

Ordinances and Resolutions Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Council Member Laura Morrison

Meeting Date	Topic	Resolution/ Ordinance	Agenda Posting Language	Summary
16-Oct-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.
6-Nov-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.
26-Mar-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.
30-Apr-09	Affordable Housing	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.
11-Jun-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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10-Dec-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>
29-Apr-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.
13-Jan-11	Affordable Housing	20110113-040	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to research best practices on engaging communities and building support for low-income housing projects and report his findings and recommendations to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Subcommittee. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole)	The City Council has adopted Permanent Supportive Housing as a top priority for Affordable Housing funds. Permanent Supportive Housing is an effective way to help very low-income families with multiple barriers to housing stability by linking a range of support services that enable tenants, especially the able homeless, to live independently and participate in community life. Community outreach, education, and collaborative two-way communication are critical components to the success of any permanent supportive housing effort. This resolution directs the City Manager to to research best practices from other cities on engaging communities and building support for permanent supportive housing projects.
15-Dec-11	Affordable Housing	20111215-058	Approve of a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission and other stakeholders to develop recommendations for additional strategies of achieving geographic dispersion of Affordable Housing and directing the City Manager to brief the City Council regarding those recommendations by March 27, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The deconcentration of poverty yields better access to opportunities for low-income residents of Affordable Housing projects. The City of Austin has traditionally encouraged geographic dispersion through a scoring system that recognizes "high-opportunity" areas. Other communities have implemented other goal-based, capacity-based, and strategic-based policies. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission and other stakeholders to look at these practices and make recommendations on strategies to increase geographic dispersion of Affordable Housing in Austin.

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2-Feb-12	Affordable Housing	20120202-015	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission and representatives of community housing development corporations (CHDOs) and other eligible non-profit organizations to implement a process for evaluation and consideration of CHDOs and other non-profit organizations as community land trusts and report back to the Council on the status of implementation of the process by April 5, 2012. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	Community land trusts (CLTs) were created to provide access to land and housing to people who are otherwise denied access, empower residents through involvement and participation in the organization, and permanently preserve affordability of housing. The City of Austin has long-standing partnerships with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), which are eligible for consideration of community land trust status. This resolution directs the City Manager to formalize a process in which CHDOs can be recognized by the City of Austin as community land trusts.
8-Nov-12	Affordable Housing	20121108-059	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission and stakeholders to develop recommendations regarding relocation standards and to identify the feasibility of and mechanisms for implementing these standards in zoning and demolition permit applications . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Redevelopment can result in the demolition of Affordable Housing units. Families and individuals who are displaced may be vulnerable or face language barriers and loss of social networks. The University of Texas School of Law Community Development Clinic released a report in August 2012 with a case study and several recommendations for standard provisions for relocation assistance to include in redevelopment zoning cases that will protect displaced tenants. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the Community Development Commission to draft recommendations for relocation standards with feasible mechanisms for implementation.
13-Dec-12	Affordable Housing	201211213-065	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide a report on the Housing Trust Fund to the City Council by January 31, 2013. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Affordable Housing has long been a priority for the City. The City Council created the Housing Trust Fund in 2004 to assist the City in achieving its objectives to preserve and create reasonably priced housing for City residents, with a dedicated revenue stream of 40% of all tax on property not on the tax roles as of June 1, 1997. This resolution directs staff to prepare a report on the past and projected future revenues to the Housing Trust Fund, along with clarification as to why only part of the dedicated revenue stream has been collected in the fund.
13-Dec-12	Affordable Housing	20121213-098	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify potential resources up to \$10 million that would allow the City to realize near-term opportunities for Affordable Housing projects and programs. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Housing affordability has increasingly become a challenge in Austin and is a top priority program in the Imagine Austin plan. Currently there are several shovel-ready projects and programs to expand affordability that are experiencing funding gaps. Additional funding from the City at this time could leverage significant other resources. This resolution directs the City Manager to identify resources up to \$10 million to address the funding gaps.
7-Mar-13	Affordable Housing	20130307-035	Approve a resolution to support and endorse the State of Texas using funds from the National Mortgage Settlement for housing and housing-related activities. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The National Mortgage Settlement was a result of investigations that found the country's five largest mortgage servicers violated the law. The settlement totaled \$25 billion and includes allocations to every state with Texas receiving \$135 million, which has been placed in the state's General Revenue fund. This resolution urges the State to dedicate this settlement funding to housing and housing-related activities, as was intended.
21-Mar-13	Affordable Housing	20130321-042	Approve a resolution supporting HJR 138 and HB 3348, allowing for a local-option flat-tax exemption to ad valorem taxes by local governments, and directing the City Manager to add support of HJR 138 and HB 3348 to the City's legislative agenda. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Local governments have limited ability to offer homestead ad valorem tax exemption to a percentage of a home's appraised value. HJR 138 and HB 3348 propose to amend the Texas Constitution and Tax Code to allow for a local-option flat-tax exemption to ad valorem taxes for a municipality. This resolution directs the City Manager to add the support of HJR 138 and HB 3348 to the City's Legislative agenda for the 83rd Session.

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11-Apr-13	Affordable Housing	20130411-033	Approve a resolution amending the City's legislative agenda to include support for House Bill 3350 , authored by Representative Eddie Rodriguez, relating to homestead preservation districts. (Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	A homestead preservation district would be an innovative new tool to help Austin address address critical Affordable Housing needs. The City of Austin's legislative agenda was amended to include support for House Bill 3350, authored by Representative Eddie Rodriguez, that provides flexibility for the City of Austin to proceed with the creation of a homestead preservation district as a mechanism for establishing needed Affordable Housing.
11-Apr-13	Affordable Housing	20130411-034	Approve an ordinance granting a waiver from City Code Chapter 14-6 regarding the application and permit fee for the Capitol Studios Project sponsored by Foundation Communities for the temporary use of parking spaces at the intersection of 10th and Neches Streets . (Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Support for this ordinance helped to provide the means toward the creation of Affordable Housing units within the downtown area while minimizing the negative impacts construction has on parking availability.
9-May-13	Affordable Housing	20130509-030	Approve a resolution initiating code amendments to the Central Urban Redevelopment Combined District (CURE) to bring it into alignment with the Downtown Density Bonus Program including amendments eliminating the ability to use CURE as a means to secure additional height and density. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) Combining District has been used to gain increased entitlements of height and density for downtown developments. In 2011, Council approved the Downtown Austin Plan which included the Downtown Density Bonus Program that allowed developers and the community to equitably share the benefits of additional height and density. Because the Density Bonus Program has yet to be codified, it has not been used. This resolution directs the City Manager to revise the drafted Downtown Density Bonus Program to make CURE no longer available as a means of achieving additional height or density.
9-May-13	Affordable Housing	20130509-031	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish baseline information, goals, opportunities and sustainable strategies for preserving Affordable Housing stock and to work with stakeholders to develop recommendations to Council to proactively address preservation of Affordable Housing. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Preservation of existing Affordable Housing stock has been identified through various studies as critically important. The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan also highlights its significance in providing Affordable Housing in communities. This resolution directs the City Manager to specifically address preservation of existing Affordable Housing as a component of the City's near-term planning efforts in Affordable Housing, including establishing a baseline of the aging multi-family housing stock, setting goals to support preservation, identifying opportunities to further preservation initiatives, and developing financial strategies for sustainable approaches to achieving preservation of Affordable Housing. The work is to include collaboration with stakeholders in developing recommendations for additional policies, programs and methodologies to this issue.
8-Aug-13	Affordable Housing	20130808-049	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review the city's process for handling requests for reasonable accommodation from housing-related code requirements on behalf of persons with disabilities, engage with stakeholders, and report back to Council. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	City Council has begun initiating more aggressive policies to help provide safer, healthier, and more Affordable Housing options. Subsequently, concerns were expressed as to whether the City's processes adequately addressed requests for reasonable accommodation from housing-related code requirements on behalf of persons with disabilities. With this action the City Manager is directed to review the city's process and engage with stakeholders, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Community Development Commission and report back to Council on January 1, 2014.

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8-Aug-13	Affordable Housing	20130808-052	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the City Code to ensure a minimum affordability period for Affordable Housing units built in the Rainey Street Subdistrict . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This Council resolution initiates amendments to City Code to ensure the Affordable Housing units in the Rainey Street Subdistrict remain affordable for not less than 40 years for on-site rental housing and for 99 years for on-site for sale housing from the date of certificate of occupancy is issued. Further, on-site for sale affordable units shall be reserved as affordable through the City approved Affordable Housing land trust or similar method to shared equity model approved by the director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.
26-Sep-13	Affordable Housing	20130926-084	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to report to council regarding the general fund impact of increasing property tax exemptions for seniors and persons with disabilities , to provide an ordinance to council increasing these property tax exemptions for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and to propose a procedure to council allowing consideration of annual increases in these exemptions to offset the impact of property tax increases for seniors and people with disabilities who own median priced homes. (SPONSOR: Council Member Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The City of Austin offers ad valorem (property tax exemptions to seniors and people with disabilities but these exemptions, first granted in 1986, have not been increased since that time. With rising property taxes increasingly impacting affordability for Austinites, particularly those on fixed incomes, City Council directed the City Manager to provide an estimate of the impact on the general fund revenue for a one thousand dollar increase in the property tax exemptions for seniors and people with disabilities. Further direction was given to draft an ordinance that would increase property tax exemptions for seniors and people with disabilities for the year 2014-15 and place it on the City Council agenda within a timeframe that would allow the appraisal district to implement a change. Lastly, the City Manager was directed to propose a procedure that would allow the City Council to consider annual increases in the property tax exemptions to offset the burden of a property tax increase for the owner of a median priced home.
10-Apr-14	Affordable Housing	20140410-031	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report annually to City Council on issues related to a potential increase to the partial ad valorem (property) tax exemption for seniors and people with disabilities . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The City of Austin's Task Force on Aging report noted that continued increases in property taxes are one of the challenges faced by many seniors who wish to stay in their homes as they age and a partial property tax exemption for seniors and people with disabilities is one tool to ease the burden of property tax increases. In 2014, the City Council increased the tax exemption for seniors and people with disabilities for the first time since 1986. This resolution directs the City Manager to report annually to the City Council with information and analyses essential for City Council deliberation and consideration of adjustment of the tax exemption on annual basis.
17-Apr-14	Affordable Housing	20140417-049	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify City-owned properties suitable for development of affordable housing and provide this inventory to the City Council by June 12, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Many cities leverage opportunities for creation of affordable housing by utilizing city-owned properties and the City of Austin owns land parcels throughout its jurisdiction that have potential for such purpose. Various city commissions, task forces, and working groups working on affordable housing issues have identified similar support for utilization of city-owned land for affordable housing as an essential housing strategy to meet the Imagine Austin Comprehensive planning goals of addressing the need for more affordable housing and achieving our core value of geographic dispersion. This resolution directs the city manager to identify a minimum of three underutilized City-owned properties suitable for development of model affordable, family friendly, energy efficient multifamily housing along with other articulated considerations and provide the inventory to City Council by June 12, 2014.

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28-Aug-14	Affordable Housing	20140828-086	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to return to council, no later than December 1 2014, with an ordinance establishing a homestead property tax exemption that will result in not more than a \$5,000.00 tax exemption for all homesteaded property. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Many Austin homeowners have experienced large increases in their property valuations and their property taxes. Representative Eddie Rodriguez plans to file a legislative bill that will allow local governments to place a cap on the current homestead exemption option, which allows local taxing entities to offer an exemption of up to 20 percent of a home's value. The legislation will ensure all homeowners experience tax relief, including our low and give local governments more tools for a balanced approach to property tax cuts. This resolution adds support for the homestead exemption to its legislative agenda for the 84* Legislative Session.
25-Sep-14	Affordable Housing	20140925-088	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish goals for land banking and community land trusts , and establish criteria and accounting requirements for the tax exemption of public land used for affordable housing and other long term equity-based partnerships to promote transparency. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin consistently strives to address its affordable housing gap, recognizing community land trusts as an established strategy to secure and protect existing housing stock along with land banking and public/private collaborative partnering in order to facilitate affordable housing development. Yet some of these arrangements have become increasingly complex and are in need of re-examination of safeguards and requirements such as the cost/benefit of the unrecorded or off-balance sheet subsidy resulting from applicable tax exemptions. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the City of Austin's Community Development Commission in order to establish goals for land banking and community land trusts and to provide criteria and accounting requirements for the tax exemption of public land used for affordable housing and other long term equity-based partnerships to promote transparency.
25-Sep-14	Affordable Housing	20140925-090	Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment to City Code Chapter 25-2 relating to the in lieu donation affordable housing option for planned unit developments . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	With this resolution, the City Council initiated a code amendment to modify the fee in lieu donation portion for affordable housing requirements for PUDs, considering removal of the fee in lieu option and requiring onsite affordable housing or requiring a significant portion of the affordable housing requirements to be provided onsite and allow a portion to be provided through fee in lieu, and to consider an exceptions process for the onsite affordable housing requirement. Removing the fee in lieu option from PUD zoning would more closely align the affordable housing requirement to what is required in vertical mixed use zoning which has been significantly more successful in producing affordable units and providing for geographic dispersion of those units. Additionally, it would provide better alignment with Federal Transit Administration Guidelines which recognize provision of on-site affordable units.
16-Oct-14	Affordable Housing	20141016-034	Approve a resolution endorsing the report, Taking Action: Preservation of Affordable Housing in the City of Austin with the goal of preserving 20,000 affordable housing units, and directing the City Manager to implement the report's recommendations to achieve this goal as appropriate. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	With this resolution, the City Council endorses the report "Taking Action: Preservation of Affordable Housing in the City of Austin" and adopts the goal of preserving 20,000 affordable housing units over the next 20 years. The City Manager is further directed to develop a plan designed to achieve this goal based on the Report's recommendations, include a short term strategy for the next 5 years, and provide the Community Development Commission and Council a timeline and annual report on progress.

