



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT AUSTIN WATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Date:** May 13, 2021

**Agenda Item #:** 2

**Agenda Item:** Discussion and possible action on recommendations to Council on resolutions for Code amendments and other actions relating to strategies for Water Forward, including water conservation and reuse.

**Vote:**

4-0-1 with Council Member Ellis abstaining and all Committee members present: Council Member Ann Kitchen (Chair), Council Member Vanessa Fuentes (Vice Chair), Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool and Council Member Paige Ellis.

**Original Sponsors/Department:**

Council Member Ann Kitchen and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes

**Summary of Discussion:**

On a motion by Chair Kitchen and a second by Council Member Pool, Chair Kitchen presented a draft resolution and led discussion. Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros confirmed that the resolution as proposed by Chair Kitchen aligns with staff plans for Water Forward implementation.

A friendly amendment from Council Member Ellis regarding affordability impacts, with edits from the dais, was included in the final recommended resolution. Austin Water Assistant Director Kevin Critendon and Program Manager Marisa Flores-Gonzalez provided information on Water Forward affordability analyses.

A friendly amendment from Vice Chair Fuentes regarding stormwater management was also included in the final recommended resolution. Director Meszaros and Assistant Director Critendon addressed a question regarding potential impacts of the amendment and indicated that it was still being reviewed by staff.

Council Member Tovo was also in attendance and expressed support for the item.

**Direction:**

The Committee requests to send a resolution for Code amendments and other actions relating to Water Forward implementation to the full Council for consideration.

**Recommendation:**

On a 4-0-1 vote, the Committee requests to send a resolution for Code amendments and other actions relating to Water Forward implementation to the full Council for consideration with Council Member Ann Kitchen (Chair), Council Member Vanessa Fuentes (Vice Chair), Council

Member Alison Alter, Council Member Leslie Pool voting aye, and Council Member Ellis abstaining. This item is sponsored by the Austin Water Committee Members: Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Alison Alter. Council Member Tovo also attended the meeting, while not a voting member of the committee, she did express support for the resolution.