



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, via. Videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**BRIEFINGS**

- B1.** Update on Covid-19 related matters. (Standing staff update).  
**Presentation was made by Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health and Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Medical Director.**

**Direction was given to staff to look at the ability to include information on the per capita data for the zip code areas on the tracing map.**

- B2.** Update on Economic Development Organizations (Follow up to Resolution No. 20190808-072).  
**Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager and Matt Kwatinetz, Consultant, Q Partners.**

**Direction was given to staff to consider establishing a Q&A portal for Council questions moving forward; to consider adding a place on the board for early childhood and senior representatives; and to schedule an executive session on this topic.**

Mayor Adler recessed the Council Meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Mayor Adler reconvened the Council Meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**BRIEFINGS CONTINUED**

- B3.** Presentation of a Development Assessment Report for the Springdale Green Planned Unit Development (PUD) located at 1011 and 1017 Springdale Road. (Required by ordinance).  
**Presentation was made by Jerry Rusthoven, Assistant Director, Planning and Zoning Department.**

**Direction was given to staff to confirm is the property is located in an enterprise/opportunity zone.**

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The Mayor introduced the agenda for the August 25, 2020 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.**

25. Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire in fee simple approximately 61.687 acres of land and improvements located at 1495 W. State Highway 21, Cedar Creek, Bastrop County, Texas 78612, also known as the Austin Equestrian Center for an amount not to exceed \$1,462,000 including closing costs. This project is located outside of the city's extra-territorial jurisdiction.  
**A request to withdrawn this item will be requested by staff at the August 27 Council Meeting.**
20. Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$1,243,558 in grant funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division to assist in covering costs related to COVID-19.
32. Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$662,339 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project.
33. Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$259,804 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled First Responder Mental Health Program.
34. Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$128,019 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department program titled Project Safe Neighborhoods.
35. Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$168,670 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project.
36. Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$241,800 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.
37. Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$241,800 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.

38. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care to provide staff to assist the Austin Police Department with handling 9-1-1 calls for mental health emergencies.
39. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City to administer the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and the Travis County Sheriff's Office.
49. Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with GT Distributors, Inc., to provide public safety vehicle light bars and siren equipment, parts, and accessories, for an increase in the amount of \$81,250, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$406,250. (Note: This amendment was reviewed in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).
66. Authorize award of a contract with NTT Enterprises, Inc. D/B/A Tyler Camera Systems, to provide a multifunctional seating platform and rappel attachment for an Austin Police Department helicopter, in an amount not to exceed \$88,750. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).  
**Direction was given to staff to consider reviewing the costs allocations used when developing interlocal agreements.**
59. Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Capital Area Occupational Medicine D/B/A St. David's Occupational Health Services, to provide drug and alcohol testing services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$975,000. (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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities and provided sufficient evidence of good faith efforts and the resulting contract included no subcontracting goals).
65. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Remotec Inc., for Power Hawk Assembly remote devices, in an amount not to exceed \$71,644. (Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).
67. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Waters Technologies Corporation, for the purchase of an ultra-performance liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer, in an amount not to exceed \$214,582. (Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

57. Authorize award of a contract with Ace Golf Netting, to provide golf ball barrier netting and poles, in an amount not to exceed \$257,263. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Mayor Adler recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 2:12 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.**

- E1.** Discuss legal issues related to open government matters (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).  
**Withdrawn without objection.**
- E2.** Discuss legal issues regarding amendments to City Code Title 25 and Acuna et al v. City of Austin et al, Cause No. D-1-GN-19-008617 in the 201st Judicial District, Travis County, Texas (Private consultation with legal counsel-Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- E3.** Discuss the employment, duties, and evaluation of the City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

**Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020 on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garza's second on an 11-0 vote.**