



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

Call Meeting to Order at 2:02 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Ora Houston, Chair*
2. *Council Member Kathie Tovo, Vice Chair*
3. *Council Member Delia Garza*
4. *Council Member Ellen Troxclair*

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes

Council Member Houston moved approval of the Minutes from Health and Human Services Committee Meeting of May 24th, 2016; June 17th, 2016; and June 22nd, 2016, seconded by Council Member Garza, motion passes 3-0 with Council Member Tovo abstaining from the vote on the June 22nd minutes.

Citizen Communication: General

2. **Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed two minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.**

No speakers.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. **Discussion of survey results of Spay/Neuter Pilot Study and possible action regarding Spay/Neuter initiatives by Animal Services (Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Officer, Austin Animal Services).**

13 citizen speakers on item. Many spoke in favor of spay/neuter on first impoundment, some for mandatory or permissive authority.

Tawny Hammond, Animal Services Director, presented on initial results of the pilot study. Council Member Houston asked to bring back to the Committee, among other things; How many animals were altered already? How many were altered when they came into the facility?

Council Member Houston moved to include the Spay/Neuter pilot information added to the October 2016 HHS Committee agenda. Seconded by Council Member Troxclair, motion passes 3-0, with MPT Tovo off the dais.

Staff Briefing

4. **Staff briefing on the application process for a joint appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers. (Deena Estrada, Business Process Specialist, Office of the City Clerk)**

The term of William Kuykendall, expires at the end of the calendar year. Given several options by Deena Estrada the Committee expressed preference for an “open call” for applicants to fill the vacant jointly appointed seat left by Mr. Kuykendall. Call for applicants went live September 1st.

5. **Staff briefing on homes, which are boarding and rooming houses, that have not been previously licensed or inspected and the City’s reasonable accommodation process (Daniel Cardenas, Assistant Director, Austin Code Department).**

Cora Wright presented on staff progress with respect to unlicensed properties including a description of an electronic tracking system and stakeholder outreach initiative at the end of the calendar year. Joan Bartz asked for the definition of “reasonable accommodation.” City attorney Patricia Link provided a response. Staff promised to follow up afterwards with Ms. Bartz via email.

6. Future Items

Items proposed at this time for the Health and Human Services Committee meeting on October 12th, 2016 include: Spay/neuter, Montopolis Capital Improvement Project, Central Health Board appointment.

Adjourn at 3:36 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 12th day of October 2016 on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Tovo’s second on a 3-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.