

# AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

#### **COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the October 19, 2017 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

- 18. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-7, Article 6 relating to anti-lobbying and procurement.
- 23. Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment relating to the Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) combining district to improve its alignment with Imagine Austin and eliminate its applicability east of IH-35 and East Avenue. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ora Houston, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Leslie Pool, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

D.1. Discussion related to the adoption and implementation of CodeNEXT and to CodeNEXT proposed regulations.

## COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

- 18. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-7, Article 6 relating to anti-lobbying and procurement.
- 62. Approve an audit plan for the City Auditor for Fiscal Year 2018. Council Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee.

Direction was given to staff to add metrics to the process associated with being able to compare items.

# **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.

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

- E.1. Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
  - This item was withdrawn without objection.
- E.2. Discuss personnel issues related to the search for and appointment of a new city manager (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Government Code.)
- E.3. Consider compensation and benefits for the Interim City Manager (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Government Code).
- E.4. Consider compensation and benefits for the City Clerk (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Government Code).
- E.5. Consider compensation and benefits for the City Auditor (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Government Code).
- E.6. Consider compensation and benefits for the Municipal Court Clerk (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Government Code).
- E.7. Discuss legal issues related to City of Austin 2017 labor negotiations concerning employees in the EMS and Police departments (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- E.8. Discuss legal issues related to Reagan National Advertising, Inc. v. City of Austin, D-1-GN-14-003594 in the 201st Judicial District of Travis County (Private consultation with legal counsel Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 2:57 p.m. without objection.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED

D.1. Discussion related to the adoption and implementation of CodeNEXT and to CodeNEXT proposed regulations.

Presentation was made by Joe Pantalion, Interim Assistant City Manager and Steve Hopkins, Development Services Department

Topics discussed on Overview of Changes to Subdivision Chapter presentation:

- Provide legal basis and policy context that is missing in current code
- Clarify existing procedures
- Remove impediments to affordability and missing middle housing

• Street layouts will be context-sensitive

Direction was given to staff to provide a memo to Mayor and Council regarding what the adequate lot width is for a single lot to allow a fire truck access.

D.2. Discussion of Mobility Initiatives: 2016 Bond Corridor Program and Austin Strategic Mobility

Presentation was made by Joe Pantalion, Interim Assistant City Manager; Annick Beaudet, Assistant Director, Transportation Department; Mike Trimble, Director, Corridor Office

## **Topics discussed:**

- Chapter 23-9: Transportation Draft 2 Overview
- Corridor Mobility Plan

Direction was given to staff to coordinate with Austin Resource Recovery regarding the impact street parking has on trash pickup; to continue to work with Opticos on a context sensitive approach on reduced parking.

Direction was given to staff when considering mobility improvements is to take to consideration the vehicle miles traveled issue, break up level of service across modes instead of merging together; also look at corridors that have low income lots nearby; partner with NHCD and look at PIDS and TIFS and other tools to help leverage revenue.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2017 on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 11-0 vote.