



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 via Videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

- B1.** Update on Covid-19 related matters. (Standing staff update).

The presentation was made by Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health, Dr. Mark Escott, Medical Director.

- B2.** Convention Center Expansion Economic and Market Viability Study Report and Master Plan Update Presentation. (Staff presentation and response to Resolution 20190523-029).

The presentation was made by Trisha Tatro, Assistant Director, Convention Center, Alex Gale, Assistant Director, Office of Real Estate, Katy Zamensik, Financial Services Tom Hazinski, Consultant, and Alan Colyer, Consultant.

- B3.** Briefing on the John Treviño, Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch Vision Plan. (Staff Presentation related to upcoming Council agenda item).

The Mayor recessed the meeting 11:58 a.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

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.

- 12.** Approve a resolution initiating code amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to establish a contractor registration program for building and demolition permitting.

67. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to demolition permits, including notification and utility service requirements.

Direction was given to staff to go before a committee prior to presenting the ordinance to Council for approval.

17. Approve a resolution adopting the City's State Legislative Program for the 87th Texas Legislative Session.
49. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Public Consulting Group Inc., to provide a dispatch equity and optimization efficiency study, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. (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 insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities).

Direction was given to staff to distribute the scope of work to Mayor and Council prior to Thursday's Council meeting.

53. Authorize award of a multi-term contract with MEA Promos, to provide marketing collateral products, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,957,800. (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).

A postponement will be requested at Thursday's council meeting. Direction was given to staff to provide a clearer answer in where the budgeted items exist, and in what departments, so that there is a better picture of how much of it is enterprise, and how much of it is general fund.

62. Approve a resolution that directs the City Manager to explore and identify ways to support and to increase the survivability of those most vulnerable in Austin's hardest hit sectors: childcare, music and arts venues, restaurants and bars. Council Sponsors: Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Leslie Pool.
106. Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20200729-115 to extend the applicability period and the expiration date applicable to Ordinance No. 20200326-090, which relates to requiring notices of proposed eviction. Council Sponsors: Council Member Gregorio Casar, Mayor Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Kathie Tovo, Council Member Ann Kitchen.

Direction was given to staff to provide targeted information on the challenge here in Austin. What is the scale of people being covered by this protection, work with landlords to gather data to share with Council.

The Mayor recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 2:50 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

- E2.** Discuss real estate and legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in real property and improvements for the Austin Convention Center (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 the employment, duties, and evaluation of the City Manager (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

Conducted

- E4.** Discuss legal issues related to funding economic recovery efforts (Private consultation with legal counsel- Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Conducted

- 69.** Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 to create the Central Health Overlay district within the Downtown Austin Plan District Map.

Conducted

- 70.** Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Section 25-13-45 relating to compatible residential uses in Airport Overlay Zone Three (AO3).

Conducted

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 1st day of October 2020 on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Ellis's second on an 11-0 vote.