



# City of Pflugerville

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Monday, March 20, 2023

12:00 PM

1611 Pfennig Lane

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#### Worksession

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss called the worksession to order at 12:01pm. Councilmembers Jim McDonald, Kimberly Holiday, and David Rogers were in attendance. Councilmember Rudy Metayer joined the worksession at 12:16pm. Mayor Victor Gonzales and Councilmember Cesar Ruiz were not in attendance.

City staff in attendance: James Hartshorn, Deputy City Manager; Emily Barron, Assistant City Manager; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Terri Toledo, Director of Management Services; Breanna Higgins, Assistant to the City Manager; Erin Sellers, Innovation Strategist.

#### 2. Public Comment

There was no one present wishing to speak under public comment.

#### 3. Regular Agenda

##### 3A. [2023-0235](#) Discussion regarding Cedar Rock Railroad and parks trains.

Mayor Pro Tem Weiss opened the item for discussion. Ms. Barron introduced Russell Fishbeck, Williamson County Parks Director and Ken Knowles with Cedar Park Railroad. Mr. Knowles provided information about running a miniature train as a third part concession contractor. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked about the purpose of the train. Mr. Knowles stated it is for entertainment. Mr. Rogers asked why the train at Zilker Park was discontinued. Mr. Knowles stated there is a lot of history behind it and provided information about the situation.

Ms. Barron asked about some considerations needed when looking at adding a miniature train. Mr. Knowles provided information about choice of location and length of track. Mr. Rogers discussed some areas in the city. Mr. McDonald discussed having a train in Downtown East as a transportation mode to have the train around the perimeter to see businesses. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked for details about how the other trains are set up. Discussion followed regarding areas in the city. Mr. Knowles provided information about cost of running the program and answered questions from council. Discussion followed regarding the specific set up of trains, tracks, and the system.

Ms. Barron discussed some possible complications with public roadways and

floodplains and asked Mr. Knowles of any experience dealing with that type of environment. Mr. Knowles provided information about the Cedar Rock Railroad environment. Mr. Metayer provided comment about the offerings available depending on the location of a train and discussion followed. Mr. Hartshorn provided comment about Downtown East development.

**4. Adjourn**

Mayor Pro Tem Weiss adjourned the worksession at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as \_\_\_\_\_ on March 28, 2023.