



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

6:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Special Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmembers Doug Weiss, Ceasar Ruiz, and Mike Heath were in attendance. Councilmember Rudy Metayer joined at 6:02pm, Mayor Pro Tem Peña joined at 6:05pm, Councilmember David Rogers joined at 6:28pm.

City staff in attendance: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Trey Fletcher, Deputy City Manager; Amy Giannini, Assistant City Manager; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Emily Barron, Planning and Development Services Director; Erin Sellers, Principal Planner; Maggie Holman, Public Information Officer.

2. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Discuss and Consider Action

- 3A. [2021-0943](#) 1.) Executive Session Item: Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for discussion regarding litigation: Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003845; *David Rogers, et al. v. Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17, et al.* pending in the 200th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. 2.) Open Session Item: Discuss and consider action necessary regarding litigation: Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003845; *David Rogers, et al. v. Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17, et al.* pending in the 200th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.

Mayor Gonzales read the item and announced the council was retiring to executive session at 6:01pm.

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:41pm. No action was taken.

- 3B. [2021-0947](#) Discuss and consider action related to the Austin Public Health directive regarding COVID-19 and holding events.

Ms. Breland provided information about the guidelines that were sent by Austin Public Health and asked council for direction on whether or not to hold

Deutschen Pfest, and what guidelines to follow if it is held. Mr. Heath asked if the city had the ability to manage the guidelines as sent. Ms. Breland stated that it would be more difficult. Mr. Metayer asked if there can be information on the tickets and allow them to buy tickets only 72 hours in advance. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated two events in Austin have already been canceled. Mayor Gonzales stated it would be challenging for guests, volunteers, and participants. Mr. Ruiz asked if vendors have fallen out. Raul Capetillo, Deutschen Pfest Committee Chair, provided some information stating seeing a problem with volunteers dropping. Mr. Rogers stated there could be four ways to enter, with a mask, vaccination proof, antibodies, pcr test. Mr. Metayer requested executive session for legal consultation. Mayor Gonzales stated the item would be brought back after the strategic planning session.

4. Discuss Only

4A. [2021-0906](#)

Facilitated strategic planning discussion with Blake Alexander.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Blake Alexander provided a review of the previous meetings and opened discussion about the safety focus. Mr. Heath stated he wanted to bring in other departments for a safety committee and discussed reducing property and violent crimes rates to the lowest levels to set as a goal. Discussion followed regarding measuring and actions that would impact the rate. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated the list was too long and needed to be limited. Chief Smith stated it is an good goal to reduce property crimes by 33% but it is not attainable by the department alone because it is based on public participation. Mr. Weiss stated they are metrics to hold council to. Chief Smith stated it shows a commitment to citizens and some of those metrics will be on them. Discussion followed regarding engaging the community and other departments. Mayor Gonzales stated the climate and culture of the city today is different from what it was 15 years ago. Mr. Metayer stated the department has been the model for years. Discussion followed regarding committees and goals. Mr. Heath stated it falls into wanting to be the safest community in Texas then the rest become the actionable items.

Mr. Alexander opened discussion about Economic Development and reviewed the items such as bringing in a university, retail recruitment, and attracting companies. Mr. Heath stated it wraps up into wanting to be a fiscally sustainable city and everything else is an actionable item. Discussion followed regarding quality of life and fiscal sustainability. Mr. Metayer stated the focus needs to be on what can be influenced. Mr. Alexander stated can reframe the goal to state a fiscally sustainable city with a high quality of life.

Mr. Alexander opened discussion regarding Infrastructure and reviewed items such as road pavement and water rights. Mr. Heath stated he also wanted to see information about operational performance. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated people want three things: roads, clean water, toilets that flush. Discussion followed regarding infrastructure and future growth. Mr. Alexander stated the goal includes resilience of infrastructure, maintain, prepare, and exceed expectations.

Mr. Alexander opened the discussion about Services. Mr. Weiss stated the goal statement would be about engagement. Mr. Heath stated this is the section that people see.

Mr. Alexander stated he would have the product back to council on September 21st or the September 28th worksession.

Discuss and Consider Action

[2021-0947](#)

Discuss and consider action related to the Austin Public Health directive regarding COVID-19 and holding events.

Mayor Gonzales read the item and announced that council was going into executive session at 7:53pm. Mayor Gonzales reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:01pm.

Mr. Metayer stated while he likes the Austin Public Health guidelines he would like the city to have their own. Mr. Ruiz stated concern over the situation. Mr. Heath discussed giving people the choice along with the information.

Discussion followed about previous discussions. Mayor Gonzales stated that people have the choice thinks the festival will bring the community together even if impacted by drop outs and he is not in favor of canceling. Discussion followed regarding how many volunteers are needed. Mr. Weiss stated council needed to step up to volunteer shifts and gather other volunteers. Discussion followed regarding entry guideline options. Mr. Metayer asked if the city had access to rapid on-site testing. Mr. Metayer stated he would like staff to come up with a plan. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated the plan should come back to council and whatever is implemented needs to be simple due to volunteer crossover.

5. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the special meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as submitted on September 14, 2021.