

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AUSTIN ENERGY RATES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

The Austin City Council will convene at 1:00 PM on
Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



Mayor Lee Leffingwell
Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1
Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2
Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3
Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4
Council Member William Spelman, Place 5

For meeting information, contact the City Clerk, 974-2210

The City Council will go into a closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, to discuss personnel matters, to discuss or take action on a “competitive matter” of Austin Energy as provided for under Section 551.086, or for other reasons permitted by law as specifically listed on this agenda. If necessary, the City Council may go into a closed session as permitted by law regarding any item on this agenda.

Reading and Action on Consent Agenda

Action on the Following:

Ordinances / Resolutions / Motions -

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.


1:00 PM – City Council Convenes


Austin Energy

1. Discussion regarding the City Auditor’s report on Austin Energy’s proposed revenue requirements.
2. Discussion of departmental conditions including horizon issues, unmet needs, key performance data and financial forecast for Austin Energy.
3. Discussion and possible action to make preliminary determinations and give direction to the City Manager regarding the following matters: financial policies governing debt service coverage ratio; capital projects debt-to-equity funding ratios; reserve fund policies; interim revenue options; general fund transfer levels and calculation methodology, other transfers, and payments for shared services; distributed generation and energy efficiency goals; the design and funding of low-income customer assistance programs; budget reduction options; line extension and new service charges; revenue regulation and decoupling; cost-of-service methodologies for allocating costs among customer classes; rates for specific customer classes, including faith-based, community, and not-for-profit organizations, school districts, industrial users, and out-of-city ratepayers; rate design for distributed solar and energy efficiency goals; allocation of off-system wholesale power sale revenues; connection and disconnection fees; other Austin Energy revenue requirements not addressed in prior work sessions; fixed charges and alternatives; inverted block rate structures; bundled rate plans for low-use customers; the components and calculation methodology for the fuel charge; phasing options for the implementation of rate increases; potential rate impacts from Generation Plan updates; the total utility revenue requirement to be recovered through the revised rates; and the rate design and structure to be brought back to Council for final consideration and action.

4. Discussion and possible action to schedule additional rate work sessions and Council meeting dates for further discussion and action on Austin Energy rates.

Adjourn

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