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16-Oct-14	Affordable Housing	20141016-037	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to determine the feasibility of public financial support of the thinkEAST mixed use creative district project for affordable housing, as well as any reduction of infrastructure costs, and capital recovery, connection, and development fees. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The thinkEAST Creative District Planned Unit Development is one of the former "Tank Farm" sites that can be developed to residential standards and is designated for affordable housing, thus adding to the affordable housing stock in the Govalle/Johnston Terrace neighborhood. This resolution directs the City Manager to determine the feasibility of public financial support of the thinkEAST mixed use creative district project for affordable housing as well as any reduction of infrastructure costs and capital recovery, connection, and development fees.
11-Dec-14	Affordable Housing	20141211-110	Approve a resolution supporting the application by Austin Travis County Integral Care and its affiliates to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2015 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program for the development of an affordable housing project to be located at 3000 Oak Springs Drive. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution confirms Council's support for Austin Travis County Integral Care's proposed affordable rental housing project at 3000 Oak Springs Drive and further directs the City Clerk to certify this support to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
15-Jan-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.
24-Sep-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.
5-Nov-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)	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. 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.
29-Jul-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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29-Jul-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.
23-Jun-11	Animal Welfare	20110623-096	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to adopt the Animal Advisory Commission's recommended criteria in the selection process for a non-profit that will operate the Adoption Center at the current Town Lake Animal Center site. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	In March 2010, the City Council approved the No Kill Implementation Plan, which included partnering with a non-profit to operate the Davenport Building as an adoption center and to keep open the entire Town Lake Animal Shelter (TLAC) site for at least six months as a safety net. The Animal Advisory Commission provided council with recommendations on criteria to include in the selection process for that non-profit. This resolution directs the City Manager to include the commission's recommendations in that solicitation.
4-Aug-11	Animal Welfare	20110804-025	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to transmit copies of this resolution supporting federal legislation to regulate conditions for egg laying hens to federal officials. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution expresses the City Council's desire for the US Congress to codify specific protections for egg laying hens, as agreed between the Humane Society of the United States and the United Egg Producers trade association. Additionally, the City Manager is directed to distribute copies of this agreement to various federal representatives of the City of Austin.
7-Mar-13	Animal Welfare	20130307-034	Approve a resolution amending the City's Legislative Program for the 83rd Legislature to support legislation that positively affects the mission of municipal animal shelters, animal health, veterinary medicine and any animal related regulations. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison	In March, 2010, Austin City Council adopted a No-Kill Plan for its animal services department and each month since February 2011 has successfully reached and surpassed the 90% live animal outcome rate. This resolution amends the City Council's adopted Legislative agenda to support legislation that positively affects the mission of municipal animal shelters, shelter animal health, and shelter veterinary medicine.
27-Jun-13	Animal Welfare	20130627-079	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement recommendations of the Austin Animal Advisory Commission - Deer Working Group, that include promoting human and deer coexistence through public education, the reorganization of administrative responsibilities for addressing conflicts with coexistence, and promoting the safe removal of deer carcasses from private land.(SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Austin Animal Advisory Commission established a Deer Working Group In response to a number of Austin neighborhoods with various deer related issues. The Group worked with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations. This resolution directs the City Manager to implement the recommendations and to bring back associated ordinance changes for Council action.
17-Oct-13	Animal Welfare	20131017-037	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report to Council on the regulatory authorities that provide safeguards for marine animals that are maintained in an aquarium. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The potential for the first public aquarium in Austin raised concerns about ensuring that safeguards were in place to protect the health and safety of animals and aquatic life that may be maintained at aquariums in Austin. To that end, the City Council had an interest in understanding the different regulatory authorities and to what degree the City of Austin has authority to regulate aquariums. This directed the City Manager to report to Council on the different regulatory authorities and what steps other governmental agencies or entities have taken.

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12-Jun-14	Animal Welfare	20140612-068	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare two separate items for consideration during the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget process to fund two capital improvement projects that would expand kennel space at the Austin Animal Center . (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Austin Animal Center (AAC) was designed prior to the passage of the no-kill policy, has less kennel space compared to Town Lake Animal Center, and the design did not anticipate many of the current needs that accompany the City's no-kill policy. Consequently, during the busiest months the AAC runs 80-120 kennels short. The Animal Services staff identified two project opportunities to expand kennel space at the existing site, and has two capital improvement project proposals on file with the City Budget Office. The City of Austin and two area partners received an unrestricted grant from Maddie's Fund in honor and recognition of the no-kill and animal advocacy achievements in Austin. This resolution directs the City Manager to prepare two separate items for consideration during the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget process that would fund capital improvement projects to expand kennel space at the Austin Animal Center based on the proposals on file with the Corporate Budget Office, taking into account the \$1 million from the Maddie's Fund Grant.
26-Jun-14	Animal Welfare	20140626-080	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to confer with the University of Texas to express the City's continued concern about the ethical treatment of animals performing circuses , further directing that the City Manager, through the Austin Police Department, coordinate with the University of Texas Police Department to ensure that circus animals are treated humanely, and directing the City Manager to determine whether the City has authority under state and federal law to ban devices likely to cause physical injury, torment, or pain to animals in circuses, and to return to Council with a memo or draft ordinance by August 7, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	According to leading animal rights organizations, circuses routinely use painful devices on animals during training. On June 12, 2013 the Austin Animal Advisory Commission recommended that the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of bull hooks and other implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin, as well as banning the use of chains or other restraining devices on elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin. This resolution directs the City Manager to confer with the University of Texas to express the City's continued concern about the ethical treatment of animals performing circuses; to coordinate with the University of Texas Police Department to ensure that circus animals are treated humanely; and to determine whether the City has authority under state and federal law to ban devices likely to cause physical injury, torment, or pain to animals in circuses.
20-Nov-14	Animal Welfare	20141120-088	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to adopt the coyote conflict management strategy recommended by the Animal Advisory Commission and the City Council Public Health and Human Services Committee. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Human interactions with coyotes have become more frequent within the City of Austin in recent years, as the city expands further into rural areas and there is more encroachment upon wildlife habitats. In keeping with the city's attainment as a community wildlife habitat and a no-kill city, the Animal Advisory Commission, with significant public engagement, developed recommendations on a coyote conflict management strategy. This resolution adopts a policy and coyote response guide, and directs the City Manager to implement the policy with procedures in coordination with the US Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and Travis County.
20-Nov-14	Animal Welfare	20141120-092	Approve an ordinance directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a modification to the Amended and Restated Temporary License Agreement with Austin Pets Alive to extend the term and allow for improvements at the Lamar Beach Metro Park Site and waiving City Code Sections 14-11-42 and 14-11-43 for purposes of the modification. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	Austin Pets Alive (APA) serves the City of Austin as a critical partner in helping to achieve and maintain no-kill status and currently occupies part of the Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) on Lamar Beach. While there is a master plan in process for Lamar Beach, the Council finds that improvements to TLAC, at APA's expense, are in the best interest of the community, and directed the City Manager to negotiate an extension to the current APA TLAC license agreement with allowance for improvements to the facility at APA's expense.

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11-Dec-14	Animal Welfare	20141211-113	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an ordinance prohibiting devices likely to cause physical injury, torment, or pain to animals in circuses . (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In response to recommendations from the Austin Animal Advisory Commission recommending Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits as well as banning the use of chonis or other restraining devises on elephants, the City Manager is directed to draft an ordinance prohbiting devices likely to cause physical injury, torment of pain to animals in circuses and present it for Council consideration on or before March 5, 2015.
25-Feb-10	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.
11-Mar-10	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)	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.
3-Mar-11	Arts	20110303-035	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop and administer a fee waiver program for city-sponsored art projects . Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	The City Council directed the City Manager to identify barriers experienced by artists working on city-sponsored art projects with members of the Arts community and make recommendation for process improvements for assisting artists participating in city-sponsored art projects. The Austin Arts Commission reviewed the findings of a permit survey of artists who have completed public art projects and recommended that city-sponsored art projects be exempt from any applicable city permit fees to reduce the significant impact on small budgets for fabrication and installation of artwork. This resolution directs the City Manager to implement those recommendations, recognizing that the Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) determined that fee waivers for city-sponsored art projects would not have a negative impact on their operating budget.
16-Aug-12	Arts	21020816-061	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to collaborate with the City of Austin Arts Commission to develop a consistent and efficient artwork donation policy that enables the City to respond to artwork donations or loan requests in a centralized way. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The City's artwork donation policy, under the Parks and Recreation Department, was adopted in 1985 by the Arts Commission. Since then, however, loans and donations of artwork have been managed by various departments leading to a need for a centralized, consistent policy. This resolution acknowledges the need and directs the City Manager to work with the Arts Commission to develop such a policy.

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11-Oct-12	Arts	20121011-077	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify a funding source for FY 2012-2013 and an ongoing funding source to support the Summer Musical Program at Zilker Hillside Theater. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The Zilker Hillside Theater has been producing Broadway-caliber performances free to the public for 55 years, supporting the local economy and Arts community across all social and ethnic backgrounds. While the Zilker Theater Productions has contributed over \$400,000 and coordinated an additional \$200,000 in capital improvements to the City-owned theater over the past 4 years, a sustainable revenue stream is needed. This resolution directs the City Manager to identify options for dedicating \$75,000 to this effort in FY 2012/2013 and to present a recommendation for ongoing support in the ensuing years.
11-Oct-12	Arts	20121011-117	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to (1) remove the parcel of land at 64 Rainey Street from consideration for sale or development; (2) develop a range of options for use of this parcel of land by the Parks and Recreation Department for specific development that would address the needs of the adjacent Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESBMACC) and incorporate this parcel of land into the ESBMACC master plan; and (3) return to Council with options for consideration and action no later than December 1, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell.)	The Emma S.Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center is the outcome of several decades of effort. There are continued challenges in realizing a fully built out vision for a cultural center dedicated to the Mexican American community. An adjacent parcel of city-owned land has been under consideration for sale for private development, impacting potential for parking solutions for and lines of sight to the Center. This resolution directs the City Manager to remove the parcel from consideration for sale and to develop a range of options for the parcel that address the needs of the Center.
13-Dec-12	Arts	20121213-063	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with Catellus and the Austin Playhouse to explore options for closing the funding gap for Phase One of the Austin Playhouse at Mueller Project. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Austin Playhouse has been producing performances for 12 years and has outgrown its current home. Current plans for a new venue as part of the Town Center at Mueller are shovel ready and funding is partially complete. However, a funding gap remains. This resolution directs staff to explore options for closing the funding gap.
25-Apr-13	Arts	20130425-060	Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to reduce expenditures in the amount of \$150,000 that were to be used to fund the Austin Playhouse; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to increase expenditures in the amount of \$150,000 to provide additional funding for Skillpoint Alliance. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance shifted funding that had been unused by the Austin Playhouse to provide additional funding for the Workforce Development programs of Skillpoint Alliance.
25-Apr-13	Arts	20130425-061	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify appropriate funding sources to provide \$150,000 to Austin Playhouse contingent on Austin Playhouse providing written commitments to cover all project costs by June 15, 2013. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The Austin Playhouse, is a regional theatre producing professional productions of classic, contemporary and Musical plays, has provided performances to Austin audiences for over twelve years with an estimated annual attendance of 30,000. This resolution directed the City Manager to identify appropriate funding sources to provide \$150,000 to Austin Playhouse contingent on Austin Playhouse providing written commitments to cover all project costs by June 15, 2013.
26-Jun-14	Arts	20140626-095	Approve an ordinance authorizing In Light, a Sight-Specific Aerial Dance on IBC Bank , as a City co-sponsored event for the year 2014, which will be held September 23-28, 2014 and waiving or reimbursing certain fees and waiving certain requirements. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	"In Light, a Site-Specific Aerial Dance on IBC Bank" supports local art creation and public art demonstration. The ordinance waves \$2,722 in fees during the City co-sponsored special event for the year 2014, to be held September 23-28, 2014.

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28-Aug-14	Arts	20140828-087	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the City's lease to the Film Society of Austin for the Austin Film Studios complex in order to re-negotiate terms including the obligation to cover casualty risk on the facilities, approval for subtenant improvements, the local hire obligations of subtenants, and granting Film Society of Austin an option to extend the initial term for up to two additional 25-year extensions. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	For more than a decade, the Austin Film Society (AFS) has operated Austin Studios, a 20-acre film and creative media production complex on City land with the goal to encourage Austin's growing creative media community and infrastructure. This resolution amends the City's lease with AFS.
25-Sep-14	Arts	20140925-085	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate a public process through the Arts Commission to discuss installing permanent rainbow crosswalks on Bettie Naylor Street at the Lavaca Street and Colorado Street intersections, review the City's artwork donation and loan policy, and bring back any recommendations for Council consideration. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Some of the businesses along Bettie Naylor Street between Lavaca Street and Colorado Street have expressed support for installing rainbow crosswalks on Bettie Naylor to showcase the City's support for the LGETQ community. This resolution initiates a public process to discuss installing permanent rainbow crosswalks.
20-Nov-14	Arts	20141120-096	Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 201401612-058 revoking direction given to the City Manager to suspend receipt of commissioned or donated artwork for the Butler Trail , and requiring that new permanent or loaned artwork be reviewed per the Council approved City Artwork Donation and Loan Policy and Application. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Given that the Trail Foundation withdrew its interest in working with the City to develop a Butler Trail Public Art Plan, and that receipt of artwork for the Butler Trail had been suspended while this was under consideration, this resolution revokes the suspension and directs the City to continue under the adopted Artwork Donation and Loan Policy.
18-Jun-09	Campaign Finance	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.
12-Apr-12	Campaign Finance	20120412-023	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare and post ordinances for consideration on the April 26, 2012 meeting agenda of the City Council to achieve certain recommendations of the Charter Review Committee regarding expanding the jurisdiction of the Ethics Review Commission to include Campaign Finance violations, requiring special reporting of campaign contributions made in the last 9 days before an election, enhancing reporting of independent expenditures in City elections, creating a Campaign Finance database , enhancing required reporting regarding bundlers of campaign contributions; and creating limits on the amounts of campaign contributions that may be bundled by lobbyists. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directs the City Manager to bring back the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission relating to various provisions of Campaign Finance law. These were originally recommended as amendments to the City Charter, but they can be addressed through city ordinance.
26-Apr-12	Campaign Finance	20120426-084	Approve an ordinance to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding expanding the jurisdiction of the Ethics Review Commission to include Campaign Finance violations. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Based on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission, this ordinance enhances the roles and responsibilities of the Ethics Review Commission to include additional oversight of various campaign laws and lobbyists.
26-Apr-12	Campaign Finance	20120426-087	Approve an ordinance to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding creating a Campaign Finance database . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Based on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission, this ordinance modernizes the city's requirements for electronic filing of campaign reports and asks the City Clerk to investigate what would be required to have a searchable online database for those reports.

