

**RESOLUTION NO. 050217-50**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin, along with many other communities in the Central Texas region, faces unique opportunities and challenges as the economy begins another period of growth; and

**WHEREAS**, in the coming decades, many new citizens and businesses will call Austin their home, and, within the next 20 to 40 years, the population of the region is projected by numerous sources to grow by more than a million; and

**WHEREAS**, good planning as well as timely and adequate investment in infrastructure to accommodate growth will determine whether this continued growth in population and commerce will benefit or harm the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Envision Central Texas has, through an educational and consensus-oriented process, developed a series of broadly accepted goals for how the Central Texas region should develop; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that the political subdivisions of this region support and cooperate in this planning effort by allocating and prioritizing funds for goals such as the preservation of open space and the development of urban density; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin seeks to participate in and promote the goal of forward-looking investment by setting aside of capital resources will shape and define the effects of population growth in the coming years rather than continuing to rely upon current bond capacity that will minimally accommodate the needs created by population growth that has already occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, by initiating a bond election based in support of the municipal goals that are common to those goals identified by Envision Central Texas, the City will set aside the capital resources that are necessary to shape and define future population growth in a manner that benefits the City of Austin through enhancing the quality of life; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

- (A) A Bond Election Advisory Committee is established to identify and prioritize bond funding for projects that will advance the municipal community goals identified by the Envision Central Texas planning process.
- (B) The committee shall be composed of 27 persons, of whom 21 members shall be active and voting members and six members will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.
- (C) The 21 voting committee members shall be appointed as follows:
  - (1) Seven members shall be appointed by Council to represent each of Envision Central Texas' seven implementation committees; and
  - (2) Fourteen members shall be appointed by the City Council. Each council office will be nominate two members for appointment; and
  - (3) A member of each of the following six governing bodies shall be appointed in a non-voting ex-officio capacity:
    - (i) a member of the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees;
    - (ii) a member of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court;
    - (iii) a member of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court;

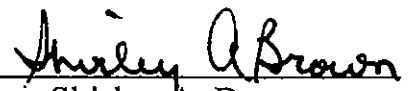
- (iv) a member of the Hays County Commissioners Court;
  - (v) a member of the Travis County Commissioners Court; and
  - (vi) a member of the Williamson County Commissioners Court.
- (D) In addition to conducting regular meetings for the purpose of considering potential bond projects, the committee shall attend a series of public briefings conducted at City Council meetings for which dates will be provided.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to schedule and conduct two public briefings to be presented to the City Council, the first to address the City's current bonded indebtedness, bond ratings, and bonding capacity, and the second to address a departmental needs analysis for the purpose of planning future bond proposals.

**ADOPTED:** February 17, 2005

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk