



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, via Videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- D1.** Intergovernmental Entities and Council Committees memberships.
The following requests for appointments were incorporated: Mayor and Council Members Harper-Madison and Tovo to the Psychiatric Stakeholder Committee; explore the option to include community members to the CapCog General Assembly; Council Member Tovo as a non-official member of the Downtown Austin Council; and Council Member Kelly as a member of the Public Safety Committee.
- D2.** Discussion regarding the election of the Mayor Pro Tem.
No discussion occurred.

BRIEFINGS

- B1.** Legislative Update. (Staff Briefing)
Presentation was made by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer.
- B3.** Update on homelessness related issues. (Staff update)
Presentation was made by Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 10:05 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).

Withdrawn without objection.

- E3.** Discuss real estate matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the motel conversion strategy (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Government Code).

Conducted.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

BRIEFINGS CONTINUED

Presentation was made by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer.

- B3.** Update on homelessness related issues. (Staff update)

Presentation was made by Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer.

Direction was given to staff to provide information on the strategy for encampments along the hike and bike trails; update on the Community First Housing Project and how progress is being reported; strategy for a coordinated regional response to homelessness; designating a campsite structure; explanation on why the City is not adopting the Haven For Hope model,

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Adler introduced the agenda for the January 27, 2021 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.

- 10.** Authorize additional funding in an amount of \$187,962 to the job order assignment for ProLodge 5 Phase 3 Renovations with Hensel Phelps Services, LLC, for a total assignment amount not to exceed \$650,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 29.23% MBE and 3.30% WBE participation.]. District(s) Affected: District 3. Strategic Outcome(s): Government that Works for All; Safety; Health and Environment.
- 14.** Ratify a contract amendment with the Better Business Bureau to provide additional grants to small businesses that had previously applied to the Austin Small Business Relief Grant program, in the amount of \$4,803,025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$32,008,025.00. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability.
- 16.** Ratify a contract amendment with United Way for Greater Austin to administer emergency Childcare Provider Relief Grant funds in the amount of \$5,250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,398,000. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

24. Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Achieve Public Schools for participation in the Library Cards for All Students Program, which will allow the Austin Public Library to offer a full-purpose Student Library Card to all students enrolled in Austin Achieve Public Schools. Strategic Outcome(s): Culture and Lifelong Learning.
27. Authorize the ratification of the Emergency Temporary Occupancy Agreement with Apple Pie Hotels LLC to allow the City the ongoing option to occupy the real property located at 10811 Pecan Park Blvd., Building 2, Austin, Texas, 78750 for emergency housing, isolation, and support services related to COVID-19 for a 30-day term, with an option to extend for three additional 30-day terms, for an amount not to exceed \$699,200. District(s) Affected: District 6. Strategic Outcome(s): Health and Environment
31. Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple approximately 2 acres of land and a building containing approximately 47,355 square feet out of Lot 1-A, Block B, including a non-exclusive joint use access easement over and across 0.081 of an acre of land, more or less, being a portion of Lot 10-A, Block B, both of the Amended Plat of Lot 1 and a Portion of Lot 2, Resubdivision of Lots 7, 8 & 9, Block B, Pecan Park, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet Y, Slides 205-207, Plat Records, Williamson County, Texas; known locally as 10811 Pecan Park Blvd, Bldg #2, Austin, TX 78750 from Apple Pie Hotels, LLC., A Texas Corporation for a total amount not to exceed \$9,500,000, including closing costs. District(s) Affected: District 6. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

Council Member Tovo recessed the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Council Member Tovo reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONTINUED

13. Authorize negotiation and execution of an exclusive negotiation agreement with Aspen Heights Partners, for terms governing a master developer contract for the redevelopment of 1215 Red River and 606 East 12th, the former HealthSouth tract. MBE/WBE: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B 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 in this solicitation phase, but will be negotiated in the contracting phase. District(s) Affected: District 1. Strategic Outcome(s): Government that Works for All; Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

Amendments from Council Member Tovo will be posted on the message board.

BRIEFINGS CONTINUED

- B2. Multi-Ethnic Chamber Alliance Equitable Chamber Funding Model. (Staff Briefing)
Presentation was made by Dusty McCormick, Economic Development Department and Jeremy Barndt, Consultant.

Council Member Tovo recessed the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Council will reconvene in Executive Session at 3:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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- E2. Discuss legal issues related to the May 2021 election (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
Conducted.**

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 4th day of February 2021 on Council Member Kelly's motion, Council Member Alter's second on an 11-0 vote.