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26-Apr-12	Campaign Finance	20120426-088	Approve an ordinance to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding enhancing required reporting regarding bundlers of campaign contributions and creating limits on the amounts of campaign contributions that may be bundled by lobbyists. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Based on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission, this ordinance increases the requirements for disclosure of information on people who bundle money on behalf of a candidate and lowers the amount a lobbyist or a lobbyist's firm may bundle for a candidate.
24-May-12	Campaign Finance	20120524-078	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding requiring special reporting of campaign contributions made in the last 9 days before an election. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Based on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission, this ordinance increases the standards of reporting campaign contributions in the 9 days preceding a municipal election. This ordinance now requires candidates who receive more than \$10,000 of contributions in aggregate within that time period to report those contributions by the end of the following business day. Additionally, the ordinance increases reports of contributions and expenditures for political action committees during that same time period.
24-May-12	Campaign Finance	20120524-079	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding enhancing reporting of independent expenditures in City elections. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	On first reading only, the Council approved this draft ordinance that increases reporting and disclosure requirements for independent expenditures made during a campaign cycle. This increases the transparency of elections by requiring individuals and groups that fall outside of the definitions of political committees to report their activity and include information on major contributors.
2-Aug-12	Campaign Finance	20120802-069	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding enhancing reporting of independent expenditures in City elections. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Based upon recommendations from the Charter Revision Committee, this ordinance clarifies the definitions of an independent expenditure in a City election and enhances transparency with additional reporting requirements.
27-Sep-12	Campaign Finance	20120927-089	Approve a resolution to achieve the recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee regarding creating a campaign finance database. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Charter Revision Committee had recommended provision of a publicly available and searchable online Campaign Finance database. Subsequent to Council adoption of this recommendation under Ordinance 20120426-087, more efficient and less costly approaches to such a database were developed than had been conceived in the original ordinance. This resolution directs the City Clerk and City Manager to further explore these options with the Open Government Working Group of the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission.
27-Sep-12	Campaign Finance	20120927-091	Approve an ordinance repealing Ordinance 20120426-087 regarding electronic filing of Campaign Finance and lobbying reports. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	This ordinance repeals the original adoption of the Charter Review Committee's recommendation for an online Campaign Finance database in light of the potential for improved implementation approaches foreseen under Resolution 20120927-089.
18-Dec-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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26-Feb-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.
19-Nov-09	Economic Policy	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.
30-Sep-10	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.
24-May-12	Economic Policy	20120524-092	Approve a resolution creating a Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives to hold public meetings and investigate possible uniform contract terms for economic development proposals, such as Chapter 380 agreements, master development agreements, city contracts, and development fee waivers. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution creates a special council committee to consider the policies for economic incentives and other city-sponsored projects. In order to ensure that economic development proposals are consistent with community values, the committee will consider policies that relate to such topics as wage floors, worker safety and training, domestic partner benefits, demonstration of need for an incentive, employee health care benefits, consideration of hard to hire employees, provision of community space, small business incentives, and fee waivers.
7-Jun-12	Economic Policy	20120607-040	Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 20120524-092 to establish membership of the Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives and provide additional policy direction . (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	On May 24, 2012, Council passed Resolution No. 20120524-092 creating the Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives that would hold public meetings and investigate possible uniform contract terms for economic development proposals. This resolution establishes the membership of the committee as Council Members Mike Martinez, Laura Morrison, Kathie Tovo, and Mayor Lee Leffingwell. The resolution also provides additional policy direction to have the committee consider.
11-Oct-12	Economic Policy	20121011-079	Approve a resolution amending Council Resolution 20120524-092 to extend the term of the Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives to November 30, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution extends the Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives to allow for completion of its efforts.

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24-Oct-13	Economic Policy	20131024-055	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore the feasibility of creating a guaranteed loan program, including a collateral pool for small businesses and minority- and women owned businesses (MBE/WBEs) that contract with the City directly, or through companies that contract with the City or have chapter 380 economic incentive agreements with the City. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City Council Special Committee on Economic Incentives made recommendations to Council regarding improvements to the City's existing Chapter 380 economic development policy. As a result of the recommendations the Economic Development Department (EDD) initiated a stakeholder process to identify the potential impact on small local contractors and develop proposals for mitigating the negative impacts of requiring the City's living wage on construction projects that are part of Chapter 380 economic development agreements. The group identified several impacts that could result from the policy revision including an increase in payroll costs, higher administrative and accounting costs and more expensive financing. Creating an accessible guaranteed loan program with a collateral pool could make contracting on City projects and Chapter 380 economic development agreement projects a more viable option for small businesses including City certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises(MBE/WBE). This resolution explores the feasibility of creating a guaranteed loan program, including a collateral pool for MBE/WBE.
24-Oct-13	Economic Policy	20131024-056	Approve a resolution to revise the Firm Based Incentive Matrix used to determine firm eligibility for economic development incentives as authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government. (Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Economic development agreements authorized under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code ("Chapter 380 Agreements") are evaluated based on fiscal impact, linkages to the Austin economy, impact on City services, character and number of jobs, quality of life, environmental initiatives, project investment and other related items. Additionally there is public benefit in including community values as a part of economic development agreements. To that end, based on the public feedback the City Council Special Committee on Economic Incentive recommended requiring companies entering into Chapter 380 Agreements to ensure compliance with the City's prevailing wage program for construction work funded by the Firm, the City's living wage for construction workers and employees that have permanent jobs with the company, and offer domestic partner and health insurance benefits for its employees as core values. The Committee recommended an exception process to the requirements of living wage, health insurance, and domestic partner benefits by providing an exceptions application that includes open communication about what community benefit could be considered in exchange for an exception. This resolution amends the Firm Based Incentive Matrix for Chapter 380 Agreement approval process and creates an exception application form.
23-Jan-14	Economic Policy	20140123-061	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce to evaluate the potential to expand the contract scope and consider increasing the contract amount in 2015 budget; to help facilitate collaboration with Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau to identify opportunities and recommendations to attract lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender -related tourism, events and conventions; and report to council on status by March 28, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (AGLCC) promotes economic development opportunity for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The AGLCC contracts with the City was relatively smaller in scope and amount compared to contracts with other Chambers of Commerce. This resolution directed the City Manager to evaluate the potential of expanding the AGLCC contract in 2015.

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17-Apr-14	Economic Policy	20140417-052	Approve a resolution stating the City's goal of providing \$11 as a minimum hourly wage for all City employees, including those working part-time , and directing the City Manager to prepare an analysis of the impact of this adjustment for consideration during the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget process. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	In 2008, the Council set a living wage of \$11 per hour for full time City workers; however, part time, seasonal and temporary employees are subject to the federal minimum wage of \$7.25. City contractors are required to pay prevailing wages and recipients of economic incentives have to abide by a similar wage floor. This resolution sought to create consistency in its outward policies and inward practices by establishing an \$11.00 per hour as a minimum compensation for all City employees.
7-Aug-14	Economic Policy	20140807-111	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to study the economic impact of the fashion industry in Austin and work with stakeholders and the Economic Development Department to develop recommendations for ways to support the local fashion industry. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Austin currently has limited capacity for manufacturing and production, and there could be significant opportunities for job and industry growth by enabling education of advanced apparel manufacturing techniques and looking for opportunities to expand apparel manufacturing in Austin. The City Manager is directed to study the economic impact including the potential for future growth of the fashion industry in Austin and work with stakeholders to develop recommendations for ways to support the local fashion industry.
7-Aug-14	Economic Policy	20140807-113	Approve a resolution authorizing and encouraging the City Manager to apply local vendor preferences in making recommendations for the award of purchasing contracts. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Awarding City contracts to local vendors can result in interindustry purchasing of materials, supplies, goods, and services by the vendor from other local vendors, thereby multiplying the positive local economic impact of the award. This resolution recognizes the important contribution of local businesses to the local economy and supports the use of Local Vendor Preferences whenever it results in the award of a contract to a local vendor that will provide the best value to the City, and whenever the local vendor offers the City the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the City created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the City and increased tax revenues. It also authorizes and encourages the City Manager to apply local vendor preferences in making recommendation for award of purchasing contracts.
6-Nov-14	Economic Policy	20141106-063	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the City of Austin's Economic Development Department to designate Travis County U.S. Census Tract 48453002431 as a City of Austin Economic Development Zone . (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution directs the City Manager to have Travis County U.S. Census Tract 48453002431 designated as a City of Austin Economic Development Zone to encourage business growth and address food access and job development in that region. The designation period is limited to 24 months to allow review of outcomes to be reported back to Council. The direction is supported the "The Economic Impact of Austin's Food Sector" report that recommended that the food sector should be identified as a source of economic growth and development and identified (despite the City's bounty) issues related to hunger and food access remain.

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20-Nov-14	Economic Policy	20141120-087	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a report on the City's living wage policies with respect to social service contracts. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In 2002, the City of Austin adopted a living wage standard that now include its employees and its contractors meeting certain conditions. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore the applicability of this standard to the city's social service contractors, the number of individuals under these contracts making less than the living wage, and to provide recommendations that would address inconsistencies.
11-Dec-14	Economic Policy	20141211-122	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide recommendations and an implementation plan for a corporation to assist with economic development within 180 days. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Corporations, such as Economic Development Corporations (EDCs), are tools that can be used by municipal governments to be proactive about community development and needs. City of Austin studies and plans have frequently recommended that an EDC or other type of corpoartion be formed with an interest in addressing service gaps that exist such as the need for increasing the supply of workforce housing. This resolution directs the City Manager to deliver an implementation plan for initiating and administering a corporation such as an EDC to assist with the development of workforce housing and to reveiw all prior recommendations for EDCs from city plans and make recommendations for other focus areas based on needs as well as potential sources of funding within 180 days.
6-Aug-09	Equality & 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>
19-Nov-09	Equality & 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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8-Apr-10	Equality & 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)	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. 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.
13-May-10	Equality & 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.
18-Nov-10	Equality & 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.
10-Feb-11	Equality & Human Rights	20110210-030	Approve an ordinance amending the city code regarding the responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission. (Council Member William Spelman Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Sheryl Cole)	This ordinance formally expands the Human Rights Commissions to consider issues of discrimination regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.
3-Mar-11	Equality & Human Rights	20110303-029	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9-4, Article 2 of the City Code relating to offenses related to prohibited acts. (SPONSOR: Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	This ordinance amends the city code to provide for an affirmative defense for a person needing to sit or lie down on public right-of-way as the result of a physical manifestation of a disability, not limited to visual observation.
18-Aug-11	Equality & Human Rights	20110818-075	Approve an ordinance amending Title 4 (Business Regulation and Permit Requirements) of the City Code to add a new Chapter 4-12 related to the registration of credit access businesses ; providing a penalty up to \$500 for each offense; and including a defense. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance addresses the regulation of payday loans to limit the impact of compounding fees on Austin residents.
23-Aug-12	Equality & Human Rights	20120823-069	Approve a resolution giving Fourth Street between Congress Avenue and Rio Grande Street the honorary name of Bettie Naylor Street. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	Bettie Naylor, a locally and nationally recognized civil rights rights advocate for over 30 years, died on April 12, 2012. With this resolution, Austin pays tribute to her life and her memory by renaming 4th St. in her honor.
27-Sep-12	Equality & Human Rights	20120927-077	Approve a resolution declaring the City Council's intent to support marriage equality in the State of Texas. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Marriage conveys both legal and economic protections vital to the safety and security of individuals, as well as being an important affirmation of love and source of social support. The City of Austin is committed to equal rights and opportunity for all its residents. This resolution confirms the City Council's support of marriage equality in the State of Texas.
28-Feb-13	Equality & Human Rights	20130228-034	Approve a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	There is a willingness at the federal level to make strides in addressing immigration reform. With this resolution, Austin joins cities across the country urging the US Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

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8-Aug-13	Equality & Human Rights	20130808-053	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the City Code relating to dwelling unit occupancy limits . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	City Code currently places occupancy limits on the number of "unrelated persons" that may reside in a dwelling unit. Because this wording could result in the unintended consequence of discriminating against nontraditional families that are not related by blood, marriage, adoption, or sexual orientation of the heads of household, City Council initiated amendments to the City Code to ensure that traditional and nontraditional families are treated in an equal manner.
10-Apr-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140410-027	Approve a resolution amending the City's state legislative agenda to include support for legislation that increases the statewide minimum wage , or authorizes municipal governments to enact higher local minimum wages. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	President Obama signed an Executive Order on February 12, 2014 to raise the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$10.10 an hour. Affordability in Austin has been an ongoing concern for the City Council and residents, and according to the U.S. Census, 19.4% of Austin residents lived below the poverty level between 2008-2012. A higher minimum wage would have a positive impact for residents struggling to make ends meet. The City of Austin requires that contractors be paid prevailing wages, and regular full-time City employees be paid a living wage of \$11.00 an hour and some Austin businesses voluntarily provide entry level wages above the federal minimum wage. This resolution amends the City of Austin's Texas Legislative Program to include support for legislation that increases the statewide minimum wage.
17-Apr-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140417-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process an ordinance that amends Chapter 5-1 (Housing Discrimination) of the City Code to prohibit discrimination based on an individual's source of income , to seek stakeholder recommendations, to present the proposed code amendment to certain City commissions, and to bring the proposed code amendment back to Council by a date certain. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	On 12/15/11, the City Council passed Resolution No. 20111215-058 directing the city manager to work with the Community Development Commission (CDC) and other stakeholders to research and recommend strategies of achieving geographic dispersion of affordable housing in the City. In response to that Resolution, the CDC Affordable Housing Siting Policy Work Group produced a report including a recommendation for rental assistance strategies to consider adding "source of income" to the City's Fair Housing Ordinance to expand acceptance of housing vouchers across the City. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (formerly Section 8) works to ensure that families live in quality affordable housing. The HCV Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered locally through the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA). This resolution directs the City manager to process an ordinance that amends Chapter 5-1 (Housing Discrimination) of the City Code to prohibit discrimination based on an individual's "source of income", to include a variety of Housing Vouchers. The Code amendment will be presented to a group of stakeholders to include the HACA, the Austin Apartment Association, the Austin Tenants' Council, Housing Works, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, and the Austin Board of Realtors for further recommendations. The ordinance and associated recommendations will be presented to the CDC and the Human Rights Commission and return to Council by August 1, 2014.

