CM ALTER MOTION SHEET

Direction to the City Manager:

The model international Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUIC) includes rules governing vegetation management and fuels mitigation not yet adopted into the Austin code.

The City Manager is directed to create a process to incorporate and/or adapt these additional WUIC strategies into Austin’s wildfire prevention efforts.

This process should build off the extensive work invested in adoption of Austin’s initial WUIC and:

- Provide for extensive stakeholder engagement, including, but not limited to, wildfire mitigation experts, members of the environmental community, homeowners, and entities that manage tracts of wildland or wildland urban interface land;
- Address the roles and responsibilities of homeowners as well as land management entities;
- Identify a path forward, through voluntary and/or regulatory action, that advances fuels mitigation and vegetation management to mitigate wildfire risk in our community; and
- Explore the creation of community refuges as a related option for wildfire preparedness.

The City Manager is directed to provide a report to City Council within three months with a comprehensive overview of the developed process and related timeline.