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12/16/10	Historic Preservation	20101216-069	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Historic Landmark Commission and other community stakeholders on potential amendments to the Historic Landscape Restoration component of the Comprehensive Preservation Master Plan for the Elisabet Ney Museum. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	<p>The Elisabet Ney Museum is the site of the former studio and portrait collection created by nineteenth-century sculptor, Elisabet Ney. On July 23, 2009, the Austin City Council approved a request by the City Manager for the authority to negotiate and execute a Historic Preservation Easement with the Texas Historical Commission covering the Elisabet Ney Museum to ensure that the museum will remain a historic site true to the period of significance. Subsequent to the execution of the historic easement, the Centennial Era (c. 1939) was formally recognized as an additional period of significance from a historic perspective.</p> <p>This resolution directs the city manager to work with the Historic Landmark Commission on potential amendments to the Historic Landscape Restoration component of the Comprehensive Preservation Master Plan for the Elisabet Ney Museum that incorporate reference to the Centennial Era period of significance, including (1) preservation of the historic stone wall and (2) respect for the historic fabric of the landscape of the museum planted during its multiple periods of significance.</p>
11/18/10	Historic Preservation	20101118-060	Approve a resolution extending the deadline for the city manager to make recommendations related to historic preservation and an analysis of the economic benefits of historic preservation. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman)	City Council adopted Resolution 20100610-029 directing the city manager to work with the Historic Landmark Commission to make a number of recommendations on issues related to historic preservation, including an examination of best practices for property tax exemptions and designation criteria and an analysis of the economic benefits of historic preservation. The city manager was directed to return to Council with these recommendations and analysis no later than December 31, 2010. Based on discussions with community stakeholders, more time is needed to facilitate adequate conversation to make well-prepared recommendations to the City Council. This resolution extends the deadline for the recommendations to return to council to March 31, 2011.
11/18/10	Equality and Human Rights	20101118-059	Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's support and participation in a multi-pronged, comprehensive hate crimes initiative to foster a safe and welcoming community by building public infrastructure, awareness, and sensitivity related to hate crimes. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Sheryl Cole)	The City of Austin has recently experienced several high-profile incidents of what may have been, or were perceived to be, hate crimes. Hate crimes tear at the fabric of society and create tension within entire communities. It is critical for local government to ensure its community is fighting hate proactively. This resolution makes the City of Austin an active participant in a hate crimes initiative, partnering with the Anti-Defamation League, to foster a safe and welcoming community by building public infrastructure, awareness, and sensitivity related to hate crimes.

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10/14/10	Land Use	20101118-060	Approve a resolution authorizing the initiation of amendments to an adopted neighborhood plan at any time as is necessary to implement the outcomes of the expedited process for adoption of land development regulations for the properties within the East Riverside Corridor Master Plan boundaries. (Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution grants the city manager the authority to initiate neighborhood plan amendments as a result of the planning processes occurring with the East Riverside Corridor Master Plan.
9/30/10	International Relations and Economic Policy	20100930-027	Approve a resolution formally expressing the City of Austin's commitment to certain joint-partnership objectives with its Sister City, Oita, Japan. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This item expresses the City Council's formal support for a joint resolution signed with the government of Oita, Japan declaring the two cities' joint mission of prosperity and world peace. The resolution also recognizes our shared love for live music.
9/23/10	Land Use	20100923-086	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager not to approve any site plan or building permit for municipal buildings that includes elements approved via Alternative Equivalent Compliance under Section 1.5 of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E (Design Standards and Mixed Use) until after the Design Commission reviews the proposed project in accordance with Resolution No. 20071129-046. (Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution requires city staff to bring site plans for municipal buildings to the Design Commission for a recommendation at an early stage in the planning process if the plans include a request for alternative compliance to the Commercial Design Standards.
9/23/10	Sustainability	20100923-087	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a recommended eco-friendly program that provides year-round pharmaceutical take back services across Austin. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>The proper disposal of medications has become a global concern for the safety of the public and the environment. While Austin's drinking water supply has yet to be affected, some drugs may pass through water and wastewater treatment processes and end up in drinking water, and or can end up in our waterways and can be toxic to aquatic life. Due to the legalities involved with proper disposal of waste medications, most U.S. communities do not offer disposal programs and as a result, many consumers keep drugs in their possession because they do not know how to dispose of them properly.</p> <p>This resolution directs the city manager to work with Austin pharmacies to develop a recommended eco-friendly program that provides year-round pharmaceutical take back services easily accessible to all Austinites.</p>

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8/26/10	Open Government	20100826-043	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to take action regarding Time Warner Cable's proposed migration plan of Public, Education and Government (PEG) Channels from analog to digital format. (Council Member Laura Morrison, Council Member Randi Shade and Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>The Federal Cable Act of 1984 mandates that cable video operators provide channels on their network for local Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) programming, which includes Channel 6 and other local government channels that provide coverage of government meetings. As part of its franchise agreement with the City of Austin, Time Warner Cable is required to provide the PEG channels to its basic cable subscribers. On October 1, 2010, Time Warner Cable announced that its seven PEG channels would no longer be provided to its subscribers in the current analog form, which will require subscribers to obtain digital converters to continue having access to coverage of government meetings.</p> <p>The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission adopted a resolution recommending that the City urge Time Warner to treat Austin PEG channels on par with local broadcast channels and to continue providing PEG channel availability without additional cost. This resolution directs the city manager to take all actions necessary to ensure that access by Time Warner subscribers to Austin's PEG channels remains uninterrupted on the basic</p>
8/26/10	Land Use	20100826-045	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process an amendment to the North Burnet Gateway Regulation Plan to allow legal non-conforming uses to continue within a site rather than on a suite-by-suite basis in the Neighborhood Residential Subdistrict and to establish a plan to reinstate the City's standard nonconforming use regulations after a set period of time. (Council Member Sheryl Cole, Council Member William Spelman and Council Member Laura Morrison)	The North Burnet Gateway Regulating Plan restricts certain uses in various areas of the plan. Currently, there is one particular area developed almost entirely with industrial uses that would no longer be allowed in the new plan. When a tenant who operates one of these uses leaves a location in a building, the owner no longer has the right to continue that use. This leaves an awkward financial situation for property owners with multiple tenants. This resolution aims to ease the transition period to allow industrial warehouse owners to be able to replace their tenants without losing their certificate of occupancy.
8/5/10	Land Use	20100805-031	Approve a resolution initiating the rezoning of 1307 Newning Avenue from family residence - neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) to family residence-conditional overlay-neighborhood conservation combining district zoning (SF-3-CO-NCCD-NP) to include this property in the Fairview Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District; and direct the City Manager to expedite this rezoning. (Council Member Laura Morrison, Council Member Randi Shade and Council Member William Spelman)	A zoning case was initiated by a property owner who built two attached condominium units on an SF-3 zoned property. The request was to upzone the property to a more intense zoning in order to subdivide the property into two lots to sell them fee-simple. A compromise was reached with the neighborhood to modify conditions within the Neighborhood Conservation Combining District governing the area that would allow for the subdivision of the property while not increasing the base district zoning. This resolution enables that compromise.

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8/5/10	Land Use	20100805-030	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate the necessary code amendments to the City Code to designate the Board of Adjustment as the body to (1) hear and decide a request for a variance from a requirement of the NCCD and (2) consider an appeal of a decision of the building official regarding a site development regulation prescribed by the NCCD. (Council Member Laura Morrison, Council Member William Spelman and Council Member Chris Riley)	Under state law, the Board of Adjustment is the appropriate body to hear requests for variances to the city code and appeals of an interpretation related to zoning regulations. When the city adopted the code to allow the creation of Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCDs), a tool used to enhance city code for a particular area, the procedural requirements for variances and appeals of interpretations was omitted. This resolution directs the city manager to clean up this section of the code by making the Board of Adjustment the responsible body for variances and interpretation appeals with regards to NCCDs.
8/5/10	Land Use	20100805-029	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish an expedited public input process to develop regulations and a development bonus system for implementation of the East Riverside Corridor Master Plan; and to expedite the board and commission process for the proposed regulations and bonus system. (Council Member Chris Riley and Council Member Laura Morrison)	On February 25, 2010, Council adopted the East Riverside Corridor Master Plan as a vision for the corridor and as framework for new regulations. Based on feedback from community members both within and beyond the East Riverside Corridor, there was an interest in an expedited process for producing the proposed revised development regulations. This resolution gives direction to the city manager to being an expedited process, recognizing the significant amount of time stakeholders have already spent over the years on planning in the area.
7/29/10	Animal Welfare	20100729-090	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop an ordinance to ban the retail sale of dogs and cats in Austin pet stores. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution directs the city manager to prepare an ordinance to ban the retail sales of dogs and cats in Austin pet stores. Investigations by the Humane Society have shown that thousands of dogs and cats in the United States have been housed and bred at substandard breeding facilities known as "puppy mills" and "kitten factories" that mass-produce animals for sale to the public at retail pet stores. Due to the lack of proper animal husbandry practices at these facilities, animals born and raised there are more likely to have genetic disorders, lack adequate socialization, are subjected to inhumane housing conditions and are indiscriminately disposed of when they reach the end of their profitable breeding cycle.
7/29/10	Animal Welfare	20100729-087	Approve an ordinance amending section 3-1-26 of the City Code (Disposition of an Unclaimed Impounded Animal) to change the timeframe for retrieval of animals from three days to three business days to allow pet owners more opportunity to reclaim lost animals. (Council Member Laura Morrison and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	Some concerns were raised that there is not adequate time to locate lost animals during weekends and holidays at the Town Lake Animal Center before animals are euthanized. This ordinance changes the prohibition from euthanizing an unclaimed animal on the 3 rd day to the 3 rd business day to ensure there is ample time for an owner to locate their lost pet.

