

4. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations and funding options for Child Care Continuity Services during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Delia Garza CO 1: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Ora Houston CO 4: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo)

Resolution No. 20160414-004 was approved on Council Member Garza’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay. Council Member Troxclair abstained.

5. Approve a resolution authorizing the City's involvement in the "Compassionate Communities Campaign" and designation as a compassionate community. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ann Kitchen CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Council Member Leslie Pool CO 3: Council Member Ora Houston)

A motion to approve the resolution as amended was made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Houston. The amendment was to:

- Strike “spiritual” and replace with “emotional” in the fourth Whereas clause;
- Revise the eighth Whereas clause to read: “WHEREAS, Compassion Games, such as Austin Recycles Games and annual Earth Week activities, are a creative way to practice and strengthen compassion skills; and”
- Revise the ninth Whereas clause to read: “WHEREAS, Austin and Travis County continue to strive to advance the quality of life for all residents throughout the community, without regard to partisanship, and with the awareness that people can and do have the capacity to improve their lives and make a positive difference in the lives of others,”
- Revise the Be It Resolved clause to read: “BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN: The City Council of Austin hereby affirms the Charter for Compassion and supports the City’s participation in the “Compassionate Communities Campaign” and the City’s designation as a compassionate community, herein named “Compassionate Austin.”
- Revise the Be It Further Resolved clause to read: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council of Austin recognizes April 16-24 as “Earth Week” and, recognizing that “We are All Compassionate Austin,” encourages everyone to participate in Compassion Games during “Earth Week;” to identify, activate, celebrate and honor 3D compassionate action throughout the community; and encourages our community to use the lens of compassion to develop policies, procedures, strategies, and practical guidance that affect all strata of our society.”
- Add a new fifth Whereas clause to read: “WHEREAS, Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and put another there, and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect; and”
- Add a new sixth Whereas clause to read: “WHEREAS, One should strive to act with compassion and empathy towards all creatures in accordance with reason, One's body is inviolable, subject to one’s own will alone; the spirit of compassion, wisdom, and justice should always prevail over the written or spoken word; and”
A friendly amendment was made by Council Member Gallo revise the Be it Resolved clause to read “The City Council of Austin hereby affirms the Charter for Compassion which recognizes that compassion is a purpose, principle, and unifying value that guides and compels people of all backgrounds, perspectives, creeds and cultures to treat all human beings with justice, equity, and respect; and supports the City’s participation in the “Compassionate Communities Campaign” and the City’s designation as a compassionate community, herein named “Compassionate Austin.” The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion.

A motion to amend the resolution failed on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Troxclair’s second on a 1-9 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted aye. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais. The amendment was to:

- Add a new last Whereas clause to read: “WHEREAS, Jesus of Nazareth was recorded in the New Testament (Luke 4:8) saying, “The Scriptures say, “You must worship the LORD your GOD and serve only him.”
- Revise the last Be It Further Resolved clause to read: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council of Austin recognizes April 16-24 as “Serve the Lord Week” and, recognizing that “We are All Compassionate Austin,” encourages city departments, area school districts, community and faith groups, and all residents to participate in Compassion Games during “Serve the Lord Week;” to identify, activate, celebrate and honor compassionate actions throughout the community; and encourages our community to continue to develop policies, procedures, strategies, and practical guidance on the integration of compassion in day-to-day life to address the holistic wellness of the community, especially of those most at risk.”

A motion to strike the new sixth whereas clause included in the original motion passed on Mayor Pro Temp Tovo’s motion, Council Member Pool’s second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais. The motion was to strike the language “WHEREAS, One should strive to act with compassion and empathy towards all creatures in accordance with reason; One’s body is inviolable, subject to one’s own will alone; the spirit of compassion, wisdom, and justice should always prevail over the written or spoken word; and.”

Resolution No. 20160414-005 was approved as amended as listed above on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Council Member Houston’s second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

7. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations for a transit priority policy. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ann Kitchen, CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 2: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 3: Council Member Delia Garza, CO 4: Council Member Sheri Gallo)

Resolution No. 20160414-007 was approved on Council Member Kitchen’s motion, Council Member Pool’s second on a 9-1 vote. Council Member Zimmerman voted nay. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Rae Nadler-Olenick - Mary Gay Maxwell.
Walt Olenick - Mary Gay Maxwell.