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17-Apr-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140417-051	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report back to Council with an implementation plan to require pay equity reporting for entities that contract with the City by providing reports on compensation data paid to employees by race and gender. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The White House estimated that over the course of a career, the typical woman employed on a full-time basis will lose \$431,000 because of the gender pay gap. To address the significant consequences that pay discrimination has on women and minorities in the workforce on April 8, 2014, President Obama directed the United States Labor Department to write rules requiring pay equity reporting for federal contractors that will include compensation data by race and gender. Collecting data for a period of time could provide an opportunity to develop a scoring system for evaluating responses to solicitations in the future. This resolution directed the City Manager to develop an implementation plan to require pay equity reporting for entities that contract with the City.
17-Apr-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140417-055	Approve a resolution declaring that freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right , directing the City to incorporate this principle into its policies, and requesting that the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force study the issue and report periodically to the council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women stated that "violence against women is the most pervasive human rights violation" and that responses to violence should recognize human rights as a premise. This resolution recognizes that domestic violence is a human rights issue to help raise public awareness and encourage family-violence education in communities.
22-May-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140522-044	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate the City of Austin's performance as measured by the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index and report back on how that performance could be improved. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City's Human Rights Commission, the advisory body on non-discrimination policies, recommended that the city take proactive steps to improve its performance on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index Scorecard. Although the City scored 100%, it did not score perfectly in each category, but the bonus points brought the score to 100%. This resolution directed the City Manager to work with stakeholders, including but not limited to the Human Rights Campaign, Human Rights Commission, Equality Texas, the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and the Transgender Education Network of Texas, on ways to improve the score.
7-Aug-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140807-097	Approve a resolution expressing the City of Austin's support for efforts to provide services to unaccompanied minor refugees from Central America and directing the City Manager to collaborate with other governmental entities and community partners to identify available resources to support these efforts and to pursue potential funding sources. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Children travelling to the U.S. without their parents from Central America to escape high rates of poverty and violence in their home countries, has resulted in the number of unaccompanied children ages 12 and younger apprehended at the border increasing 117% this fiscal year compared with last. Many of the unaccompanied children arriving at the border are suffering from physical illnesses, diarrhea, dehydration, exhaustion, hunger, emotional trauma and some have been victimized during their journey and are in urgent need of protective adult care, medical care, supportive supervision, nutritious food and safe housing. The processing, housing and caring for these unaccompanied children presents extraordinary operational challenges for federal and state officials and White House Office officials advised that local communities could help by providing social services, shelter and legal support for the children. This resolution expresses the City of Austin's support for efforts to provide services to the refugees and directs the City Manager to collaborate with other governmental entities and community partners to identify available resources to support these efforts and to pursue potential funding sources.

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7-Aug-14	Equality & Human Rights	20140807-102	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore the feasibility of a municipally issued identification card . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	The lack of a government-issued identification can be deterrence to reporting crimes of public or personal safety, and a logistical barrier to housing, healthcare, education and banking. A 2012 report listed approximately 62,000 households or 10.2% of the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area as un-banked, a status that may make them vulnerable to potentially predatory lending at alternative financial service firms. A broadly adopted and accepted identification card fosters greater connectivity and provides access to vital locations where photo identification is required, and creates a sense of unity within a city. Many cities have recognized the asset of having a multifunctional card that consolidates other issuances such as library cards and bus passes or have included benefits such as resident-rates at city facilities or local-affinity discounts at participating businesses. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore the feasibility of a municipally issued identification card.
11-Dec-14	Equality & Human Rights	20141211-125	Approve a resolution expressing City Council's support of President Obama's executive action on immigration . (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin prides itself as a community that welcomes all and appreciates the immense economic, social, and cultural contributions that immigrants have made to the city, state, and nation. Council has passed several resolutions celebrating the contributions of immigrants, urging Congress to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform, and opposing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Secure Communities program that was later discontinued under President Obama's executive order. This resolution is a continuation in support of President Obama's executive action to effect comprehensive federal immigration reform and official endorsement for the mission of the Cities United for Immigration Action Coalition for continuing efforts directed at immigration reform. The City Manager was additionally directed to send copies of the resolution to our state and federal government representatives, including the President of the United States, Congressional leadership, the Congressional delegation representing Austin, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and the Texas legislative delegation representing Austin.
29-Jan-09	Families & Children	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.
12-Mar-09	Families & 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.

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23-Apr-09	Families & 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.
19-Nov-09	Families & 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>
13-May-10	Families & 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.
3-Mar-11	Families & Children	20110303-036	Approve a resolution endorsing the Austin Independent School District, Travis County, and City of Austin Joint Subcommittee's recommendation for adoption of an Educational Impact Statement and directing the City Manager to take the appropriate actions as necessary to make educational impact assessment a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals, and permitting for development and redevelopment projects. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution directs the City Manager to make the educational impact assessment a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals, and permitting for development and redevelopment projects.
26-May-11	Families & Children	20110526-075	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a budget amendment for transfer of funds from the Sustainability Fund and the General Fund to the Health and Human Services Department for services for at-risk youth. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Sheryl Cole)	This resolution directs the City Manager to prepare a budget amendment from the Sustainability Fund to the General Fund restore funding to the Health and Human Services Department that was left unspent in FY 2010. It also directs the City Manager to solicit recommendations from the Early Childhood Council, the Hispanic/Latino Community Oversight Team, and the African-American Resource Advisory Commission on the types of programs needed to fill the gap in Social Services for Austin youth.

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9-Jun-11	Families & Children	20110609-041	Approve a resolution regarding parkland and parking in the vicinity of the Palmer Events Center and the Long Center. (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>In 1998, Austin voters approved a motor vehicle rental tax to fund development of the Palmer Events Center venue, parking facilities, and related parkland. The next year, the Austin City Council approved a master plan for the area which contemplated spending up to \$ 18.5 million for the related parkland. The boundary of the venue was not defined in the ballot proposition, but other Council action indicates that Auditorium Shores was intended to be part of the related parkland project.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to continue and complete a park master plan for the area bounded by South First Street, Barton Springs Road, Lady Bird Lake, and Lee Barton Drive, excluding the Long Center tract. Additionally, it directs the City Manager to present the City Council with options for funding construction and maintenance of the parkland consistent with the completed master plan, including an option utilizing only motor vehicle rental tax revenue.</p> <p>It also provides direction to explore options for increasing available parking in the vicinity of the venue project to support the Long Center and Palmer Events Center, and to present those options to the City Council for review.</p>
23-Jun-11	Families & Children	20110623-097	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to allocate funds for Youth Services as recommended by staff based on feedback received from the Early Childhood Council, the Hispanic/Latino Community Oversight Team, and the African-American Resource Advisory Commission in accordance with Resolution No. 20110526-075. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Sheryl Cole CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez)	On May 26, 2010 the City Council further directed the City Manager to solicit recommendations from the Early Childhood Council, the Hispanic/Latino Community Oversight Team, and the African-American Resource Advisory Commission on the types of programs needed to fill the gap in Social Services for Austin youth. This resolution directs the City Manager to allocate those funds based on that feedback.
12-Jan-12	Families & Children	20120112-064	Approve a resolution directing the City Manger to consult with Austin school districts regarding the potential expansion of the Educational Impact Statement program to add districts not included in the existing program and consider actions necessary to incorporate the assessments into the process for code amendments, policy proposals, and development permitting. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	<p>In an effort to assess the impact development may have on Austin schools, the City Council created the Educational Impact Statement as part of a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals, and permitting for development and redevelopment projects within the Austin Independent School District. The Educational Impact Statement can help guide future City planning and policy decisions by assessing a proposal's impact on children, families, and schools, including displacement of existing families and projections for future families with school-aged children. The Educational Impact Statement was adopted in conjunction with the Austin Independent School District; however, six other school districts fall within the City of Austin.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to consult with the various school districts within the City of Austin to extend the Educational Impact Statement to the other districts and, where there is interest, to take the actions necessary to make the assessment a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals, and permitting for development.</p>
5-Apr-12	Families & Children	20120405-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with experts from Dell Children's Hospital, Children's Optimal Health, the Texas Department of Transportation and appropriate neighborhood associations and organizations regarding traffic accidents and children's safety , develop a plan of action, and report back to City Council in ninety days. (Sponsor: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Children's Optimal Health, in partnership with Dell Children's Medical Center, released new data provided by the Dell Children's Trauma Registry, the Austin Police Department and other community stakeholders utilizing a GIS mapping tool that geographically displays the location of collisions in Austin involving children. This resolution directs the City Manager to develop a comprehensive plan of action which includes evidence, informed strategies and a timeline to achieve necessary improvements.

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28-Jun-12	Families & Children	20120628-087	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to support the City Council in hosting a Youth Summit , the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for City partners, educators, and nonprofit organizations to participate in collaborative planning and prioritization regarding programming available to youth and families. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Ongoing budgetary constraints have impacted programming available for youth and families from the City of Austin and other area service providers. This resolution directs the City Manager to provide support in hosting a youth summit for the various organizations and community partners to come together and identify core youth and family programming priorities. This will allow us to determine what programming exists across the community, examine community needs, and identify any programmatic gaps.
27-Sep-12	Families & Children	20120927-086	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide a written report to the City Council by January 31, 2013, about the extension of the Educational Impact Statements to school districts within the City and the actions taken to make the educational impact assessment a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals and permitting for development. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	The Educational Impact Statement (EIS) has been developed to provide information on impacts to schools and districts in the face of policy changes and project developments. It has only been implemented for specific project proposals in the Austin Independent School District. Expansion of the EIS to other school districts within the City of Austin boundaries was called for in January of 2012 although a specific timeline direction to the City Manager was not provided. This resolution directs that the recommendation come back to the Council by January 31, 2013 and that include a mechanism for use of the EIS for all policy changes.
8-Aug-13	Families & Children	20130808-061	Approve a resolution creating the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council and directing the City Manager to identify funding in the amount of \$15,000 to support the efforts and outcomes of the Mentoring Advisory Council. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	The City of Austin/Austin Independent School District/Travis County Joint Subcommittees created a Mentoring Task Force in response to the Connecting the Dots Initiative. On January 18, 2013, the Task Force presented its findings and recommendations including the creation of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council through school year 2013-14 and a budget to address related expenses. A Joint Resolution from the Subcommittees included a request for the District, City and County to share the cost of funding the Mentoring Advisory Council with up to \$15,000 from each entity in accordance with the attached budget. This resolution approves creation of the Mentoring Advisory Council and identifying the City funding to support it.
17-Oct-13	Families & Children	20131017-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a plan for a universal city wide translation service protocol to serve persons with Limited English Proficiency . (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The 2000 US Census Bureau ranked Austin in the top 10 of the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas for linguistic isolated households which are defined as "one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well". Several City departments have already developed a system that uses a certified translator from the American translators Association for public communication, but not all. This resolution directs the City Manager to develop a plan for a universal city-wide translation service protocol and bring back options to Council.
27-Feb-14	Families & Children	20140227-050	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review and finalize cost estimates, to identify an appropriate funding source, and to return to Council with a budget amendment by March 6, 2014, to cover the costs of upgrading the Asian American Resource Center so that it has a commercial kitchen. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Due to design decisions and initial cost restraints, the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) reduced planned kitchen space and equipment negatively impacted the center's ability to serve as a venue for community events, programs, and serve congregate meals to seniors and program participants. A funding surplus in the Parks and Recreational Department budget was identified as being potentially available to renovate the kitchen though the City Manager was directed to review and verify estimated costs of upgrading the AARC's kitchen to commercial, identify an appropriate funding source, and prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration at the budget amendment meeting to be set by council or March 27, 2014.

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16-Oct-14	Families & Children	20141016-028	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report back to Council with a timeline for the implementation of strategies to promote the development of family-friendly housing in the City based on recommendations made by the School and Family Work Group, which was created by the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and Travis County Commissioners' Court. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The resolution seeks to strengthen neighborhood schools in the central city by promoting the development of family-friendly housing based on recommendations made by the School and Family Work Group of the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, AISD Board of Trustees, and Travis County Commissioners' Court.
14-May-09	Good Government	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.
23-Jul-09	Good Government	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.
23-Jul-09	Good Government	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.
6-Aug-09	Good Government	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.
1-Oct-09	Good Government	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.
22-Oct-09	Good Government	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.

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11-Mar-10	Good Government	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)	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. 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.
21-Apr-11	Good Government	20110421-052	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to present departmental data on key performance measurements, strategic business planning issues, and near-term core objectives to City Council committees in March of each year. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution sets out a work plan to increase Council involvement in the monitoring of key performance measures for various city departments and increases the opportunity for public input in the city budget earlier in budget development.
4-Aug-11	Good Government	20110804-028	Approve a resolution establishing the Charter Revision Committee to gather public input and provide council with recommendations regarding proposed charter amendments and districting plans.(SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution established the Charter Revision Committee to recommend various amendments to the City Charter, including options for geographic representation and other changes to City functions.
25-Aug-11	Good Government	20110825-069	Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for assignment of three AmeriCorps VISTA members to the City of Austin. (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with The University of Texas – Austin to have the City of Austin host three AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) members. These volunteers are federally funded national service participants and will work on city projects 40 hours per week, including weekly professional development training.
20-Oct-11	Good Government	20111020-058	Approve a resolution directing the Planning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force to collaborate in reviewing the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and to provide recommendations to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee; and directing the City Manager to support the Planning Commission and the Task Force in meeting its responsibilities. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	After more than two years of community outreach and feedback, the draft comprehensive plan was released for review in September 2011. This resolution directs both the Planning Commission and the Citizens Advisory Task Force to coordinate in their review of the draft plan and perform some necessary actions to ensure the plan's completion. The City Manager is also directed to support the bodies to help them perform their duties.
3-Nov-11	Good Government	20111103-043	Approve a resolution affirming City Council's intention to hold a charter amendment election in November 2012. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	State law restricts the number of times a city charter may be amended to no sooner than every two years. May 2012 is the first opportunity to amend the charter after the previous charter election. Organizers of various signature drives for citizen-initiated charter amendments indicated a desire for charter amendments to be considered on the November 2012 ballot instead. This resolution affirms the Council's previously stated desire to hold the charter election in November, which provides the organizers a predictable timeframe for collecting the requisite signatures.
15-Dec-11	Good Government	20111215-050	Approve an ordinance authorizing the reimbursement of \$11,599.20 plus interest, paid to the City under City Code section 25-8-214 (Optional Payment Instead of Structural Controls in Urban Watersheds) in lieu of providing water quality controls for the Shoalview Addition Resubdivision, located at 5519 Montview Street. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	Water Quality Controls are required for properties that ask for resubdivision. This property was granted a resubdivision, at which time payment was made; however, a court later determined that the resubdivision violated the deed restrictions on the property. Only the City Council can authorize reimbursement of these funds. Because the resubdivision may no longer continue, this ordinance authorizes repayment of the funds. It also places back the requirements for water quality controls should the property ever be resubdivided in the future.