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6/24/10	Sustainability	20100624-082	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement Green Steps policy for the City of Austin. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison and Council Member Randi Shade)	In May 2010 the City of Austin held the inaugural One Green Step event to get people to commit to small, personal green steps to help make Austin a cleaner and greener place to live. This resolution directs the city manager to implement several Green Steps, including setting the default print setting for all City of Austin printers to double sided, setting default fonts to Century Gothic, Ecofont Vera Sans, or a similar ink-saving font, and investigating software which converts faxes to emails to allow discretion on whether or not to print.
6/24/10	Sustainability	20100624-081	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate with both Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. and Balcones Resources, Inc. for a short-term and long-term agreement for recycling services. Related to Item #29. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez, Council Member Laura Morrison and Council Member Randi Shade)	To help reach the City of Austin's adopted Zero Waste goals, which include the reduction of the amount of waste Austinites send to the landfills by 90% by the year 2040, this resolution directs the city manager to negotiate with both Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. (TDS) and Balcones Resources, Inc. (Balcones) for a long term agreement for processing services for the City's Single Stream collected curbside recyclables.
5/27/10	Labor and Transportation	20100527-055	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Urban Transportation Commission stakeholder group to develop recommendations on taxicab key performance indicators, fees charged to taxicab drivers by franchises, and a revised methodology for authorizing franchise agreements. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley)	Taxicab franchises in Austin charge drivers fees for various services, including permit rental, customer service, insurance, accounting, and marketing services. The City of Austin does not regulate these fees that franchises charge to drivers, which means that increases in the taximeter rate does not necessarily ensure that the drivers' take-home pay will increase, because the franchises could disproportionately increase their fees. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with stakeholders on various recommendations to resolve this issue, including the development of performance measures and capping fees charged by franchises.
5/27/10	Parks and Trails	20100527-054	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide free parking in city parks for volunteers working on city trails in observance of the annual National Trails Day event. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison)	In order to encourage and support volunteers working on trail maintenance in city parks for the annual National Trails Day event, this resolution directs the city manager to provide free parking for those volunteers during the event.
5/27/10	Music	20100527-052	Approve a resolution giving Second Street between Trinity Street and San Antonio Street the honorary name of Willie Nelson Boulevard. (Mayor Lee Leffingwell Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	In recognition of his success and contributions to helping make Austin the "Live Music Capital of the World", this resolution gives 2nd Street the honorary name of "Willie Nelson Boulevard".

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5/13/10	Land Use	20100513-028	Approve an ordinance repealing section 2-1-188 (B) related to the expiration of the Zoning and Platting Commission. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Chris Riley)	The Zoning and Platting Commission was originally established by the City Council to ease work flow to allow the Planning Commission to focus on the creation, adoption, and implementation of Austin's neighborhood plans. Over time, the Zoning and Platting Commission has developed a unique expertise for the areas that have yet to begin the planning process. Because the Zoning and Platting Commission is such an integral part of Austin's public process and our planning efforts have yet to be completed, this ordinance removes the sunset provision to allow the commission to continue its work.
5/13/10	Community Appreciation	20100513-031	Approve a resolution changing the date for the annual Barton Springs Pool Free Swim Day from the second Saturday in July to the first Saturday in June. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	In recognition of the historic 'all-night council meeting' that took place at City Hall on June 7th, 1990, the Barton Springs Pool Free Swim Day opens up Barton Springs pool to the public for free. The event is an opportunity for all Austin residents to enjoy the unique atmosphere of Barton Springs pool and remember our efforts to protect our natural resources.
5/13/10	Public Health	20100513-034	Approve a resolution endorsing the University Medical Center at Brackenridge's ProTECT and Erythropoietin Research and Experimental Clinical Treatments for Traumatic Brain Injury as part of the community consent process for this study. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	As part of the community consent process, this resolution provides the City Council's endorsement of participation of the University Medical Center Brackenridge in two research studies aimed at testing treatments to reduce the amount of brain swelling and/or damage caused by Traumatic Brain Injury.
5/13/10	Families and Children	20100513-036	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to expedite any Request for Applications and contract approvals for the re-allocation of funding for child care and family services. (Council Member Randi Shade Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	In the given fiscal year, the City of Austin contracted with Family Connections for approximately \$ 1.2 million in child care and family services. Due to allegations of misappropriation of funds and falsification of audits, the City terminated its contracts with Family Connections. To ensure continuation of these services to over 35,000 children, this resolution directs the city manager to expedite requests by other organizations for the reallocation of this funding.
5/13/10	Equality and Human Rights	20100513-041	Approve a resolution naming the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard bridge over IH-35 the "JJ Seabrook Bridge" (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This resolution gives tribute to the memory of Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook, a prominent Black pastor, educator, and president emeritus of Huston-Tillotson University, by naming in his honor the bridge that connects East and West Austin along Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. His story is included in the language of the resolution.

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4/29/10	Affordable Housing	20100429-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to reassess eligibility requirements for City home repair and weatherization programs with respect to past-due balances owed to the City by program applicants. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin offers a number of home repair and weatherization programs to its residents. As a condition of eligibility for some of these programs, applicants are required to have cleared past due balances owed to both city departments and other agencies like Brackenridge Hospital. However, these programs are important to the City's goals/values and should be made available to all residents in need. This resolution directs the City Manager to assess all of the City's home repair and weatherization programs and determine where adjustments to eligibility requirements could be made with regard to outstanding balances.
4/22/10	Public Health	20100422-036	Approve a resolution authorizing execution of a co-sponsorship agreement between the City of Austin and the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit corporation for payment of program income earned by the former Mayor's Fitness Council Task Force, in an amount not to exceed \$27,309.00, to further the purpose and mission of the former task force. (Mayor Lee Leffingwell Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>In 2004, the Austin City Council moved forward on the path to health and wellness by forming the Mayor's Fitness Council Task Force with the mission of having Austin, Texas designated as the fittest city in the nation by the year 2010. As an unincorporated entity, the task force is not eligible for certain funding and grant opportunities. However, in March of 2009, the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit corporation was formed to help the taskforce fulfill its mission and garner additional funds.</p> <p>This resolution authorizes the execution of a co-sponsorship agreement with the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit organization and dedicates income generated by the task force as initial start-up funding to the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit organization to make it eligible for both matching and outright grants targeted to non-profit corporations in Texas.</p>
4/8/10	Equality and Human Rights	20100408-034	Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 021003-40 to include the Austin PRIDE event as an annual City co-sponsored event. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman Council Member Randi Shade)	<p>For over a decade, Austin has hosted the annual PRIDE event celebrating diversity and promoting equality for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. Austin PRIDE attracts an estimated 45,000 attendees, including several thousand visitors, and is continually growing in popularity. The Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce has conservatively estimated that the annual PRIDE event brings \$1.5 - \$2.5 million into the Austin economy.</p> <p>Recognizing the mission of the event and its significant impact on the local economy, this resolution establishes the annual Austin PRIDE event as an official city co-sponsored event.</p>

