



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a work session on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Council Member Flannigan was absent.

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

C1. Update from the Chair on February 12 Housing and Planning Committee meeting.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- D1. Impact of the partial shutdown of the federal government.  
**Update was provided by Elaine Hart, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.**
- D2. Intergovernmental Entities and Council Committees memberships.  
**Council Committee Membership:**
- **Audit and Finance:** Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Flannigan, Pool and Tovo
  - **Austin Energy:** Committee of the whole
  - **Health and Human Services:** Council Members Garza, Harper-Madison, Kitchen and Tovo
  - **Housing and Planning:** Council Members Casar, Ellis, Harper-Madison, Kitchen and Renteria
  - **Judicial:** Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Garza and Harper-Madison
  - **Mobility:** Council Members Alter, Ellis, Kitchen, Flannigan and Garza
- D3. Board and Commission appointments process.  
**Direction was given to staff to have all current Planning Commission members complete the additional questionnaire required for new appointees to the Commission.**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the January 31, 2019 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.**

11. Authorize negotiation and execution of a sublease from the City of Austin to Austin Creative Reuse, a Texas nonprofit corporation, for approximately 4,758 square feet of retail space from the Austin Public Library Recycled Reads Store located at 5335 Burnet Road for a 36-month term. District(s) Affected: District 7.  
**Staff indicated that a request to postpone this item will be made at the January 31, 2019 Council Meeting.**

**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on attendance for events hosted by Recycled Reads; information on why funding from Austin Resource Recovery was cut and its impact; what was included in the Library budget; and information on the long-term plan for services provided by Recycled Reads.**

78. Approve a resolution relating to a pilot project to provide immediate shelter and support services for those experiencing homelessness. Council Sponsors: Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Leslie Pool.  
**Direction was given to staff to provide additional information on the required financial investment needed for the project.**

25. Authorize negotiation and execution of three multi-term contracts with Austin Arborist Company D/B/A Austin Tree Experts, Clean Scapes L.P., and Unity Contractor Services, Inc. (MBE), to provide tree and brush maintenance services, each for up to five years, for total contract amounts not to exceed \$12,250,000 divided among the contractors. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

28. Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Front Steps Inc., to provide shelter operations and services for the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,500,000. (Note: Social Service contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).  
**Direction was given to staff to confirm if the information provided in backup relating to contractual terms and performance matrix will be included in the scope of work for the contract.**

39. Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan relating to alternative equivalent compliance with front and street side upper-story building façade setback development standards. Council Sponsors: Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Council Member Gregorio Casar.

77. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to retain a qualified third-party that will comprehensively evaluate the Austin Police Department's processing and investigation of reported sexual assaults and that will provide a written report detailing its findings and recommendations. Council Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Ann Kitchen.

**A time certain of 4:00 p.m. may be requested for this item at the January 31, 2019 Council Meeting.**

22. Authorize amendments to the existing contracts with Champion National Security, Inc., Securitas Security Services USA Inc., and Whelan Security Co., for continued security guard services, for an increase in the amount of \$12,492,937, and to extend the term for up to three years, for revised contract amounts not to exceed \$20,900,000 divided among the contractors. (Note: These contracts were reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for these contracts, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).  
**Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the impact on security services resulting from the recent court case.**
10. Authorize dedication of approximately 56.932 acres of City-owned land as parkland, located along Harold Court, North of Boggy Creek, East of Lott Avenue and West of US 183, and the execution and recording of an instrument evidencing the dedication. District(s) Affected: District 1, District 3.

**Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:16 a.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.**

- E1. 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.**
- E2. Discuss real estate and legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property locally known as the Lions Municipal Golf Course, generally located at the intersection of Lake Austin Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard (Real property - Section 551.072 of the Government Code and private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted.**
- E3. Discuss legal issues related to Paxton v. City of Austin et al., Cause No. D-1-GN-003340 in the 53rd Judicial District of Travis County, Austin, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted.**
- E4. Discuss legal issues related to Austin Country Club v. City of Austin, Cause No. D-1-GN-17-006525 in the 126th Judicial District for Travis County, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

- E5. Discuss legal issues related to Smith et al v. City of Austin et al., Cause No. 1:18-cv-505LY, in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Conducted.**

**Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 7th day of February 2019 on Council Member Tovo's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 11-0 vote.**