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15-Dec-11	Good Government	20111215-051	Approve an ordinance establishing interim council meeting procedures . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	Ambiguity within code language regulating the procedures for council meetings resulted in confusion over the frequency an individual may speak during a council meeting. This ordinance establishes interim procedures to formally increase opportunities for speaking while still enabling the council meeting to progress in an efficient manner.
26-Jan-12	Good Government	20120126-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to analyze progress on new contract management procedures , present options for an electronic contract management system, and assess misuse of City resources; and directing the City Auditor to conduct follow-up audit to Audit AU 10113 and directing the City Manager and City Auditor to report back to the Council's Audit and Finance Committee with findings and options. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	During a 2010 performance audit of citywide contract management (AU10113), the City Auditor found that "the City should adhere to a more uniform contract administration and monitoring process to reduce the risk that City contracted dollars may be spent inappropriately or ineffectively". This resolution directs the City Manager to respond to the concerns of that audit and evaluate and present options for a citywide electronic contract management workflow system to increase efficiencies and enhance compliance and accountability in the city's contract management efforts.
1-Mar-12	Good Government	20120301-034	Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20111215-051 relating to interim city council meeting procedures , extending the expiration date, and directing the City Manager to present recommended code amendments regarding city council meeting procedures to Council on or before April 26, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	Ord 20111215-051 established interim council meeting procedures to increase public input opportunities at City Council meetings. This ordinance extended those meeting procedures beyond their original expiration date to allow additional time for drafting the final city code.
28-Jun-12	Good Government	20120628-088	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA VetCorps members to the City of Austin. (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution authorizes the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal agreement with The University of Texas – Austin to have the City of Austin host five AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) members and three VISTA VetCorps members. These volunteers are federally funded national service participants and will work on city projects 40 hours per week, including weekly professional development training.
28-Jun-12	Good Government	20120628-089	Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to reduce the number of signatures needed for a citizen initiated ordinance or referendum . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	State law sets out requirements for the number of signatures necessary to initiate an amendment to a city charter, which is the lesser of 20,000 signatures or 5% of qualified voters. The Austin city charter speaks to a larger number for a ballot initiative, requiring 10% of qualified voters to sign a petition. Currently this number is approximately 46,000 signatures. This ordinance places an item on the November charter election ballot to ask voters to reduce the signature requirement for a ballot initiative to match state law.
14-Feb-13	Good Government	20130214-051	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to utilize a peer review process to identify best practices of peer U.S. city planning departments relating to residential permit review and solicit their recommendations. (Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	Due to a significant backlog of unprocessed residential review permits and the Review Department's effort to begin consideration of long-term actions to remediate process inefficiencies, Council directed the City Manager to initiate a peer review process by engaging planning and management executives from peer cities. This is directed to occur prior to initiation of long term actions or expenditures. Best practices of other planning departments will be identified and recommendations solicited.
23-May-13	Good Government	20130523-071	Approve a resolution creating a City Council Committee on Austin Energy and approve appointments to the committee. (Sponsor: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The proposal to form a City Council Committee on Austin Energy (AE) was a result of discussions regarding the governance structure of AE.

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23-May-13	Good Government	20130523-073	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager and the City Clerk to develop a timeline and resource staffing plan that result in substantial progress in the City Clerk's 10-Step Program Records Management for each city department. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	With this resolution, the City Manager and Clerk will jointly develop a timeline and plan to enable the substantial completion of the 10-step Records Management Program for each city department that will better ensure the City of Austin becoming a leader in best practices for the management of municipal records and information. The plan is to be reported back to Council and integrated into the FY14 budget and presented in August 2013 with additional biannual reporting of each departments progress. The biannual reporting will allow for necessary adjustments in timeline of work and resource distribution to keep departments and records management work on track.
22-Aug-13	Good Government	20130822-085	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review and analyze recently enacted State laws relating to Public-Private Partnership proposals and identify any needed adjustments to City policies and procedures. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Recent State legislation has provided additional clarity regarding Public-Private Partnership proposals through the passage of multiple Senate and House Bills that potentially impact existing and future projects with the City. In response, City Council has directed the City Manager to review and analyze recently enacted State laws relating to Public-Private Partnership proposals and provide a publicly-accessible memorandum analyzing the impact of the new state legislation and update City policies and procedures relating to the proposals and reporting back to Council in 90 days.
26-Sep-13	Good Government	20130926-078	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to produce an analysis of direct and indirect costs of special events over the last 5 years; to provide recommendations as necessary; and to provide both the analysis and recommendations to Council by November 1, 2013. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	The City of Austin is experiencing an increasing number of special events of varying scales from small neighborhood level events to large-scale multi-million dollar productions. The events require considerable public and private financial resource and it is unclear what the financial costs and benefits that accrue to the city are when special events take place. This resolution directs the City Manager to produce an analysis of the direct and indirect costs of special events over the last 5 years and provide recommendations to ensure the City's costs are fully offset by the funds received from special events.
26-Sep-13	Good Government	20130926-080	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to engage with pedestrian stakeholder groups and assist the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) on bylaw amendments to improve communication between the UTC, the Pedestrian Advisory Council, and the Bicycle Advisory Council . (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution directs the City Manager to engage with pedestrian stakeholder groups, including the recently formed Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) and to work with the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) to assist with any needed bylaw changes necessary to improve communication between the UTC, PAC, and the Bicycle Advisory Council.

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24-Oct-13	Good Government	20131024-063	Approve a resolution concerning the following: (a) code enforcement processes and legal responses used by the City of Austin and other cities, (b) properties with high criminal activity and code violations, (c) low-interest financing programs related to rehabilitating rental properties, (d) educational programs for tenants and landlords, and (e) possible funding of targeted code enforcement programs through the Department of Justice Restore Rundberg grant. (Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Council adopted earlier resolutions which created a repeat offenders program of rental registration and supporting Code Compliance's goal of bringing violations to the Building and Standards Commission within 90 days as these initiatives aid the ongoing effort to ensure safer housing for Austin residents. This resolution builds on that work, directing the City Manager to review and evaluate the current City of Austin process for addressing code violations related to health and safety issues and crime at multi-family rental properties and explore code enforcement and criminal nuisance abatement practices in the cities of Dallas, Oakland, San Diego and others. The City Manager is directed to return to Council by April 2014 with recommendations for strengthening the City's response to such situations. The City Manager is further directed to consider an enhanced process with greater enforcement for properties with a demonstrated history of criminal activity and code violations. Additionally, proposal options such as low-interest financing to assist multifamily owners in rehabilitating properties to enable preservation of existing Affordable Housing. Lastly, the City Manager is directed to explore creating programs that help tenants to identify dangerous or substandard conditions and that inform landlords of safe housing issues and crime prevention strategies.
12-Dec-13	Good Government	20131212-072	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager and City Clerk to work together to create a team of stakeholders from relevant City departments that will develop recommendations for implementing compliance and monitoring to ensure that personally identifiable information that is collected or stored by the City is effectively protected in a way that is consistent with the Public Information Act and other applicable law. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the City Clerk to create a team of relevant department stakeholders tasked to develop a process for implementing compliance and monitoring of data to ensure personally identifiable information that is collected or stored by the city is protected in a way consistent with the Public Information Act and other applicable law, then to report back to the Audit and Finance Committee by April 30, 2014 and initiate any necessary code amendments as recommended.
12-Dec-13	Good Government	20131212-081	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to propose an appointment process for utility billing hearings officer and necessary code amendments that ensures the highest levels of impartiality and customer service in the dispute process (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	In 2009 Austin Energy began to upgrade their Customer Care and Billing (CC&B) system to address declining customer satisfaction ratings and use more advanced technology to reduce errors and billing costs, provide more detailed billing information, and improve customer service. The new system was implemented in 2011 but evidence indicates billing errors and customer disputes have continued under the new CC&B. City Code stipulates an administrative hearing before an impartial officer who is not an employee of a utility but who is appointed by the City Manager is to exist to allow customers who dispute actions and decisions of the utility related to billing are allowed a review and hearing as a customer right. This resolution directs the City Manager to propose an appointment process for utility hearings officers and any necessary code amendments that ensure the highest levels of impartiality and customer service in the dispute process and to work with relevant stakeholders for their review and approval of rules governing the administrative hearing process, availability of customer rights information, and the reporting of these activities.

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27-Feb-14	Good Government	20140227-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create a tool to be easily accessible on the City's website that allows a voter to type in an address and find the council district that the address is in, no later than May 1, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	On November 6, 2012, Austin voters approved a change to a 10-1 single member districts governing structure which created the need for voters to learn what district they reside in anticipation of participating in future elections. This resolution recognizes the State of Texas offers an online website to help constituents determine who their state and federal elected officials are and directs the City Manager to create a tool, by May 1, 2014, to be easily accessible on the City's website that allows a voter to type in an address and find their council district. The City Manager is further directed to publish the map of district boundaries as an electronic dataset in a common geospatial data format posted to the City's Open Data Portal and available to the public on or before the release of the web application.
6-Mar-14	Good Government	20140306-023	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide Council with written quarterly Code Compliance reports that provide activity and output-based metrics, to develop outcome-based performance measures for inclusion in the annual budget documents for the Code Compliance Department, and to provide the performance measures to City Council. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City's Code Compliance Department's mission is to ensure understanding and compliance with the City Codes and ordinances, recognizing it plays a valuable role in making Austin a livable city. It became an independent department in 2009 and its budget has increased 132% and staff size has increased 71%. With these changes additional demands have been placed on the department through launches of new programs, licensing, reorganization focusing on multi-family rental properties, etc and the need for more data to track progress and statistics was identified as needed. This resolution establishes regular quarterly Code Compliance reports that provide activity and output-based metrics to better assist Council in creating appropriate policies and help management implement them effectively.
12-Jun-14	Good Government	20140612-064	Approve a resolution adding mandatory real estate sales disclosure and other property tax and sales tax laws that would help cities fairly raise revenue from sources other than residential property taxes to the next legislative agenda and directing the City Manager as soon as appropriate to begin building coalitions with other municipalities in the state that share a similar aim. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Texas is one of about a half-dozen states that does not have mandatory sales-price disclosure for real property; the lack of disclosure of actual sale prices makes determining value as part of the appraisal process difficult, and the City seeks to make sales data more accurate and complete. Since 1997, hundreds of commercial property owners statewide have filed "equity appraisal" lawsuits, which allow courts to reduce appraised values to the median of comparable properties. 90 percent of all commercial property value in Travis County is appealed annually, and commercial property owners are often successful in receiving value reductions through those appeals to the Appraisal Review Board or District Court. Commercial appraised values are more frequently lowered than are residential appraised values, which has the effect of shifting more of the tax burden to residential properties. This resolution adds mandatory real estate sales disclosure and other property tax and sales tax laws that would help cities fairly raise revenue from sources other than residential property taxes to the City's legislative agenda and directs the City Manager to begin build coalitions with other municipalities in the state.

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12-Jun-14	Good Government	20140612-065	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to file a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board relating to the setting of commercial property values in the City by the Travis Central Appraisal District pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Texas Tax Code. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The Travis Central Appraisal District sets the appraised value for residential and commercial properties. Research conducted by the Austin American-Statesman, Real Values for Texas, and others demonstrated that commercial property is often valued lower than actual sales prices and its real market value and the undervaluation of commercial property imposes an unfair tax burden on residential property owners. This resolution directs the City Manager to file a challenge petition with the Appraisal Review Board relating to the setting of commercial property values in the City by the Travis Central Appraisal District pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Texas Tax Code.
12-Jun-14	Good Government	20140612-066	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a policy relating to property tax protests by companies that enter into economic development agreements with the City , and to present the policy for Council consideration by August 30, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Companies that meet certain criteria and seek to locate within the City can apply for economic development programs at the state and local level, including the City of Austin Chapter 380 agreements. When city staff evaluate Chapter 380 proposals using WebLOCI, economic development software that computes estimated total costs and benefits associated with a company's relocation to Austin, the calculations include anticipated property taxes over the life of the agreement. Companies that succeed in lowering their property valuations may change the assumptions upon which the financial soundness of the City investment is initially based and thus reduce the net benefit to the City. Businesses who benefit from City incentives should pay their fair share in supporting municipal services. This resolution directs the City Manager to develop a policy relating to property tax protests by companies that enter into economic development agreements with the City.
26-Jun-14	Good Government	20140626-074	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to analyze the impact on homeowners and the City budget of providing a general homestead exemption as a percentage of appraised value and to present this information to Council at the earliest possible budget or Council work session. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	City Council, in its efforts to address rising housing costs and their negative impacts to Austin's affordability, directed the City Manager to analyze the impacts to homeowners and the City budget if general homestead exemptions as a percentage of appraised value were to be considered. The information is directed to be provided to Council at the earliest possible budget or Council work session.
26-Jun-14	Good Government	20140626-092	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a pilot innovation project related to the development of a simplified solicitation procedure for an upcoming procurement, and report back to Council by August 10, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution initiates an innovative pilot project to create a simplified solicitation procurement procedure. The project is to include input from stakeholders in the design and technology community, as well as staff from the Office of Innovation, Purchasing Department and others as appropriate. Upon completion of the pilot, results should be analyzed to determine whether lessons learned can be applied to future procurements and report to Council by August 10, 2014. The pilot innovation project was inspired by the federal government and the Small Business Administrator's work to create a "RFP-EZ" program to simplify, provide innovation, and address long-standing problems to the procurement process. Results from that program indicate increased competition, lowered bid prices, and an increase in the number of small businesses participating for government contracts.