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4/8/10	Residential Compatibility	20100408-033	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to support the motion for rehearing and the appeals process in TCEQ Docket No. 2006-0612-MSW ; Application of Waste Management of Texas, Inc. for a Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment; Permit No. MSW-249D. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	<p>On May 17, 2007 the Austin City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 20070517-030 opposing the expansion application of the Allied BFI and Waste Management Community landfills. In 2008 the City of Austin, Travis County, the Northeast Neighbors Coalition (NNC) and TJFA, LP were designated as parties opposing the Waste Management of Texas, Inc. (WMI) permit for expansion. The Administrative Law Judge recommended that the TCEQ issue the permit authorizing the expansion of WMI, and TCEQ has adopted and issued the requested permit. The deadline to file a motion for rehearing is April 12, 2010.</p> <p>This resolution directs the city manager to participate with the other opposing parties in filing a motion for rehearing and in the appeal process.</p>
4/8/10	Public Health	20100408-032	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with homeless advocates and stakeholders, including House the Homeless, to consider additional possible medical exemptions to Section 9-4-14 of the City Code. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>Section 9-4-14 of the City Code (generally known as the “Sit/Lie Ordinance”) prohibits sleeping outdoors and sitting or lying down in the right-of-way within the Downtown Business Area. Within the ordinance, there is an exemption for individuals with medical emergencies or if someone uses a wheelchair or similar device as a result of a disability. However, there are many other medication exemptions identified by <i>House the Homeless</i> that should be considered.</p> <p>This resolution directs the city manager to work with homeless advocates to consider adding other possible medical exemptions. Also, it directs the city manager to look into the feasibility of installing more benches in the downtown area.</p>
4/8/10	Public Health	20100408-027	Approve an ordinance amending the City Code to add a new Chapter 10-9 to require limited service pregnancy centers to post signs disclosing that they do not provide or refer for abortions or comprehensive birth control services ; creating an offense and imposing a penalty. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This ordinance requires limited service pregnancy centers to post signs disclosing that they do not provide or refer for comprehensive birth control or abortions services.

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3/25/10	Historic Preservation	20100325-051	Approve a resolution supporting community efforts to fund and begin the restoration of the Norwood House. (Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)	<p>In 1922, local developer Ollie O. Norwood and his wife, Calie Norwood, built a small bungalow on the bluffs above the south bank of the Colorado River, just west of the area where Interstate 35 now crosses Lady Bird Lake. The Norwood House occupied a 3-acre estate that included a rose garden, a greenhouse, a fountain, a gazebo/teahouse, and the first geothermal-fed swimming pool in Austin.</p> <p>The City of Austin bought the Norwood Estate, including the house, in the mid-1980s. Although the house has not received dedicated funds for restoration, its historic significance has been recognized through the City of Austin historic landmark designation. A dedicated neighborhood group, known as the Norwood Posse, has volunteered to raise the funds needed to support the first phase of a house restoration project.</p> <p>This resolution shows the City Council's support for the efforts of the Norwood Posse and other community groups to fund and restore the Norwood House as an attractive and functional public facility for use by the entire Austin community.</p>
3/11/10	Cultural Arts	20100311-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify barriers experienced by artists working on city-sponsored art projects with members of the arts community , including the Arts Commission, and make recommendations for process improvements for assisting artists participating in city-sponsored art projects, including but not limited to potential fee waivers. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	<p>As experienced with the Barton Barriers project (related to Ordinance 20100225-057), artists involved in creating and installing public art have experienced difficulties with fees and requirements associated with obtaining City permits. This resolution directs the city manager to work with the art community to identify barriers experienced with artists working on city-sponsored art projects and make recommendations for process improvements for assisting artists, including but not limited to potential fee waivers.</p>
3/11/10	Governmental Transparency	20100311-035	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to create a policy regarding the use of social media sites and online collaborative tools for the City's Boards and Commissions. (Council Member Chris Riley Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>Social media sites and other web-based tools have become an important way for citizens to engage, communicate, and collaborate with governmental entities. Austin's Boards and Commissions play a critical role in that citizen engagement, so it is important to have policies in place to offer these bodies the tools needed to communicate with the general public. This resolution directs the city manager to work with the boards and commissions on developing a policy regarding use of social media sites and online collaborative tools, including wikis and discussion boards.</p>

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3/11/10	Governmental Accountability	20100311-031	Approve an ordinance authorizing reimbursement of payment for water quality controls in the amount of \$12,208.64 for the property known as the Shoalmont Subdivision, city file number C8-2008-0224.OA. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	<p>Water Quality Controls are required for properties that ask for resubdivision. This property requested a resubdivision but was denied by the Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP), which means the property will no longer be developed as planned. City staff required payment for the water quality controls prior to ZAP's vote. The process has since been corrected to require payment after the Land Use Commission's decision.</p> <p>Only the City Council can authorize reimbursement of these funds. This ordinance authorizes repayment; however, it ensures that when the subject property is developed in the future, water quality controls will be required.</p>
2/25/10	Economic Policy	20100225-058	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders, including but not limited to, the creative, high-tech, and business communities to draft and submit the City of Austin's response to the Google Fiber for Communities Request for Information. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley and Council Member Randi Shade)	<p>Google issued a Request for Information (RFI) to identify communities for a pilot project to build an ultra-high-speed broadband network that will deliver internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today. This resolution began the process of drafting Austin's response to the RFI. If Austin is selected, this program will maximize Austin's potential as a leader in the high-tech industry and spur a wave of innovation for new applications and uses of technology. The program will also offer the city an opportunity to address inequalities in the ability to use technology by bridging the gaps in Austin's broadband network.</p> <p>Visit this website to see the official response by the City of Austin: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/biggit/</p>
2/25/10	Cultural Arts	20100225-057	Approve an ordinance granting a waiver of the license agreement application fee under City Code Section 14-11-1 for the temporary installation of art located at the south side of Barton Skyway near the intersection of South Lamar Boulevard in an amount not to exceed \$425.00. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This ordinance waives the fees associated with the use of city right-of-way along Barton Skyway for a city co-sponsored art project known as ART-ON-THE-WAY. This art piece, <i>Barton Barriers</i> , is the first in a series that reclaims small underutilized plots of land by installing public artwork in Austin neighborhoods. Resolution 20100311-038 is related.

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2/11/10	Land Use	20100211-017	Approve an ordinance authorizing 96-hour sound amplification permits ; waiving the requirements of City Code Section 9-2-24 related to permit duration; and declaring an emergency. (Council Member Randi Shade Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	The existing permits available for live music events include a 24-hour permit that can be used only every 30 days and a year-long permit that is intended for outdoor music venues. The limited options resulted in some restaurants and other locations, which are not year-long music venues, applying for the outdoor music venue permits when they only needed a permit for a few days. Recognizing the occasional desire for consecutive-day events by some locations, this ordinance creates a new 96-hour permit option. However, the new permit option was adopted under a 'test run' and is set to sunset this summer. Stakeholders will be asked to consider the results of the permit and to make recommendations on how or if the ordinance should be amended.
2/4/10	Historic Preservation	20100204-028	Approve a resolution authorizing an application for funding to Preserve America in an amount up to \$250,000 in grant funds for an historic survey web tool to assist the City's historic preservation program. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>In October 2008, the City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager to identify funding for an update to the out-dated historic preservation survey. However, initial cost estimates for the survey exceed fiscal resources available to the city at this time. A group of stakeholders, led by faculty from the University of Texas and members of the Heritage Society of Austin, have begun development of a web survey tool that builds upon volunteer efforts already underway throughout the city. The web survey tool provides the city an opportunity to begin an update to the historic preservation survey with minimal cost to the city. Volunteers will upload historic data onto a city database that is then verified by an historic professional and made available to the public.</p> <p>This resolution authorizes an application for grant funds to help develop and utilize this historic survey web tool.</p>
1/28/10	Land Use	20100128-058	Approve an ordinance establishing a stakeholder review process for the Downtown Austin Plan Density Bonus Report ; and waiving the requirements of City Code Section 2-1-42(C) regarding appointment of committee members by a board or commission. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance directs the Planning Commission to convene a stakeholder working group to provide input to the Executive Committee of the Planning Commission on the recommendations of the proposed density bonus program as part of the ongoing Downtown Austin Plan.
12/17/09	Public Safety	20091217-090	Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20091022-028 related to the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle and creating an offense. (Council Member Laura Morrison and Council Member Chris Riley)	This ordinance clarifies the language of the previously adopted ban to clearly state that, while driving, one should not use a cell phone for anything other than having a telephone conversation. There are a few exceptions to this law, which are listed in the ordinance, including using applications in a hands-free or voice-activated mode.

