

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special called joint meeting with the Capital Metro Board of Directors on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the Austin Convention Center, 500 East Cesar Chavez Street, Ballroom C and via Videoconference.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison and Council Member Fuentes were off the dais. Council Members Casar was absent.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 11:11 a.m. without objection. Council Member Casar was absent.

Mayor Adler reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Council Member Casar was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Staff briefing and discussion on the Project Connect Management Report.
Presentations delivered by Randy Clarke, President and CEO, Capital Metro; Peter Mullen, Chief of Architecture and Urban Design, Austin Transit Partnership; Jackie Nirenberg, Chief of Community Engagement and Involvement, Austin Transit Partnership; Annick Beaudet, Mobility Officer, Project Connect; Greg Canally, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Development Officer, Austin Transit Partnership; Sharmila Mukherjee, Executive Vice President, Planning and Development, Capital Metro; John Rhone, Deputy Program Officer, Austin Transit Partnership.
2. Staff briefing and discussion on public feedback received on the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership and on other action items for consideration.
This item was withdrawn.
3. Approve a resolution relating to the design, construction, and operation of Project Connect and applicable City Code requirements, regulations, and permitting procedures; and potential code amendments.

Resolution No. 20211029-003 was approved, with the following amendment and direction, on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Kelly was off the dais. Council Member Casar was absent.

Council Member Alter offered the following amendment that was accepted without objection. The amendment was:

On line 58 of the resolution change the word "than" to "that".

Council Member Alter offered the following the direction that was accepted without objection. The direction was:

That City staff ensure that any new regulations and procedures be consistent with the environmental protections that are in various adopted plans.

4. Approve an ordinance relating to permits and approvals required to implement Project Connect that sets the permit application date, establishes exceptions, and creates a process to use subsequent changes in City Code, rules, and other regulations.

Ordinance No. 20211029-004 was approved on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Kelly was off the dais. Council Member Casar was absent.

5. Authorize negotiation and execution of the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.

No action taken.

General direction:

Council Member Tovo offered the following direction, seconded by Council Member Kelly that was accepted without objection. Council Member Casar was absent. The direction was:

Staff was directed to explore appropriate alternative locations for the Austin Rowing Club boathouse.

Mayor Adler adjourned the Council Meeting at 1:34 p.m. without objection. Council Member Casar was absent.

The minutes were approved on this the 18th day of November 2021 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on an 11-0 vote.