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7-Aug-14	Good Government	20140807-092	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to enhance the process for administrative review of right-of-way vacation and encroachment applications and to report back to Council on the chosen methods of implementing that enhanced administrative review process. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Recognizing the public right-of-way is an important public resource and the transfer to private ownership or use of it should be carefully considered within the context of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the objectives of City policies and priorities, this resolution directs the City Manager to consider relevant Imagine Austin priority programs when making recommendations to City Council or boards and commissions regarding right-of-way vacation and encroachment applications.
28-Aug-14	Good Government	20140828-085	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to research improvements that would decrease the amount of time it takes to review and complete service extension requests and report back to the City Council with findings and recommendations. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	The number of service extension requests (SERs) for the City's water and wastewater infrastructure has been increasing by more than 90% over the last four years and is projected to be at least 30% higher this year than last, resulting in longer processing times. This resolution directs the City Manager to research improvements to decrease the amount of time to administratively complete SERs and report back to Council in 90 days with findings and recommendations.
28-Aug-14	Good Government	20140828-089	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a recommendation for expanding the online case management system for development projects, known as AMANDA, to include information from additional city departments. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution seeks to enhance transparency of critical information available both to residents of areas adjacent to proposed development and to permit applicants regarding pending development applications. The City Manager was directed to review the current online case management system and develop recommendations for expanding the implementation of the system to include full participation by all city departments. The recommendations may include request to initiated amendments to code if deemed necessary and present to Council within 60 days or as soon as reasonably practicable.
28-Aug-14	Good Government	20140828-090	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide recommendations to capture the value of the release of public easements by the City and other modifications to the City Code that bring consistency to Section 14-11 Article 1 - Disposition of Public Easements and Right-of-Ways. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directed the City Manager to develop recommendations and conduct a stakeholder group meeting for modifications to City Code Section 14-11, Article 1 to capture the value of the release of public easements by the City, to enhance the consistency and to make other improvements across all Divisions of the Article. Council also directed the staff to consider both the public benefit to the city and the manner by which the City initially acquired the easement. The effort is to consider limiting the scope to ensure administrative efficiency, with the goal that future projects fairly compensate the City for the release of a public easement.
28-Aug-14	Good Government	20140828-093	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report to Council on the outcome of the study currently underway concerning the ratios of management to employees in City government. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	The community raised concerns to the Council about the ratio of management to employee at the City of Austin and staff is currently surveying information and developing comparative figures for the City. This resolution directs the City Manager to report to Council on the outcome of the study.
25-Sep-14	Good Government	20140925-086	Approve a resolution adding support for a hybrid homestead exemption that would allow for a percentage-based general homestead exemption subject to a cap on the maximum value exempted to the City's legislative agenda for the 84th Legislative Session. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	State law limits a general homestead exemption granted by the city to a percentage of the property's appraised value, with a minimum of \$5,000 in value exempted. Exemptions based on a percentage of value provide a higher absolute benefit to owners of the City's most costly housing, and it could have significant revenue impacts for the City and/or overly burden renters. A hybrid approach that would allow for a percentage-based exemption subject to a cap on the maximum value exempted could achieve a goal of homeowner property tax relief while mitigating the concerns raised by an exemption solely based on a percentage of a property's appraised value. This resolution adds support for a hybrid homestead exemption to the City's legislative agenda.

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25-Sep-14	Good Government	20140925-089	Adopt a resolution directing the City Manager to identify current and future initiatives and capital projects within the area bounded by I-35, Highway 183, Mopac and Walnut Creek and to ensure the responsible departments coordinate efforts and engage with citizens and neighborhood planning area representatives and other appropriate stakeholders and integrate feedback into projects. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The area bounded by Highway 183 and Metric, IH-35, Kramer and Braker Lanes is experiencing tremendous growth and redevelopment that is effecting residents and small businesses and raising concerns as to their ability to afford to stay in the area. The City has several initiatives moving forward within the area, along with other government and private entities including a new school and transportation improvements. The City Manager was directed to identify current and future initiatives and capital projects targeted within the area and to ensure the responsible departments coordinate their efforts and engage with citizens and neighborhood planning area representatives and other appropriate stakeholders for feedback into the projects.
16-Oct-14	Good Government	20141016-024	Approve a resolution directing the Ethics Review Commission working group and the City Auditor's Integrity Unit to discuss process improvements for conflict of interest allegations against City Boards and Commissions members , and addressing the City Auditor Integrity Unit report on allegations involving a Zero Waste Advisory Commissioner. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	A report issued by the Integrity Unit of the Office of the City Auditor concluded that a Zero Waste Advisory Commission member "violated the conflict of interest requirements stipulated by the City of Austin". This resolution directs the City Clerk and City Auditor to coordinate meetings between the Ethics Review Commission working group and the Integrity Unit of the Office of the City Auditor to discuss process clarification and improvement for conflict of interest allegations received against Boards and Commissions members and further objected to the failure to follow the Ethics Review Commission process and rejected the City Auditor's "Report on Allegations Involving a Zero Waste Advisory Commissioner" which concerned the commission member.
20-Nov-14	Good Government	20141120-090	Approve a resolution appointing a City Auditor and establishing compensation and benefits. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	This resolution appoints Cory Stokes as Acting City Auditor and established her compensation and benefits. In addition the resolution expresses the Council's full confidence that Ms. Stokes demonstrates the qualifications and has the requisite experience to be a high performing City Auditor in service to the City and strongly encourages the new Council to appoint her as City Auditor.
20-Nov-14	Good Government	20141120-101	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to forward to Council any written communication from the State of Texas, or an agency of the State of Texas, regarding offers or options to sell the City real property within two business days of receipt. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution ensures the City Manager provides timely notice to the City Council regarding offers or options to sell the City real property within two business days of receiving notification from the State. The need for this clarification became apparent with the State's sale of a 75 acre tract owned by the Texas Department of Transportation, located just east of MoPac Expressway in a largely residential area between 45th and 35th streets along Bull Creek Road and Shoal Creek. The City was provided a first option to purchase the tract for \$29 million but was not able to arrange the funding in time to meet the deadline. The tract later sold for \$46.7 million to a private development company.
11-Dec-14	Good Government	20141211-130	Approve a resolution amending the City's legislative program for the 84th Legislative Session to support legislation that would allow military personnel to claim a Texas homestead exemption when stationed in another state within the United States for a period of longer than two years. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution amends the City's legislative program for the 84th Legislative Session to support legislation that would allow military personnel to claim a Texas homestead exemption when stationed in another state within the United States for a period of longer than two years.
11-Dec-14	Good Government	20141211-132	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to examine best practices in other cities regarding personnel policies for pregnant employees and develop recommendations for implementing improved City practices. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Acknowledging the City's vested interest in ensuring pregnant employees are treated equal to nonpregnant employees as well as relevant US Supreme Court rulings, federal laws, and City non-discrimination ordinances, the Council directed the City Manager to review best practices for fairness in employment of pregnant employees and to report to Council with recommendations for action.

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11-Dec-14	Good Government	20141211-215	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapters 2-1 and 25-2 relating to the Residential Design & Compatibility Commission and associated waiver process for requirements of the McMansion ordinance. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member William Spelman)	In 2006 the City adopted the "McMansion" ordinance and with this adoption established the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC) to consider waivers from certain McMansion requirements in order to smooth transition to the new regulation. With the good work of the RDCC, a smooth transition was accomplished as reflected by the dwindling number of cases brought before that board over time. In an effort to avoid unnecessary use of resources, both staff time and volunteer commissioners, and with the Board of Adjustments process available to cases in instances of hardship, this resolution initiated code amendments to eliminate the RDCC waiver process from regulations and dissolve the board.
11-Dec-14	Good Government	20141211-221	Approve a resolution establishing City policy relating to property tax protests and property tax incentives and directing the City Manager to work with Travis County on property tax issues. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In June 2014 Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations for an economic development policy requiring companies entering into multi-year Chapter 380 agreements or public-private agreements for development on City property to agree not to protest their property tax valuation for the period of the agreement. A subsequent report was issued identifying four of nine projects receiving tax-based incentive payments from the City had protested their property tax valuation at least once with a net loss to the City in property tax revenue of \$371,779 between 2007 and 2013. Staff recommended codifying the current practice of prohibiting the property tax incentive option and appeals for Chapter 380 and public-private agreements for projects located in TIF districts on City-owned land. Council approved these recommendations and further stipulated the potential for a reevaluation of a 380 contract in the case that a substantial reduction in property value results from a protest.
11-Dec-14	Good Government	20141211-225	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to appoint a program administrator and create a task force to implement the city staff recommendation to conduct a detailed feasibility study of a municipally issued identification card that incorporates stakeholder feedback, designs program rules and processes, as well as exact features, and to return to council with a date-specific implementation plan. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Council passed an earlier resolution directing the City Manager to convene a community stakeholder group to assist in reviewing community needs and current opportunities regarding municipally issued identification. The City Manager issued a subsequent memorandum making recommendations for next steps. This resolution directs implementation of those next steps, directing the appointment of a program administrator and creation of a task force to implement the city staff recommendations to conduct a detailed feasibility study of a municipally issued identification card that incorporates stakeholder feedback, design program rules and processes as well as exact features, estimates of start-up and annual maintenance costs.

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25-Sep-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>
16-Oct-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>
15-Jan-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.
27-Aug-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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4-Feb-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>
25-Mar-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>
18-Nov-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.

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16-Dec-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>
4-Aug-11	Historic Preservation	20110804-029	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Title 25 and Chapter 11-1 and directing the City Manager to develop an ordinance, make recommendations, and take other actions relating to the City's Historic Preservation program. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution initiates several code amendments to the city's Historic Preservation program to both strengthen and refine the way the city preserves its historic resources.
14-Jun-12	Historic Preservation	20120614-022	Approve a resolution supporting the Norwood Park Foundation's efforts to restore the Norwood House and directing the City Manager to (1) negotiate and execute a Park Improvement Agreement between the City and Norwood Park Foundation, and (2) present the PARD Preferred Alternative for the Norwood Estate to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee. (Sponsor: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution states the City Council's support of the Norwood Park Foundation's efforts to restore the historic Norwood House and further supports the change of use of the facility to a community meeting space and potential revenue-generating event rental facility. The resolution also directs the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the foundation to carry out the improvements. Further consideration will occur by the Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee on the suggested plans for the remainder of the property.
9-May-13	Historic Preservation	20130509-035	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore mechanisms to fund relocation of buildings on Rainey Street, creation of a Rainey Street History Center, and future infrastructure improvements in the Rainey Street Subdistrict; and to provide a report to Council by June 27, 2013. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Rainey Street Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 2005 the Austin City Council amended the Rainey Street Sub-district of the Waterfront Overlay, which allowed Central Business District zoning throughout. The Council's intention at the time was to try to preserve the unique and historic character of the area, but with several redevelopment projects underway and more anticipated would likely not relocate the homes for preservation. This resolution directed the city manager to explore mechanisms, including the use of right-of-way fees from the Rainey Street Subdistrict as well as north to Palm Park between Red River and Interstate 35, to fund relocation of buildings on Rainey Street, creation of a Rainey Street History Center, and future infrastructure improvements in the Rainey Street Subdistrict; and to provide a report to Council by June 27, 2013.

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12-Jun-14	Historic Preservation	20140612-122	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to accept the donation of the structure formerly located at 93 Rainey street from Austin Rainey St. D/E/P, LLC, for use as the Rainey Street History Center in accordance with the public purpose identified in Ordinance No. 20131024-010; to identify possible permanent locations within the Rainey Street District for the structure; and to present the plans for the history center to the Parks and Recreation Board, Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board, and the Waller Creek Conservancy. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	A house formerly located at 93 Rainey Street was being relocated as part of a redevelopment project. The Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board recommended the use of the house for a Rainey Street History Center, but a temporary location on public or private property may be necessary to store the structure to allow redevelopment to proceed and to determine the permanent location of the future Rainey Street History Center. This resolution directs the City Manager to accept the donation of the 93 Rainey Street house from Austin Rainey St. D/E/P, LLC, for use as the Rainey Street History Center, to identify possible permanent locations within the Rainey Street District for the structure; and to present the plans for the history center.
26-Jun-14	Historic Preservation	20140626-098	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to inventory existing historic surveys and to provide a plan to conduct a phased approach for a city-wide Historic Resources Survey and to work with the Historic Landmark Commission and other stakeholders to develop priority areas of focus for the first phase. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Austin's most recent survey of historic resources was conducted in 1984 and chronicled structures 50 years of age or older. With the passage of 30 years and tremendous development pressure putting potential significant historic structures in jeopardy of destruction, it is recognized that a large number of structures built after 1934 would benefit from identification as historic and to be part of a larger preservation planning effort. The resolution directs the City Manager to inventory existing historic surveys and provide a plan to conduct a phased approach for an updated Historic Resources Survey as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Process. It direct further work with the Historic Landmark Commission and other stakeholders to develop priority areas of focus for the first phase and recommendations regarding capacity or staffing of the City of Austin's Historic Preservation Program relative to peer cities and survey efforts.
16-Oct-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.
5-Apr-12	Labor Relations	20120405-054	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a report on certain current contracts for services and temporary employees. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	<p>The City of Austin ensures that all full-time employees receive essential benefits, including healthcare and retirement. However, when the city hires temporary employees, these employees do not receive healthcare and retirement benefits. When the City contracts out for services, the contractor employees many not receive these benefits. There may be situations where it is sensible operationally to hire temporary employees or contract out for a particular service; however, the outsourcing of public sector jobs does not guarantee a bottom-line savings for the community and may ultimately result in higher costs for the public and government.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to compile data on temporary employees and city contracts to better understand the current climate of the city's workforce and the impacts on the community.</p>