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12/10/09	Affordable Housing	20091210-044	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to recommend and initiate code amendments to revise the in-lieu fee for affordable housing in the University Neighborhood Overlay . (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman)	<p>The University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) was adopted by the City Council in 2004. It included a density bonus program representing the City's first significant attempt to provide incentives in exchange for affordable housing. The money collected from the UNO density bonus goes toward a city-managed fund that is used to generate affordable housing in the West Campus area. Because this concept was new to the City, the fee required to pay for bonus density in lieu of on site affordability was set at \$0.50 per square foot.</p> <p>Since 2004, the City has passed a number of density bonus programs with fees set in the range of \$6-\$10 per bonus square foot. This resolution directs the City Manager to engage stakeholders to recommend changes to make the UNO density bonus more reflective of the City's other density bonus programs.</p>
12/10/09	Land Use	20091210-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process the necessary code amendments to extend the boundaries of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards). (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>The Residential Design and Compatibility Ordinance (also known as the McMansion Ordinance) was adopted by the City Council in 2006 to protect the character of Austin's neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with the character of the existing neighborhood. While the original ordinance applied generally to central neighborhoods, some communities with increasing pressure from development, including the Southwood Neighborhood Association, are requesting Council to extend the same protections to their established neighborhoods.</p> <p>This resolution initiates a stakeholder process to consider the expansion of these regulations to include areas of south of Ben White Boulevard. The City Manager is being directed to engage area residents in a conversation on where these regulations should be expanded.</p>
11/19/09	Inter-Governmental Relations	20091119-61	Approve a resolution recognizing the City's success in partnering with other governmental entities to obtain American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding for central Texas. (Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution celebrates and encourages the continued collaboration between the local jurisdictions to maximize the use of federal stimulus dollars and their beneficial impact on the needs of the Ausitn region.

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11/19/09	Land Use	20091119-63	Approve a resolution supporting a conceptual plan for the Health and Human Services Department campus located at 7201 Levander Loop. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution supports the work done by community stakeholders and city staff on the plan for a site for the future Health and Humans Department expansion in the Govalle / Johnston Terrace Neighborhood. The community's recommendations include preserving key historic features of the property, the development of 6 acres of affordable housing, and a community center with meeting space for area residents.
11/19/09	Sustainability	20091119-65	Approve a resolution supporting sustainable urban agriculture and community gardening and directing the City Manager to take certain actions in support of urban farms and qualified community gardens. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley)	Urban farms and community gardens provide access to nutritious foods produced with fewer carbon resources than those shipped in from other regions, supporting the City's Climate Protection and Zero Waste initiatives. These gardens contribute to food security for the city, support the local economy and provide educational opportunities for urban residents. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the Sustainable Food Policy Board to encourage the establishment of community gardens and urban farms by streamlining the process, making necessary code amendments, and identifying a single-point of contact for the city.
11/19/09	Water Conservation	20091119-66	Approve a resolution amending Resolution 20090806-036 to extend the Citizens' Water Conservation Implementation Task Force deadline for presenting the final policy document to City Council from January 1, 2010 to April 1, 2010. (Council Member Chris Riley Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>On August 6, 2009, the City Council passed Resolution 20090806-036 directing the Citizens' Water Conservation Implementation Task Force to recommend additional water conservation measures to further reduce water use beyond the 2007 Task Force recommendations and to present the final policy document to City Council on or before January 1, 2010. The Task Force reported back to the City Council with a progress update on November 5, 2009.</p> <p>The Task Force requested additional time to complete its recommendations and to present them to the Resource Management Commission, the Water and Wastewater Commission, and the Environmental Board in keeping with their charge to work with these bodies. This resolution extends the deadline for the Task Force to present the final policy document to City Council to April 1, 2010.</p>
11/19/09	Equality and Human Rights	20091119-67	Approve a resolution joining with the members of the Texas Legislature in support of the Bill of Rights Plaza project. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This resolution states the City Council's support for the Bill of Rights Plaza project, a commemorative structure to honor the Bill of Rights which would redesign the existing plaza in front of the Texas Supreme Court, directly adjacent to the State Capitol. No public funds will be used for the design and construction of the Bill of Rights Plaza.

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11/19/09	Families and Children	20091119-68	Approve a resolution adopting policy goals for urban parks , and directing the City Manager to develop a plan to implement the goals including creating an urban park stakeholder working group. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	<p>Providing parks within walking distance of all residents is an important amenity for a family-friendly city and was one of the primary recommendations of the City's Families and Children Task Force. Based on national benchmarks for access to urban parks, the Parks and Recreation Board passed a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an urban parks goal.</p> <p>This resolution adopts the city's goal of having an urban park within ¼-mile of residences within the urban core and a 1/2-mile goal for all other parts of the City. The resolution further directs the City Manager to create a working group to develop an implementation plan to provide urban parks to all Austin residents.</p>
11/19/09	Governmental Transparency	20091119-69	Approve a resolution supporting federal legislation preserving funding for public, educational, and government channels . (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)	Public, educational and government (PEG) channels play a significant role in our community by providing the necessary infrastructure to keep Austin residents informed, such as televising public meetings. Because future funding for PEG channel operations depends on federal legislation, this resolution states the City Council's support for immediate passage of legislation to preserve PEG channel funding to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community.
11/5/09	Animal Welfare	20091105-040	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Animal Advisory Commission to develop an implementation plan for the Animal Advisory Commission's "Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes" recommendations and to present the implementation plan to Council, on or before March 1, 2010. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	<p>In January 2009, the City Council directed the Animal Advisory Commission to evaluate and recommend policies and programs proven to be effective at reducing the killing of homeless animals, including, policies and programs related to reducing the intake, and increasing live outcomes, of impounded animals.</p> <p>The Animal Advisory Commission adopted recommendations in the "Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes" report. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the Animal Advisory Commission and other stakeholders to develop an implementation plan for the recommendations in the report.</p>
10/22/09	Recycling and Sustainability	20091022-040	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement recycling at City sponsored events . (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Zero Waste Plan and the Climate Protection Plan provide the framework for the City of Austin to be a leader in addressing the challenges of global climate change. This resolution continues these efforts by directing the City Manager to implement recycling at all city-sponsored events.

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10/22/09	Land Use	20091022-041	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to process a code amendment to prohibit the relocation of billboards within 500 feet of a legal residential use and to bring the proposed ordinance to City Council on or before December 10, 2009. (Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)	Since their adoption in 2005, regulations on the relocation for billboards have been the subject of extensive public discussion. Of particular concern to Austin residents is the lack of any restriction on the placement of billboards near residential uses in commercial or other non-residentially zoned areas. While billboards may not be placed closer than 500 feet from a residential use in a residential base district, the city code provides no similar protections for the increasing number of residents that live in mixed-use structures. This resolution directs the City Manager to process the necessary code amendments to prohibit the relocation of billboards within 500 ft of a legal residential use.
10/22/09	Governmental Transparency	20091022-042	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to bar Austin Police Department officers from conducting phlebotomies , and directing preparation of a range of alternative blood specimen collection methods, and report back to Council on or before December 17, 2009. (Council Member William Spelman Mayor Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	To protect the health and safety of Austin residents and police officers, this resolution directs the City Manager to develop guidelines for the collection of blood specimens. The guidelines will detail the appropriate persons who may collect blood specimens and under what circumstances.
10/22/09	Community Appreciation and Fit City	20091022-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to communicate and work with the State Health and Human Services Commission as model standards for local regulation of certain establishments housing elderly or disabled persons are developed pursuant to H.B. No. 216 of the 81st Texas Legislature, and recommend to council a potential permitting program to regulate such establishments, including a potential interlocal program with Travis County. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Randi Shade)	By September 1, 2010, the State Health and Human Services Commission will develop and publish standards for cities to regulate the operation of facilities that provide housing to the elderly and persons with disabilities. In an effort to help address safety concerns for these residents, this resolution directs the City Manager to proactively plan for a potential regulation program administered by the City, including anticipated fiscal impacts.
10/22/09	City Auditor	20091022-045	Approve a resolution appointing a new City Auditor and establishing compensation. (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)	This resolution appoints Kenneth Mory as the new City Auditor.
10/1/09	City Auditor	20091001-039	Approve a resolution appointing a new Acting City Auditor and setting compensation and benefits. (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution appoints Corrie Stokes as the Acting City Auditor until the new City Auditor is hired and begins employment.
9/24/09	Animal Welfare	20090924-070	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a plan to increase the frequency and number of spay/neuter surgery services and present the plan to Council by November 5, 2009, including any necessary budget amendments. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison and Council Member Chris Riley)	The Austin City Council has adopted the goal of becoming a no-kill city at our animal shelter. Increasing the capacity for spay / neuter services is an important element in achieving that goal by helping decrease the number of animals coming into the animal shelter system. This resolution directs the city manager to present to council a plan that increases the frequency and number of spay / neuter services.