Michael Fossum - Animal issues.

Linda Greene - Approaching zero waste and other City issues.

Cynthia Valadez - Office of Diversity/Parity within our community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

8. Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 20150305-025 to change the report deadline and expiration date for the Parkland Events Task Force. (Notes: Committee)

Resolution No. 20160414-008 was approved on Council Member Pool’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s second on a 9-0 vote. Council Members Kitchen and Troxclair were off the dais.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.


This item was withdrawn without objection.

24. Discuss legal issues related to the City's contract with Nacogdoches Power LLC for the purchase of biomass-generated electric power (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

28. Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

This item was withdrawn without objection.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler called the Council meeting back to order at 1:38 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

The item was postponed to May 5, 2016 on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Houston’s second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.

20. C14-2015-0133A - 1204 San Antonio Street - District 9 - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 1204 San Antonio Street (Shoal Creek Watershed) from general office (GO) district zoning to downtown mixed use (DMU) district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant downtown mixed use-conditional overlay (DMU-CO) combining district zoning. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant downtown mixed use-conditional overlay (DMU-CO) combining district zoning. Owner/Applicant: Texas Association of Counties (Gene Terry). Agent: Alice Glasco Consulting (Alice Glasco). City Staff: Victoria Haase, 512-974-7691. The public hearing was held and the motion to close the public hearing and approve on first reading only was approved on Council Member Casar’s motion on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Gallo and Troxclair were off the dais.

Council Member Kitchen recessed the Council Meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

25. Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Cascades Municipal Utility District No. 1 annexation area (approximately 136 acres in southern Travis County east of IH 35 South approximately four tenths of a mile south of the intersection of IH 35 South and Onion Creek Parkway; Council District 5). This item was withdrawn without objection at the request of staff.

27. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to the neighborhood plan design tool known as garage placement standards. The item was postponed to May 5, 2016 at the request of staff on Council Member Pool’s motion, Council Member Renteria’s second on a 9-0 vote. Council Members Gallo and Troxclair were off the dais.

26. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 and Title 30 of the Land Development Code to change the staff review time for development applications from calendar days to the equivalent number of business days, define review times in administrative rules, modify the life of a site plan or subdivision application from 180 days with an available 180 day extension to one year with no extension provision, establish a stop-clock provision for development application life for related applications that require a public hearing, and establish expiration dates for subdivision vacation and subdivision construction plan applications consistent with other development permit applications. The public hearing was conducted and the motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was approved on Council Member Pool’s motion, Council Member Troxclair’s second on a 10-0 vote. The following staff corrections were accepted without objection.

- Strike “25-1-88(B)” in Part 6 (D) and replace with “25-1-88(A)”
- Strike “25-1-88(B)” in Part 7(D) and replace with “25-1-88(A)”
- Strike “25-1-88(B)” in Part 11 and replace with “25-1-88(A)”
- Revise Part 4, 25-1-88(A) to include the “the number of days exceeded by staff” to the end of the first sentence.
6. Approve an ordinance on second and third reading amending the process for public comment at city council and committee meetings. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo CO 3: Council Member Delia Garza CO 4: Council Member Leslie Pool)

Ordinance No. 20160414-006 was approved as amended below on Council Member Casar’s motion on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Gallo was off the dais.

The amendment was to add parts Part 2 and 4 to read as follows and renumber the existing parts of the ordinance accordingly:

PART 2. Subsection (D) of City Code Section 2-5-29 (Speaker Registration and Speaking Time)
(D) The presiding officer should grant the first 20 speakers on an agenda item three minutes each, and each subsequent speaker on the agenda item one minute to address the council, unless:
(1) the council rules otherwise:
(2) the presiding officer exercises the officer’s authority under Section 2-5-23 (Rules of Order) to limit or reduce the speaker’s time.

PART 4 Subsection (C) of City Code Section 2-5-107 (Citizen Participation)(C) Unless the committee votes otherwise, the chair should grant the first 20 speakers on an agenda item 3 minutes each, and each subsequent speaker on the agenda item 1 minute, to address the committee.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 21st day of April 2016 on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Renteria’s second on a 10-0 vote.