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2-Aug-12	Labor Relations	20120802-073	Approve an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to provide a civil service system for most city employees who are not covered by a state civil service statute . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This ordinance places an item on the November 2012 ballot to modify the charter to allow for a civil service system for employees not covered by the state's civil service statute, in particular, shifting the status of these employees from 'at will' to 'just cause', creating a Civil Service Commission, and allowing for consideration by City Council of additional civil service structures as recommended by the Human Resources Director to the Civil Service Commission and from the Commission to the City Council.
21-Mar-13	Labor Relations	20130321-043	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-164 relating to the Municipal Civil Service Commission . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution amended the City Code to provide that the Council Audit and Finance Committee is responsible for review and nomination of applicants to the new Municipal Civil Service Commission. In addition, any council member could also make nominations.
9-May-13	Labor Relations	20130509-036	Approve a resolution appointing individuals to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for terms of one year, two years, and three years, and approve designation of a commission chair for the Municipal Civil Service Commission. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	The council appointed the following individuals as commissioners of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, with each to serve a term as designated next to the name of the appointee. The one-year term expires on the first anniversary of the date of this resolution, the two-year terms expire on the second anniversary of the date of this resolution, and the three-year terms expire on the third anniversary of the date of this resolution. Pamela Lancaster (1 yr) / Kimberlee Kovach (2 yrs) / Kevin Russell (2 yrs) / Teresa Perez-Wisely (3 yrs) / Lynn Rubinett (3 yrs).
12-Jun-14	Labor Relations	20140612-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a living wage study and provide recommendations to Council regarding the City's current living wage rate, including recommendations for tying the living wage to an index for inflation, cost of living, and/or cost of housing . (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	A living wage is defined as the minimum income required for workers to meet their basic needs including shelter, clothes, and food. The City of Austin pays regular employees a living wage of \$11.00 an hour, which is also required of City contractors and companies that enter into Chapter 380 economic development agreements with the City for both construction workers and full-time employees. The City Council initially set the living wage rate at \$11.00 an hour on September 14, 2008 for regular city employees, which has not been increased in almost six years. This resolution directs the City Manager to conduct a living wage study and provide recommendations regarding the City's current living wage rate including tying it to an index for inflation, cost of living, and/or cost of housing.
16-Oct-14	Labor Relations	20141016-035	Approve a resolution establishing a City living wage policy that ties the living wage to an index consistent with a cost of living adjustment for non-sworn personnel on an annual basis during the budget process, directing the City Manager to ensure the City's purchasing policies reflect this annual increase and initiating a staff supported stakeholder group to evaluate the living wage rate. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution establishes a City living wage policy by attaching the living wage to an index consistent with the cost of living adjustment of non-sworn personnel on an annual basis during the budget process. It also amends the City's Purchasing Office Purchase Provisions to reflect the same and to be amended annually to reflect the new living wage rate that results from applying the cost of living index. A stakeholder process is also to be initiated to develop recommendations regarding the City's living wage rate and policy and should include representation from AFSCME Local 624, Austin Interfaith, Workers Defense Project, Laborers' International Union of North America, IBEW Local Union 520, the Austin Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, Plumbers & Pipefitters IOcal 286, the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce, the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and other interested stakeholders and should seek input from Dr. Paul Osterman during the process.

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15-Jan-09	Land Use	20090115-054	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>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>
15-Jan-09	Land Use	20090115-058	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>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>
12-Mar-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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26-Mar-09	Land Use	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>
23-Apr-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)	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
22-Oct-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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
19-Nov-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.
28-Jan-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.

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13-May-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-Aug-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.
5-Aug-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.
5-Aug-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.
26-Aug-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.
23-Sep-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.

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14-Oct-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.
18-Aug-11	Land Use	20110818-078	Approve a resolution initiating code amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code), directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to develop recommendations regarding the use of Personal Services in LO zoning , and directing the City Manager to process code amendments to implement the recommendations. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	A recent rezoning request highlighted the need to assess the effectiveness of the limited office (LO) zoning district at encouraging neighborhood-level services that are accessible to the community. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with residents, commercial property and business owners, and other stakeholders to develop recommendations for the addition of personal services, such as small-scale hair salons, in the LO zoning district.
12-Apr-12	Land Use	20120412-024	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the City Code Chapter 25-2 (Zoning) and directing the City Manager to develop a proposed ordinance making outdoor amphitheatres or similar structures a conditional use in all zoning districts , even if an amphitheatre or similar structure is associated with a civic or residential use. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directs the City Manager to draft an ordinance to treat amphitheaters that are related to non-commercial uses the same as one that is related to commercial uses, including opportunities for public input.
26-Apr-12	Land Use	20120426-141	Approve a resolution setting the public hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Development Code regarding the requirements for short-term rental of residential units . (Suggested date and time: May 24, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street , Austin, TX). (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Due to administrative deadlines, the public hearing for this item was not scheduled according to the timeline set out previously by the City Council. This item posted the public hearing to put the item back on schedule for discussion.
24-May-12	Land Use	20120524-082	Approve a resolution initiating code amendments to City Code Section 25-2-476 relating to the Board of Adjustment's review of special exceptions from setback regulations. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	In May of 2011, the City Council adopted an ordinance allowing the Board of Adjustment to grant special exceptions to the city code without the requirement of a hardship finding. This was done to find a mechanism to find relief for residential property owners on long-standing code violations that have existing compatibly with surrounding neighborhoods for many years with no known adverse impact to Public Health, safety, or welfare. Bringing forward known code violations to the city could be considered a major risk for property owners, so it is important for there to be some predictability in the process. This resolution directs the City Manager to initiate an amendment to the original ordinance to state the Council's desire that the Board of Adjustment grant those special exceptions in the instances where the prescribed criteria is met.
24-May-12	Land Use	20120524-084	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an amendment to the Land Development Code to designate the Planning Commission as the Land Use Commission responsible for the Old Enfield neighborhood planning area . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	When the City Council initiated the neighborhood planning process for the Central West Austin neighborhoods, representatives of the Old Enfield Homeowners Association requested to be excluded from that process. The City Council voted to exclude Old Enfield from the neighborhood planning process. As a result, this area remained part of the jurisdiction of the Zoning and Platting Commission for Land Use related decisions. All of the neighborhoods surrounding Old Enfield are under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. To maintain consistency of this area to the other area neighborhood plans, this resolution requests an ordinance for council consideration to designate the Planning Commission as the Land Use Commission responsible for the Old Enfield neighborhood planning area.

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16-Aug-12	Land Use	20120816-060	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to support the Design Commission in developing a set of guidelines for City infrastructure projects . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	City-based infrastructure projects such as electric substations or reclaimed water towers have the potential to significantly impact the surrounding area. Based upon a previous Council resolution the Austin Design Commission developed recommendations on guidelines for such projects. This resolution directs the Design Commission, along with staff support, to create such guidelines based upon those recommendations.
17-Jan-13	Land Use	20130117-054	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of using the City-owned property located at 6909 Ryan Drive for a pocket park and model energy efficient, affordable, and family-friendly multi-family development and to conduct community outreach before moving forward with any long-term plans for this property. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	This resolution initiates a public process to evaluate an underutilized 5.5 acre City-owned tract of land. It will determine the tract's potential to achieve several community and Council adopted goals related to the creation of more Affordable Housing opportunities, increasing urban park access, and achieving overall sustainable development. The tract is located in the Crestview neighborhood and is within the Lamar Boulevard/Justin Lane Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).
31-Jan-13	Land Use	20130131-031	Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment to the Plaza Saltillo TOD District Station Area Plan and Regulating Plan to allow indoor entertainment as a conditional use in the TOD Mixed Use zoning category and directing the City Manager to process the amendment. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This Council Action was initiated in response to an identified conflict with the Plaza Saltillo TOD plan and an EGRSO proposal. Coordination with the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team and department staff led to resolution of the conflict. The resolution initiates amendment of the TOD Regulating Plan to allow indoor entertainment as a conditional use in the TOD Mixed Use zoning category.
14-Feb-13	Land Use	20130214-084	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 to reinstate site development regulations for the Conservation Single-Family Residential use , which were formerly codified in Section 25-2-780 and inadvertently repealed. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	A section of the Land Development Code was discovered to be missing, determined to have been inadvertently deleted, and was directed to be reinstated with this resolution.
21-Mar-13	Land Use	20130321-040	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide options and a proposed timeframe for conducting a preliminary study of downtown alleys and stating the policy that the Council shall refrain from amending the City Code regarding downtown alleys and shall carefully consider alley vacations until the study has been completed and reviewed. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Creation of a Downtown Alley Master Plan will provide opportunity to identify and plan for highest and best use of our alley system, with a study to capture the cultural/historical significance, identify areas most desirable for "activation", address merits of allowing loading and unloading by right, and describe other opportunities and challenges that might exist. This resolution directs the city manager to undertake this effort in partnership with professional or university resources and to incorporate feedback from the Downtown Commission, Urban Transportation Commission, and Planning Commission.
8-Aug-13	Land Use	20130808-051	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a cost estimate and timeline for public improvements at Hyde Park Plaza and identify potential sources of funding to Council for consideration. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association engaged Partners for Public Spaces in 1998 to conduct a workshop to consider how public spaces could be enhanced to increase local walkable shopping and social spaces resulting in production of a conceptual project known as Hyde Park Plaza. Ahead of its time, it ran into parking requirement issues that inhibited the project from being completed, but with today's reduced parking requirements the project is now feasible and there is revived interest as expressed with recent funding of additional study, planning, and coordination to move the project forward. The public/private partnership is supported by the area neighborhood associations and businesses, and City staff has reviewed the project for feasibility. Council directed the City Manager to prepare a cost estimate for the public features as well as a feasible timeline for implementation of the project, and present to Council before October 3, 2013.

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27-Mar-14	Land Use	20140327-037	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create a Housing/Transit/Jobs Action Team that will evaluate and recommend City programs and policies in light of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Program criteria in anticipation of applying for FTA New Start funding. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	With Austin's expansive population growth, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan's goals and principles and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Program there is opportunity to design and direct development to provide better solutions that connect housing, transportation and jobs while also providing opportunities to address issues of affordability. This resolution directs the City Manager to create a Housing/Transit/Jobs Action Team with perspectives from Directors of various City Departments and organizations to analyze and identify information, programs, and policies that will optimize the City's performance in anticipation of applying for federal New Starts transportation funds.
26-Jun-14	Land Use	20140626-082	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to consider all of the provisions of the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan in making recommendations to the Land Use Commission for applications to amend a preliminary plan . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan frequently promotes the goal of "Compact and Connected". This resolution directs the City Manager to consider all of the provisions of Imagine Austin when making recommendations to the the Land Use Commission regarding an application to amend a preliminary plan. Beyond connecting roadways, recommendations are to include consideration of creation of green infrastructure, maintenance of the quality of the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones, and the promotion of safer routes to school.
7-Aug-14	Land Use	20140807-106	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with community members to develop goals and a vision for use of the City-owned property located on the northeast corner of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Drive . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the community to develop goals and a vision for the use of the City-owned property at the northeast corner of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Drive, which is the former site of the Williamson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by the Austin Water Utility. This opportunity aligns with the community's work identifying priorities, dating back to the 2002 Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan and continuing forward including the "Dove Springs Neighborhood Analysis: A Planning Oriented Study of Public Health and the Built Environment" in partnership with the University of Texas at Austin in 2010 and Go!//Austin/Vamos! Austin Initiative in 2012 through funding from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. Successful development of a project on the property would benefit from aligning community goals and vision with the potential for market feasibility.
25-Sep-14	Land Use	20140925-092	Approve a resolution initiating a Code amendment to City Code Title 25 regarding applications for amendments to the East Riverside Corridor Regulating Plan and to the related Figure 1-2 (East Riverside Corridor Subdistrict Map) and directing the City Manager to process the Code amendment. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The East Riverside Corridor Regulating Plan was adopted in May 2013 after much consideration by area residents, business and property owners, and Council. The plan established and mapped permitted land uses and general development and design standards for property and the long-term vision for the area, with a goal to redevelop the existing low density, auto-oriented commercial uses into an urban mixed-use neighborhood that is more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. However, some property owners have subsequently requested higher intensity development and these requests have followed the current process in place for a zoning case rather than one for a neighborhood plan amendment. This resolution directs the City Manager to initiate code amendments to align the process for amending the East Riverside Corridor plan to be more like the process which has been used for neighborhood plan amendments, allowing for input from the neighborhood.

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20-Nov-14	Land Use	20141120-102	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement a South Lamar Neighborhood Mitigation Plan to address challenges resulting from infill development in areas with inadequate infrastructure. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	With the adoption of Resolution No. 20140501-042, Council recognized the need for a Mitigation Plan for the South Lamar Neighborhood residential area to address the challenges created from infill development. In response, staff convened a cross-departmental team that identified strategies and made recommendations for creation of a Mitigation Plan that included short, medium, and long-term options for consideration. This resolution responds to those provided recommendations and directs the City Manager to formalize and implement the South Lamar Neighborhood Mitigation Plan, requiring a report back to Council by December 5, 2014 with an implementation schedule for completion of additional studies, formulation of potential code changes, limitations to size of vehicles on specific neighborhood roadways, and to report back to Council on the status of the Mitigation Plan implementation actions on a quarterly basis.
11-Dec-14	Land Use	20141211-120	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate all possible funding sources to implement the Colony Park Master Plan . (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	This resolution affirms Council's commitment to implementing the Colony Park Master Plan (CPMP) citing the lengthy community input process and community benefits embedded into the plan. It further directs the City Manager to evaluate the possible funding strategies in the CPMP Implementation Plan and the creation of a TIF, similar to the Mueller Redevelopment to assist in financing the CPMP and report back to Council in 270 days.
11-Dec-14	Land Use	20141211-129	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to continue efforts and outreach on the potential development of portions of the former Williamson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant site to enhance the Dove Springs community. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Portions of the City-owned property located on the northeast corner of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Drive, which is the former site of the Williamson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by the Austin Water Utility (AWU) is under consideration for development that would address community needs in the Dove Springs neighborhood. Following departmental technical assessments of the feasibility of such a development, community guidance on uses and opportunities for the site, staff a redevelopment report recommending an RFP to solicit a public-private partnership to achieve the community's vision. This resolution directs the City Manager to proceed with the process and in particular to identify funding to address the transportation-related challenges and to consider the potential for allowable environmental credits that would increase the developable land.
11-Dec-08	Local 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.
26-Mar-09	Local 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.