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9/24/09	Public Health	20090924-069	Approve a resolution authorizing the use of City Hall by AIDS Services of Austin for a visual light display to go "red" for the week of October 11th through October 18th, making the City of Austin an official participant in Austin Red Week. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	There are an estimated 6,000 people living with HIV and AIDS in Central Texas and approximately 20 percent of those individuals do not know their status. AIDS Services of Austin, a local non-profit, organized Austin Red Week to heighten awareness of HIV and AIDS in Austin and Central Texas through a week of coordinated events. This resolution makes the City of Austin an official participant of Austin Red Week and authorizes the use of City Hall for a visual light display to go "red".
8/27/09	Community Appreciation and Fit City	20090827-054	Approve a resolution authorizing the use of Lady Bird Lake by registered participants and other approved persons for the Capital of Texas Triathlon Volunteer Recognition picnic to be held on August 29 and 30, 2009, at the Martin Picnic Shelter on Festival Beach. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley)	The Capital of Texas Triathlon is a long-lasting tradition in Austin that embodies the city's efforts to become the fittest city in America. Acknowledging the diligent efforts of the hundreds of volunteers needed to make it a success, this resolution authorizes the use of Lady Bird Lake for the Capital of Texas Triathlon Volunteer Recognition picnic.
8/27/09	Sustainability	20090827-059	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to begin the process to implement staff recommendations regarding underground structures and groundwater included in the February 12, 2009 report to City Council entitled Groundwater Characteristics and Challenges for Subsurface Structures in Austin's Urban Core. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	Groundwater is a significant resource that can be utilized to help achieve the City's water conservation and environmental goals. The construction of subsurface structures impacts the City's infrastructure, public health and safety, and the environment by intercepting and disrupting groundwater sources and by resulting in discharges of significant volumes of water to the surface. Per previous direction by the City Council, city staff prepared a report evaluating the city's development codes, technical criteria, and other policies regarding underground structures and groundwater. The Environmental Board reviewed the recommendations in the report and passed a resolution asking the City Council to direct the city manager to immediately begin implementing those recommendations. This resolution fulfills that request.
8/27/09	Historic Preservation	20090827-060	Approve a resolution clarifying the intent of Council and directing the City Manager to initiate the necessary code amendment to amend Section 25-2-242 (5) to replace the phrase 17% of the 51% with one-third of the 51%. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution clarifies the intent of the City Council to allow up to one-third of the land required to initiate an application for a local historic district to include city-owned land that is historically significant. The previous language did not meet the intent of the City Council's motion.

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8/20/09	Community Involvement	20090820-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process the necessary code amendments to clarify that a Neighborhood Planning Contact Team may be an interested party for purposes of administrative appeals. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Randi Shade)	The City Code offers interested parties the right of appeal on certain administrative and commission decisions. This resolution directs the city manager to process the necessary code amendments to clearly indicate that Neighborhood Planning Contact Teams are indeed interested parties for these purposes. Neighborhood Planning Contact Teams are critical organizations for neighborhoods in their continued efforts to implement their neighborhood plans, which includes the continued monitoring and evaluation of land use decisions in their areas.
8/6/09	Equality and Human Rights	20090806-037	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to review and amend contracting policies, economic development programs, and review personnel policies related to non-discrimination for lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender individuals . (Council Member Laura Morrison, Council Member William Spelman)	<p>The state and federal governments do not provide protections against discrimination against an individual based on sexual orientation or gender identity. However, in 1992, Austin passed an ordinance to prohibit discrimination in employment by city contractors and amended it in 2004 to include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes. Because these protections are unique to Austin, state and federal compliance procedures do not apply, which makes enforcement difficult and largely complaint-based.</p> <p>This resolution strengthens the city's process by directing the city manager to amend the city's contract bidding requirements (1) to require a copy of the contractor's employment non-discrimination policy and (2) specify that noncompliance with the city's non-discrimination policies will terminate a contract and may hinder a contractor's eligibility for future contracts until deemed compliant.</p> <p>The resolution further directs the city manager to include additional consideration for economic incentive proposals for companies with domestic partner benefits and asks the city manager to report back on other compliance procedures.</p>

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8/6/09	Sustainability	20090806-036	Approve a resolution directing the Citizen's Water Conservation Implementation Task Force to consider additional water conservation measures and present recommendations to City Council by January 1, 2010. (Council Member Chris Riley, Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>The City Council has adopted a water conservation strategy to reduce peak-day water use by 1 percent per year for 10 years. However, there is significant public interest in further reducing Austin's water consumption. On December 6, 2007 the City Council established the Citizen's Water Conservation Implementation Task Force, whose membership includes environmental advocates, development advocates, irrigators, and others with expertise and interest in water conservation.</p> <p>This resolution requests the Task Force to recommend additional water conservation measures to further reduce water use beyond the original 2007 Task Force recommendations.</p>
8/6/09	Sustainability	20090806-033	Approve an ordinance authorizing the incorporation of the Pecan Street Project . (Council Member Randi Shade, Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>This ordinance authorizes and approves the city's involvement in the creation of Pecan Street Project, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, to promote social welfare, lessen the burdens of government and conduct scientific research in connection with establishing Austin, Texas as America's clean energy laboratory for developing clean, cost effective and efficient methods of energy production and delivery.</p> <p>Distributed generation and smart grid technologies hold great potential to maximize energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources, but the full realization of these technologies requires advances and investments in energy generation, storage, transmission, and communications technologies. A robust, reliable distributed generation supply within Austin Energy's distribution grid will make it possible to produce locally significant amounts of solar, wind and other types of emission-free energy, thereby improving local air quality and potentially protecting consumers from the impact of transmission congestion costs and fuel-price volatility on their electric bills.</p>
8/6/09	Governmental Transparency	20090806-031	Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 20090723-096 related to appointments to Council committees, boards and other intergovernmental bodies . (Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution makes several minor changes to the Council's subcommittees, boards, and other intergovernmental bodies to ensure overall consistency.
7/23/09	Public Health and Safety	20090723-100	Approve a resolution relating to the development of a residential rental registration program. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole)	This resolution directs the city manager to work with interested stakeholders on the development of a rental registration program for residential properties to ensure compliance with the city's critical health, safety, maintenance, zoning, building and fire codes. The goal of the program is to improve the public health and safety of all renters in Austin.

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7/23/09	Comprehensive Planning	20090723-099	Approve a resolution renaming the City Council's Land Use and Transportation Committee to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee . (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution renames the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the City Council to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee. To remain accountable for the integrity of the process for the development of the comprehensive plan, it is important for the City Council to remain actively engaged formally. The Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee will provide the needed venue to monitor, coordinate, and ensure the proper allocation and availability of resources to assist in the ongoing development, adoption, and implementation of the comprehensive plan.
7/23/09	City Auditor	20090723-098	Approve an ordinance waiving the deadlines established in Sections 2-3-2(C) and 2-3-2(D) of the City Code relating to the selection of the City Auditor . (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance provides flexibility to the City Auditor Selection Committee with additional time to make recommendations to the City Council for the selection of a new City Auditor.
6/18/09	Campaign Reform	20090618-048	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code related to campaign finance . (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Will Wynn)	This ordinance clarifies that the period during which a candidate may raise funds in the case of a runoff election begins the day after the general election.
6/18/09	Sustainability and Transportation Planning	20090618-050	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to procure a consultant team to develop a Strategic Mobility Plan for the City of Austin, incorporating engineering studies and a public outreach program. (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution gives direction to the city manager to secure a consultant and begin the process of developing a multi-modal Strategic Mobility Plan for Austin. The plan will help identify and address shortcomings in the current pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and automobile systems and look to the future development of those systems to serve the mobility needs of the community. Public outreach will be a key component of the development of the plan and will be done in coordination with other regional jurisdictions.
6/11/09	Affordable Housing	20090611-041	Approve a resolution supporting the efforts of College Houses, Inc. and the North American Students of Cooperation Development Services to secure federal funding for the College Housing Loan Fund that would focus funds on housing for low-income college students and allow cooperative student housing organizations to access those funds. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell and Council Member Sheryl Cole)	This resolution supports the efforts of College Houses and the North American Students of Cooperation Development Services (NASCO) in their efforts to secure federal funding for the College Housing Loan Fund that would focus funds on housing for low-income college students and allow cooperative student housing organizations to access those funds.

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5/14/09	Open Space	20090514-036	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with relevant boards and commissions to revise city-wide standards and criteria regarding qualifications for open space , considering needs of families and children, including child-friendly features. (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken)	Based on the recommendations of the Families and Children Taskforce, the Land Use and Transportation Subcommittee of the City Council reviewed the criteria and standards for open space. Questions were raised regarding the current requirements and how they relate to important city goals including meeting the needs of families and children, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and providing functional open space. The resolution directs the City Manager to work with relevant boards and commissions to review and make recommendations on modifications to the city-wide standards and criteria for what qualifies as open space.
5/14/09	Community Involvement	20090514-035	Approve a resolution relating to supporting the 2010 Census and encouraging community participation . (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Will Wynn)	This resolution supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 US Census and encourages people in the City of Austin to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count. More than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more.
4/30/09	Land Use	2009430-032	Approve a resolution amending the City's Legislative Program to support passage of CSSB 1205, relating to community land trusts . (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution supports a bill in the State Legislature establishing a Community Land Trust (CLT) model in state statute and allowing cities and counties to create a CLT, including CLTs operated by a local housing finance corporation or a city-certified community housing development organization. The purpose of a Community Land Trust is to provide access to land and housing, increase long-term community control of neighborhood resources, empower residents through involvement and participation in the organization, and permanently preserve affordability of housing. Community Land Trusts are successful tools that have been used in other parts of the country to provide affordable housing with more than 200 CLTs nationwide.

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4/23/09	Land Use	20090423-054	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to exclude consideration of adjustments to the Capitol View Corridors from the scope of work for the Downtown Plan ; and directing the City Manager to present the scope of work for the Downtown Plan to all relevant boards and commissions. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Randi Shade)	<p>In the 1980s, the City of Austin and the State Legislature established 35 Capitol View Corridors protecting views from various notable landmarks and preserving the views of the Capitol for residents in all directions. The Capitol View Corridors have protected the views of the Capitol for more than 25 years and have worked to balance Austin's demonstrated love of their Capitol with encouragement of downtown growth and density. As the seat of the state government, the City of Austin hosts the historic Capitol building and, with that privilege, has the responsibility of preserving views of the structure for all Texans. The Capitol View Corridors, including CVC #3 that protects the views from the historic Wooldridge Park, are protected by state law and modifications to such corridors are outside the jurisdictional authority of the City of Austin.</p> <p>Given limited resources for the Downtown Plan, this resolution directs the City Manager to redefine the scope of work for the ongoing plan to exclude consideration of adjustments to the Capitol View Corridors.</p>
4/23/09	Families and Children	20090423-053	Approve a resolution to include the interests of families with children in the City's planning efforts by amending the Citywide Strategic Priorities and directing the city manager to address the perspectives of families with children in planning initiatives . (Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Will Wynn)	In recognition of the city's commitment to being the most family-friendly city in the country and to ensure that the city's policies and decisions support and enhance the quality of life for families with children, this resolution amends the city's Citywide Strategic Priorities to emphasize the importance of family-friendly policies. The strategic priorities are the framework for allocating staff resources and for the development of future budgets that support the City Council's initiatives.
4/23/09	Land Use	20090423-050	Approve an ordinance: (1) waiving fees associated with an application for change of use from restaurant (general) to cocktail lounge for existing restaurants that are zoned CS-1, CBD, or DMU and that own or operate a lawfully permitted outdoor music venue ; and (2) directing the City Manager to expedite permit review for all such applications. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Will Wynn)	Due to ambiguity surrounding the regulations which apply to outdoor music venues, some outdoor live music venues have been in operation without the appropriate permits for many years. This ordinance waives the fees associated with a change of use permit or a conditional use permit for those established outdoor live music venues which already retain the appropriate zoning. Conditional use permits need to be approved by the Planning Commission, which includes opportunity for public input.

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4/2/09	Community Appreciation	20090402-034	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to allocate \$15,000 from the Holly Good Neighbor Cultural Arts Program to fund Fiesta Patrias activities associated with Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis de Septiembre. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	Latino music has enriched Austin's cultural environment and enhanced Austin's identity as the "Live Music Capital of the World". Fiesta Patrias of Austin is a Cinco de Mayo festival currently in its third year bringing a fun, family environment to Fiesta Gardens. In recognition of the festival's work to provide scholarships for college-bound Hispanic youth, financial assistance for several area youth programs, and donations to area schools, this resolution identifies Fiesta Patrias of Austin as a project to be funded through the Holly Good Neighbor Program.
3/26/09	Small Business	20090326-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide a recommendation and process amendments to the Land Development Code, including Chapters 25-2 and 25-10, to allow limited on-premise signs advertising a home occupation along core transit corridors and future core transit corridors. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	Austinites who operate home occupations often must file rezoning cases to upzone their property to intensive commercial districts in order to allow for a small sign in front of their business. Recognizing that a sign on a major roadway may not impact the residential character of the street, this resolution directs the City Manager to make recommendations on and initiate the necessary code amendments to allow limited on-premise signs advertising a home occupation along core transit corridors and future core transit corridors.
3/26/09	Affordable Housing	20090326-049	Approve a resolution stating Council priorities for the 2009 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Laura Morrison)	The current Comprehensive Housing Market Study commissioned by the City Council indicates a great need for affordable rental housing. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program administered by the State of Texas is an essential component of financing long-term, affordable housing. This resolution clarifies the city's priority for the use of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in the Transit Oriented Districts (TODs) and the Robert Mueller Airport (Mueller), where urban design principles incorporate sustainable mixed-use development, transportation, employment centers and affordable housing.

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3/26/09	Development Regulation and Sustainability	20090326-050	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to discontinue the process of amending Title 25 of the City Code granting a one-time extension of the period of time for which certain projects and site plans remain valid. Related to Item #77. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison and Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken)	<p>Given the condition of the financial markets, members of the development community asked the City Council to consider a one-time, automatic extension to all existing site plans. Several problems arose regarding this proposal, including limitations on staff resources and the need to update necessary aspects of the code, including sidewalks, floodplains, and environmental regulations. After discussing the many issues associated with this request, the proponents of the idea decided it would be best to end discussion on the matter.</p> <p>Beyond discontinuing this discussion, the City Council gave direction to staff to create guidelines and rules for Managed Growth Agreements, which provide flexibility for project expirations. Managed Growth Agreements were adopted into code when the city established timelines for development projects with the recognition that certain types of projects may need additional time to complete. The code gives the City Council the authority to grant these extensions on a case-by-case basis, which may become a useful tool in these economically challenging times.</p>
3/12/09	Residential Compatibility	20090312-017	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 9-2 (Noise and Amplified Sound) relating to permitting, application, public notice, and appeal requirements for outdoor music venues ; and providing for emergency passage. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance implements the recommendations of the Live Music Task Force to make several changes to the application, operation, and enforcement of outdoor live music venue sound permits. The ordinance provides, among other things, enhanced notification to residents nearby proposed music venues, more detailed standards for the appropriateness of the location for a venue, and an opportunity to appeal the director's decision to the City Council.
3/12/09	Land Use	20090312-018	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10-1 of the City Code to add Section 10-1-30 prohibiting the use of designated city cemeteries for construction activities . (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell)	This ordinance prohibits the use of city-owned cemeteries for construction activities not related to the functions of a cemetery.

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3/12/09	Families and Children	20090312-021	Approve a resolution adopting a joint resolution that authorizes the Joint Committees of the Austin Independent School District, Travis County, and the City to develop policies and recommendations that are supportive of families and children; and neighborhoods and schools. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole)	Recent planning efforts led by the City of Austin's Families and Children Task Force and the Austin Independent School District's Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools made recommendations on how to make Austin more family-friendly. This resolution passed by AISD, Travis County and the City directs the Joint Committees of the three jurisdictions to coordinate planning efforts and work on implementation of those recommendations. Initial work includes the creation of a development assessment tool to measure the educational impact of land-use law, policy, and development and redevelopment projects, the promotion of multi-use facilities, and the utilization a housing assistance program to help in the reduction of student mobility rates.
2/26/09	Economic Policy	20090226-022	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for council consideration regarding an enhanced process for review of economic incentive proposals. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution defines a process for review of economic incentive proposals that balances the needs for both competitiveness and transparency. The process will make available all relevant information concerning the proposal and includes an opportunity for public comment one week prior to any possible action by the City Council. Additionally, the resolution gives direction to the City Manager to work with local chambers of commerce and interested stakeholders on the development a more formal cost-benefit analysis to understand the true impacts of economic incentive proposals in terms of both direct and indirect costs and benefits.
2/12/09	Sustainability and Open Space	20090212-025	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process amendments to Title 25 of the City Code to implement certain recommendations of the Waterfront Overlay Task Force. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	A lawsuit filed by SaveTownLake highlighted some inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Waterfront Overlay caused primarily by a code rewrite in the late 1990s. To help resolve these inconsistencies, the City Council created the Waterfront Overlay Task Force to review the inconsistencies and offer suggestions for remedies, potentially removing the need for the lawsuit. This resolution initiates the process to adopt the main recommendations of the task force, including reestablishing the height limitations imposed by the Waterfront Overlay to protect Lady Bird Lake from encroaching development.
1/29/09	Child Care	20090129-024	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-1 of the City Code to repeal and replace Section 2-1-123 relating to the Child Care Council. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole)	This resolution renames the Child Care Council to the Early Childhood Council. This body is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on various programs and activities, including high-quality early care and education and after-school programs, to promote optimal youth development.

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1/15/09	Land Use	20090115-054	<p>Approve an ordinance directing the City Manager to process an amendment to Ordinance No. 20081211-096, which adopted the Oak Hill Combined Neighborhood Plan, to change the land use designation on the future land use map for property located at 6102 Hill Forest Drive and 6110 Hill Forest Drive from higher-density single-family to single-family use; and to waive certain requirements of Chapter 25-1 of the Land Development Code regarding processing of the application. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)</p>	<p>During the consideration of the Oak Hill Neighborhood Plan, council heard from neighbors nearby the property located at 6110 Hill Forest Drive. Based on this testimony, council voted to approve the single-family land use category on this property on 3rd reading. However, later in the same meeting, some misinformation led to a vote to rescind and reconsider the land use category, which was changed to high-density single-family. The reconsideration was unexpected, rushed, and incompatible with an informed, public process.</p> <p>This ordinance initiates the process to change the future land use map back to single-family. The neighborhood plan amendment process requires another community meeting, a public hearing at the Planning Commission, and a public hearing at the City Council.</p>
1/15/09	Land Use	20090115-058	<p>Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to make recommendations on and process the necessary code amendments to Chapter 25 of the Land Development Code to establish a new single-family base district zoning category allowing for clustering in environmentally sensitive areas, such as the Barton Springs Zone. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell)</p>	<p>Throughout the Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning process, residents found that certain aspects of the city code, especially some zoning categories, do not appropriately take into account the environmentally sensitive nature of Oak Hill and other environmentally sensitive areas of the city. Single-family zoning categories are an example of this situation.</p> <p>For several years, builders have requested higher-density single-family zoning categories in Oak Hill and other suburban areas to cluster housing and avoid critical environmental features. Often times, this leads to over-development, because these higher-density zoning categories are intended for urban areas.</p> <p>The resolution directs the City Manager to make recommendations on and initiate the necessary code amendments to establish a new single-family base district zoning category to allow for low-density, clustered housing in environmentally sensitive areas. This will allow builders the flexibility to save trees, stay away from creeks, and avoid other environmental features.</p>

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1/15/09	Land Use	20090115-055	Approve an ordinance relating to regulatory, operational, and enforcement requirements for outdoor music venues ; initiating review of existing codes and policies; adopting a temporary moratorium on the issuance or renewal of permits under Section 9-2-12 of the City Code; and declaring an emergency. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)	This ordinance adopts a temporary moratorium on the issuance of outdoor music venue permits to allow the City Council time to review and consider the recommendations of the Live Music Task Force on compatibility with residential neighborhoods. Additionally, the ordinance directs the City Manager to work on enforcement of existing code provisions and make recommendations on stickers required to display the hours of operation and noise levels permitted for outdoor live music venues.
1/15/09	Trails	20090115-057	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate a memorandum of agreement with the Hill Country Conservancy regarding development of the regional trail currently known as Walk for a Day. (Mayor Will Wynn Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution endorses the concept of the Walk for a Day regional trail system that will benefit both Austin residents and surrounding communities by providing a first-hand experience of our protected land. The goal is to foster a greater appreciation of preserving our natural resources and advancing our understanding of Barton Springs and watersheds. The resolution also directs the City Manager to bring forward a memorandum of understanding with the Hill Country Conservancy to coordinate our efforts in the development of the regional trail system.
1/15/09	Animal Welfare	20090115-059	Approve a resolution directing the Animal Advisory Commission to evaluate and make recommendations on policies and programs proven to be effective at reducing the killing of homeless animals, including, but not limited to, policies and programs related to reducing the intake, and increasing live outcomes of sheltered animals. (Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin has a long-standing goal of ending the euthanization of adoptable pets at its animal shelter, but we have much to do to meet this goal. This resolution directs the Animal Advisory Commission to evaluate and make recommendations on policies and programs proven to be effective at reducing the killing of homeless animals, including, but not limited to, policies and programs related to reducing the intake, and increasing live outcomes, of sheltered animals.
1/15/09	Historic Preservation	20090115-060	Approve a resolution supporting the Travis County Historical Commission's application to the Texas Historical Commission for a historical marker at the Lion's Municipal Golf Course in recognition of the historic significance of the integration of the golf course and the advancement of civil rights by the golf course's desegregation in 1951. (Council Member Sheryl Cole Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Mike Martinez)	This resolution offers the city's support of the Travis County Historical Commission's application to establish a historical marker at the Lion's Municipal Golf Course, the first voluntarily integrated golf course in the south.
12/18/08	Economic Policy	20081218-074	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance regarding compliance review for future and existing economic development agreements , and removing from the City's economic development programs the use of project-based incentives for large scale mixed use projects that include a retail component. (Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	Recognizing the negative impacts of incentivizing large retailers on small, local businesses, council passed Resolution 20071206-049 in December 2007. This new resolution directs the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that formally removes the use of project-based incentives for large-scale mixed-use projects that include a retail component from the City's economic development programs.

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12/11/08	Small Business	20081211-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to amend the vending guidelines and permit application to allow display of merchandise in the South Congress corridor , and to initiate a code amendment to Chapter 25-10 (sign regulations) of the Land Development code to allow sidewalk signs in the South Congress corridor. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution amends the city's vending guidelines to allow local businesses to display merchandise on the sidewalks along South Congress. Additionally, it initiates a code amendment to allow these small, local business to display signs on sidewalks, provided that they ensure safe passage and conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
12/11/08	Open Government	20081211-070	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager: (1) to process an amendment to the City Code to establish a procedure for public notice and input during the review and consideration of a development agreement regarding the regulations applicable to a project proposed by a governmental entity; and (2) prior to Council consideration of the amendment, to process a request for a development agreement in accordance with the requirements for a zoning application, with applicable notice costs to be paid by the City. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Mike Martinez)	The City is authorized to regulate land use and development within its city limits. However, in dealing with other governmental entities, separate development agreements are often needed to establish the regulations that shall apply. This resolution changes the development agreement process to mirror the zoning process, recognizing the importance of seeking public input in such decisions.
12/11/08	Residential Compatibility	20081211-071	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to enter into a contract on December 12, 2008 with Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. to provide legal counsel regarding the purported BFI/City of Austin settlement agreement and other issues related to the TCEQ State Administrative Law Hearing in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell)	On May 17, 2007, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20070517-030 opposing the expansion application of the Allied BFI and Waste Management Community landfills. On October, 31, 2008, a Rule 11 Agreement was signed by city staff that conditionally supported the expansion of the BFI landfill. This resolution recommends the city manager seek third party legal assistance to advise the City Council on the legality of the Rule 11 Agreement and all legal options with regards to the City of Austin's participation in the TCEQ administrative hearing in opposition of the expansion permit of the BFI landfill.
11/20/08	Sustainability	20081120-058	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-1 of the City Code relating to City Boards and Commissions to add Section 2-1-170 establishing the Sustainable Food Policy Board . (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	In an effort to strive for a more sustainable city and county and recognizing the benefits of sustainable-foods on our local economy, this joint City/County resolution establishes the Sustainable Food Policy Board. The board is composed of individuals skilled in sustainable food policies. The board is charged with assessing the current conditions of the locally-grown, sustainable food market and making recommendations to the city and county on methods to improve existing local food production, including new programs, incentives projects, regulations, and services.

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11/6/08	Sustainability	20081106-047	Approve an ordinance adding a new Chapter 6-7 to the City Code relating to energy conservation audit and disclosure requirements, incorporating recommendations from the Energy Efficiency Retrofits Task Force , to become effective June 1, 2009. (Mayor Will Wynn, Council Member Lee Leffingwell and Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>Achieving energy efficiency savings in homes and buildings prior to the implementation of modern energy codes will have a significant impact on community-wide energy use. These cost-effective energy efficiency improvements are proven to increase housing affordability and lower business operating costs. In December 2007, the City Council established the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Task Force to identify and recommend revisions to the city code to implement cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits and upgrades to Austin homes and buildings.</p> <p>This ordinance incorporates the recommendations of the task force by providing for an energy audit at the point of sale that would offer recommendations to home owners on voluntary upgrades. Additionally, the ordinance, among other things, initiates a process for pursuing energy efficiency upgrades for existing apartment buildings.</p>
11/6/08	Sustainability	20081106-048	Approve a resolution adopting energy conservation performance measures and participation targets , incorporating recommendations from the Energy Efficiency Retrofits Task Force. (Mayor Will Wynn, Council Member Lee Leffingwell and Council Member Laura Morrison)	Per the recommendations of the Energy Efficiency Retrofits Task Forces, this resolution establishes various performance measures and participation targets for the retrofit of residential facilities. The recommended, optional energy efficiency improvements, equivalent to a total cost of one-percent of the value of the residence, will likely generate a return in electric bill savings equal to or greater than the cost of the improvement within seven years.
11/6/08	Affordable Housing	20081106-049	Approve a resolution requesting that the City Manager identify City real property suitable for single family affordable housing opportunities , and direct the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department to notify non-profit and for profit residential developers of the availability of General Obligation Affordable Housing Bond proceeds for assistance in developing single family structures for affordable housing. (Council Member Mike Martinez, Council Member Randi Shade and Council Member Laura Morrison)	In 2006, the citizens of Austin approved an unprecedented \$55 million to be used for affordable housing programs. One of the major goals of this money was to pursue more home ownership opportunities for our citizens. This resolution directs the City Manager to identify city-owned property that could facilitate the construction of affordable, single-family properties to make this goal a reality.
10/16/08	Sustainability and Open Space	20081016-034	Approve an ordinance to extend the due date to report findings from the Waterfront Overlay Task Force . (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance extended the due date of the findings from the Waterfront Overlay Task Force to allow for additional time and deliberation in resolving the inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Waterfront Overlay.

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10/16/08	Land Use	20081016-037	Approve a resolution establishing the City Council's guiding vision for the Brackenridge Tract and directing the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of a land exchange with the University of Texas, by compiling an inventory of undeveloped City-owned land and considering the potential for a bond issuance to fund acquisition of the Lions Municipal Golf Course and property used by the West Austin Youth Association. (Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution respectfully requests that the University of Texas consider specified goals and community values of Austin residents in regards to the redevelopment of the Brackenridge Tract. These goals include permanently establishing the Lions Municipal Golf course's current location, allowing the West Austin Youth Association to keep its current location, coordinating UT/City planning efforts, preserving and enhancing affordable housing, promoting the highest levels of green building and water and energy conservation standards, and extending the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail. Additionally, the resolution gives direction to the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of a land exchange with the University of Texas or the issuance of a bond to fund the acquisition of the Lions Municipal Golf Course and the property used by the West Austin Youth Association.
10/16/08	Affordable Housing	20081016-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a citywide Land Bank Program in order to acquire, hold, and transfer unimproved real property and expand affordable housing opportunities by acquiring additional available properties throughout the City of Austin. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Texas legislature enacted a law that entitles the city to adopt a "Homestead Preservation Districts and Reinvestment Zones", which among other things provides authority to adopt a Land Bank Program as a tool to help expand opportunities for the creation of affordable housing. In 2007, the city adopted its Homestead Preservation District. This resolution continues the city's efforts by directing the City Manager to evaluate and consider establishing a Land Bank Program to acquire, hold, and transfer unimproved real estate and expand affordable housing opportunities throughout the City of Austin.
10/16/08	Labor Relations	20081016-039	Approve a resolution supporting the creation of a "meet and confer" process for the City's non-Civil Service employees and directing the City Manager to begin meeting with stakeholders and legislators to agree on legislation to be pre-filed in the 81st Legislature. Related to Item #42. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	Municipalities around the state have already accepted the practice of "meet and confer" to allow city employees to negotiate and reach agreements with city management on issues concerning wages, hours, terms, and conditions of employment. The City of Austin currently uses "meet and confer" to negotiate Police, and EMS contracts. This resolution endorses legislation to afford non-civil service City of Austin employees the same right to select a bargaining agent to negotiate and represent their members as their civil service counterparts.

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10/16/08	Historic Preservation	20081016-040	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate Land Development Code amendments to prohibit the demolition by neglect of historic properties , revise the vote requirements for Historic Landmark Commission historic zoning recommendation, revise Historic Landmark Commission review of requested demolition permits and zoning, clarify the Historic Preservation Officer's authority to administratively approve minor projects in National Register Historic Districts, provide that the Land Use Commission considers applications to designate or modify a historic district; and to clarify City Code Section 11-1-22 regarding property tax exemptions for historic landmarks; to further direct the City Manager to identify potential funding sources for an update of the city's historic preservation survey; and to further direct the City Manager to return with a contract for the survey for Council's consideration on or before April 16, 2009. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell and Council Member Randi Shade)	<p>Historic preservation is a crucial element to maintaining a strong local economy and maintaining the character of our neighborhoods. It is consistent with our efforts to encourage sustainability, energy efficiency and green building, and striving to discourage landfill waste and suburban sprawl.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to process various code amendments to further enhance our regulations for historic buildings and to identify potential funding sources for an update to the city's historic preservation survey.</p>
10/2/08	Sustainability and Open Space	20081002-013	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to delay the Summary Judgment hearing pertaining to the lawsuit filed against the City of Austin by SaveTownLake. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Laura Morrison)	A lawsuit filed by SaveTownLake highlighted some inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Waterfront Overlay caused primarily by a code rewrite in the late 1990s. To help resolve these inconsistencies, the City Council created the Waterfront Overlay task force to review the inconsistencies and offer potential remedies, potentially removing the need for the lawsuit. This resolution gives direction to the City Manager to delay further legal proceedings on the lawsuit until the stakeholders have an opportunity to resolve the issues.

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9/25/08	Historic Preservation	20080925-082	Approve a resolution allowing real property owned by the City of Austin within the boundaries of a proposed Historic Area Combining District to be considered as contributing up to 20 percent of the 60 percent threshold of land ownership required for a petition to initiate zoning for such a proposed District. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell)	<p>Historic preservation is a crucial element to maintaining a strong local economy and maintaining the character of our neighborhoods. It is consistent with our efforts to encourage sustainability, energy efficiency and green building, and striving to discourage landfill waste and suburban sprawl.</p> <p>Local historic districts are one tool the city uses to protect our historic fabric. To petition the initiation of a local historic district, the petition of 60% of the land owners within a proposed area is required. Because the City of Austin often owns property in some of the areas where local historic districts could be established, large amounts of city land within a proposed district presents significant impacts in reaching the 60% threshold.</p> <p>This resolution gives direction to the City Manager on how to consider the way city land is treated within a proposed local historic district. With this policy directive, city land may be counted in support of the establishment of a local historic district in an amount of up to one-third, or 20%, of the 60% minimum.</p>
9/25/08	Sustainability	20080925-084	Approve a resolution directing Austin Energy to work with the Environmental Defense Fund and other stakeholders to evaluate potential approaches for increasing AE's clean energy and distributed generation capacity , and to provide recommendations to Council by November 20, 2008. (Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>A team of community stakeholders called the Pecan Street Project, comprising technology experts, environmental advocates, business leaders, and Austin Energy representatives, have recommended that Austin Energy explore ways to leverage Austin's existing strengths in clean energy and the technology sector to develop and implement distributed generation capacity and smart grid technology.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the Environmental Defense Fund and other community stakeholders to conduct an analysis of system improvements, technology advances, business models, and public investments that would enable Austin Energy to more fully develop its capacity for the distributed generation of clean energy including the potential to develop new products and revenue streams, in furtherance of the recently announced goals of the Pecan Street Project.</p>

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8/7/08	Community Appreciation and Fit City	20080807-051	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to waive Barton Springs Pool admission fees for August 8, 2008; and declare August 8, 2008 as " Barton Springs and Edwards Aquifer Day " in Austin. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Lee Leffingwell Council Member Sheryl Cole)	The Save Our Springs (SOS) ordinance was put before Austin voters on August 8, 1992 after a citizen's initiative placed the issue on the ballot. Voters approved the SOS ordinance, affirming their long-expressed desire to protect the water quality of Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer. In honor of that citizen-led initiative and to reaffirm our commitment to protecting water quality, August 8, 2008 was declared "Barton Springs and Edwards Aquifer Day" in Austin.