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1-Mar-12	Local Business	20120301-050	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to extend the use agreement with Hostelling International - Austin for the use of public park land and facilities located at 2201 S. Lakeshore Boulevard. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Hostelling International - Austin, for the past 23 years, has provided a service to the City of Austin by providing safe, affordable alternative accommodations to world travelers visiting our city at its location on Lakeshore Drive. This resolution directs the City Manager to extend the use agreement for their current space.
5-Apr-12	Local Business	20120405-047	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to investigate the creation of an incentive program for small Local Businesses, as well as other initiatives, as recommended by Austin Independent Business Alliance and report back to Council on options. (Sponsor: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution directs the City Manager to investigate various recommendations from the Austin Independent Business Alliance to support small Local Businesses in Austin and realign priorities of economic development programs.
11-Apr-13	Local Business	20130411-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) to identify and prioritize the recommendations from the Economic Impact of Austin's Food Sector Report , to implement those recommendations that do not require budget amendments, to work with the SFPB to identify priorities and budget implications, and to report back to Council prior to the May 2, 2013 budget work session. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution was a next step from the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20120802-072, based on a Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) recommendation to conduct an economic impact analysis of urban agriculture and the local food system. This analysis illustrated the significant impact that local food plays in our economy. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the SFPB to identify and prioritize the recommendations from the Economic Impact of Austin's Food Sector Report; to implement those recommendations that do not require budget amendments; and to work with the SFPB to identify short and long-term priorities and budget implications..
12-Jun-14	Local Business	20140612-072	Approve a resolution supporting the development of cooperative businesses and directing the City Manager to convene stakeholders and to develop recommendations that detail ways the City can promote the development of new and existing cooperative businesses, commonly referred to as co-ops . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Austin is home to more than 40 local cooperative businesses, commonly referred to as Co-ops. The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan calls for "promoting the formation of worker-owned and community-owned businesses (co-ops) that sell local products." The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan also calls on the City to "Investigate the feasibility of creating a program of city-owned housing including but not limited to cooperative, affordable, and permanent supportive housing." This resolution directs the City Manager to convene stakeholders and to develop recommendations that detail ways the City can promote the development of new and existing cooperative businesses.
15-Jan-09	Music	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.
12-Mar-09	Music	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.

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2-Apr-09	Music	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". Fiestas 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 Fiestas Patrias of Austin as a project to be funded through the Holly Good Neighbor Program.
23-Apr-09	Music	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.
11-Feb-10	Music	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.
27-May-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".
10-Feb-11	Music	20110210-029	Approve an ordinance amending Chapters 9 and 14 of the City Code relating to sound amplification and temporary events and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Council Member Randi Shade Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance provides for several modifications to the sound amplification and temporary events permitting processes, including the provision of more flexible options for outdoor Music venues for multi-day events while maintaining protections of compatibility for adjacent residential uses.
15-Dec-11	Music	20111215-055	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 9-2 relating to requirements for Live Music Permits . (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Among other things, this ordinance establishes a more flexible permitting option for Music venues that host events on a limited basis, such as those venues who only showcase artists during an annual festival.
8-Mar-12	Music	20120308-036	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 9-2-14 to allow the approval of extended hours of operation for outdoor Music in residential areas . (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In an ordinance previously adopted by the City Council, the hours available for an outdoor Music venue were inadvertently modified, making certain permits no longer valid. Because these permits were agreements with impacted stakeholders and neighborhood associations, this ordinance restores those hours provided that agreements are reached with such impacted neighbors.

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12-Jun-14	Music	20140612-076	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Austin Music Commission and community stakeholders to develop recommendations for incorporating the use of the C-weighting of decibels as an auxiliary measure in sound mitigation and measurement processes and bring recommendations back to Council by August 8, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution seeks to incorporate the use of "C-weighting" of decibels as an auxiliary measure in sound mitigation and measurement processes. It directs the City Manager to develop and report recommendations to Council in an effort to mitigate problematic outdoor sound sources and their sound impacts at nearby indoor venues without impacting the experience of the audience at the outdoor venue. The effort stems from work done by the Austin Music Commission to create a "Good Neighbor" program, to clarify staff's authority to provide consequences and its resolution that called for other best practices to provide tools to effectively manage sound in the Live Music Capital of the World without sacrificing quality of life for all.
25-Sep-14	Music	201409-084	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 9-2 authorizing the use of C-weighting as a sound mitigation tool for certain live music permits and making other changes relating to posting, notification, and enforcement. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	This resolution contributes to the City's ongoing efforts to create and better manage a sustainable working environment for the music industry while preserving and protecting quality of life for citizens and neighborhoods. The City Manager was directed to provide recommendations for the use of mobile response codes on notification signs for Outdoor Music Venue and Multi-day Special Event Permits. Also, Council initiated code amendments authorizing the use of C-weighting in Sound Impact and Temporary Event Impact Plans, to modify the notification and posting requirements for live music permits if deemed appropriate, incorporating outreach and grace periods recommended in the September 2, 2014 staff memorandum as well as the 1-year study period evaluating the effectiveness of C-weighting, and making changes deemed necessary to ensure enforceability of mitigation requirements included in the Sound Impact and Temporary Event Impact plans.
23-Oct-14	Music	20141023-029	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapters 8-1 and 9-2 relating to the issuance of amplified sound permits for large-scale events held on city parkland. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution reassigns the duties of managing the sound of large scale music event from the Parks department to the Music Office to provide effective and efficient sound management to ensure overall quality of life for area neighborhoods and ongoing success of park events.
11-Dec-14	Music	20141211-109	Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to utilize an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the music venue assistance loan program for a noise monitoring system to analyze urban noise levels . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution is an extension to other resolutions relating to the management of music to ensure creative and economic success without negatively impacting residences' high quality of life. The authorized funds from the Music Venue Assistance Loan program will be used to deploy a noise monitoring system for 12 months with the purpose of performing a comprehensive assessment of urban noise levels.

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11-Dec-14	Music	20141211-123	Approve a resolution placing a moratorium on further additions to the Austin Music Memorial, and directing the City Manager to develop a long term plan for the Memorial and develop recommendations on new initiatives to preserve and promote the rich musical heritage of Austin. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The Austin Music Memorial was established in 2007 to honor deceased individuals who made important contributions to Austin music. In 2009 the City created the Music and Entertainment Division which has led new initiatives that creatively honor Austin's past and present music contributors. August 2014, the Austin Music Commission noted that the Austin Music Memorial program does not currently align with the needs of Austin's music community and recommended placing an indefinite moratorium on the Austin Music Memorial. Subsequently, Council placed an indefinite moratorium on further additions to the memorial and directed the City Manager to develop a long term plan, creating new criteria, a process and updated guidelines for the Austin Music Memorial, and to present the plan to the Austin Music Commission for approval within 90 days and to work with the commission to develop recommendations for new initiatives to preserve and promote the rich musical heritage of Austin Music.
11-Dec-14	Music	20141211-126	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to collaborate with the Association for Cultural Equity on a repatriation of Texas sound archives and appropriate recognition of Austin-born folklorist and musicologist, Alan Lomax. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Austin-born pioneering musicologist and folklorist, Alan Lomax, preserved important and authentic expressions of American music that may have been lost to history, including discoveries in blues, jazz, and gospel music. The Association for Cultural Equity, a non-profit entity formed to preserve the world's expressive traditions and to reconnect people and communities with their creative heritage, has archived Mr. Lomax's recordings. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore ACE on the potential for repatriation of the Lomax sound archives.
11-Dec-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.
20-Aug-09	Open Government	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.
19-Nov-09	Open Government	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.

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11-Mar-10	Open Government	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)	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.
26-Aug-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 and standard service tiers and that the service is provided without any additional cost to the subscribers or any of the PEG channel administrators.</p>
9-Jun-11	Open Government	20110609-042	Approve a resolution supporting H.R. 1746, the Community Access Preservation Act. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	PEG channels televise local government meetings, including City Council, local commissions, county board and school board meetings, and the Texas Legislature, so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local elected officials. This resolution expresses the City Council's support of the passage of H.R. 1746, the Community Access Preservation Act permit, which would permit municipalities to use PEG franchise fees for operating expenses in addition to capital expenses.
4-Aug-11	Open Government	20110804-026	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify options and related costs for administration of a May 2012 city election. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The State Legislature passed SB 100, adjusting timing requirements for federal primaries, which impacts the ability of county clerks and election administrators to provide election services in May. SB 100 gives cities the option to move municipal elections to November, though this action would violate the City Charter, which states that municipal elections must be held in May. To assess the options available to the city, this resolution directs the City Manager to identify options, including fiscal impacts to the city.

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6-Oct-11	Open Government	20111006-057	Approve a resolution authorizing the creation of a Bond Election Advisory Committee and directing the presentation to council of briefings relating to planning of the 2012 bond propositions. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	This resolution establishes the Bond Election Advisory Committee with 15 representatives of the Austin community to help assess the needs of the community and put together a bond package to meet those needs for the November 2012 ballot.
8-Dec-11	Open Government	20111208-073	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-107 to expand the role and responsibilities of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	This ordinance expands the role and responsibilities of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to enlist their advice on topics of Open Government and city communication Technology.
8-Dec-11	Open Government	20111208-074	Approve a resolution affirming the City Council's commitment to Open Government and directing the City Manager to work with the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to develop recommendations for elements of an Open Government Framework that addresses open data, open source platforms, mobile applications, and social media. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	Open Government is based upon the principles of transparency, efficiency, and collaboration. The evolving Technology landscape now offers additional opportunities to promote Open Government, such as mobile applications to provide city services and social media to engage the public. This resolution directs the City Manager to perform a number of actions concerning open data, including the development of an Open Government Framework that addresses the provision of open data and the use of open source platforms, mobile applications, and social media.
12-Jan-12	Open Government	20120112-062	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager and the City Clerk to implement an electronic mail system for boards and commission members and to establish an appropriate online training module. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	All of the work conducted by the city's various boards and commissions is a matter of public record. This resolution requests that the City Manager and City Clerk work together to provide the members of these bodies with city email addresses housed on a city server to provide more efficient responses to open records and public information requests.
26-Jan-12	Open Government	20120126-051	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a comprehensive review of the administrative appeals process for land development decisions and initiating amendments to Title 25 and related provisions of the City Code. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	This resolution directs the City Manager to do a thorough review of the various appeals processes for land development decisions to ensure consistency with state law and enhanced opportunities for public input.
1-Mar-12	Open Government	20120301-049	Approve a resolution directing the City Clerk and the City Manager to take the necessary steps to develop a standard system that ensures City Council receives all board and commission recommendations and resolutions on a timely basis. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The City Council appoints members to a variety of boards and commissions to advise the council on city policy. Because the City Council values the input of these boards and commissions tremendously, it is important for the council to receive the bodies' recommendations timely and consistently. This resolution directs the City Clerk to help in devising a system to improve this communication between the boards and commissions and the City Council.
5-Apr-12	Open Government	20120405-052	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to make recommendations on a public process for the review and consideration of new proposed uses for parkland (1) that has no adopted park master plan, (2) that has no identified use in an adopted park master plan, or (3) for which proposed uses may be inconsistent with an adopted park master plan. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The Austin City Council is the body that is ultimately accountable to the citizens of Austin for decisions made by the City of Austin. The City Council provides guidance on the use of city parkland through various master planning processes. When a plan has not been adopted for a particular park or a proposed use may be inconsistent with an adopted plan, it is critically important to establish a public process to allow citizens to provide input to their elected officials on the use of that parkland. This resolution directs the City Manager to recommend a process to receive public input and get council approval for changes to city parkland.

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5-Apr-12	Open Government	20120405-055	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to present to Council for approval plans for any change in existing use for Mabel Davis Park and Yett Creek Neighborhood Park. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Austin Parks and Recreation Board approved a recommendation for the Parks Director to move forward with design of two new off-leash areas at Mabel Davis Park and Yett Creek Neighborhood Park. Public outreach efforts have not yielded a consensus of community support for the proposed change of use for these two neighborhood parks. This resolution directs the City Manager to present the recommendations for these parks to the City Council for consideration of any change of use for these parks.
26-Apr-12	Open Government	20120426-069	Approve an ordinance for the November 2012 ballot to provide for the appointment of the City Attorney by the City Council. (Sponsor: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance places an item on the November 2012 ballot to modify the charter to designate the City Attorney as an independent, direct report to the City Council. Currently, the City Manager is the supervisor of the City Attorney.
27-Sep-12	Open Government	20120927-085	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to assess the cost and feasibility of an online resource that provides information to the public about how general obligation bonds and other funds for capital improvement projects are spent. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	In order to improve transparency and understanding of the expenditure of capital improvement funds, this resolution directs the City Manager to provide options for an online system that allows access to information on current and past capital improvement projects including capabilities for reports and maps showing geographic distribution of the projects.
11-Oct-12	Open Government	20121011-076	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a review process for potential real estate sales of City-owned land. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	The City of Austin owns thousands of real estate parcels which are a valuable asset to our community. Improved transparency and dialogue in the disposition of these parcels while considering plans and visions for the city will enhance leveraging this resource to the benefit of our community. This resolution directs the City Manager to draft a review process for potential real estate sales of City-owned land, with appropriate outreach and consideration of relevant City plans.
17-Jan-13	Open Government	20130117-053	Approve a resolution signifying the Austin City Council's intent to support a Constitutional Amendment and/or other legislative actions ensuring that money is not speech , and therefore the expenditure of money to influence the electoral or legislative process is not a form of constitutionally protected speech, and shall be regulated. (Sponsor: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The 2010 Supreme Court decision, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, gave corporations the same first amendment (free speech) rights as individuals. By giving corporations personhood, it opened the door to allowing corporate money in U.S. political elections. This resolution joins Austin with several other cities and states calling for "a Constitutional Amendment and/or other legislative actions" to regulate use of funds in politics by artificial entities, such as corporations.
7-Aug-08	Parks & Open Space	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.
2-Oct-08	Parks & 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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16-Oct-08	Parks & 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.
16-Oct-08	Parks & Open Space	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 or 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.
15-Jan-09	Parks & Open Space	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.
12-Feb-09	Parks & 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.
14-May-09	Parks & 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.

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27-Aug-09	Parks & Open Space	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.
13-May-10	Parks & Open Space	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.
27-May-10	Parks & Open Space	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.
12-Jan-12	Parks & Open Space	20120112-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an Aquatic Facilities Comprehensive Master Plan. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Neighborhood pools and other aquatic facilities are extremely important to the community for a variety of reasons, including Public Health and wellness and relief from very high temperatures. Budget constraints frequently put these pools at risk of closure, reduced hours, and other significant modifications of availability and use. This resolution directs the City Manager to draft an aquatic facilities master plan to better plan for the needs of these facilities and find strategies to ensure that these neighborhood pools remain open and free.
1-Mar-12	Parks & Open Space	20120301-048	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review the city's current banking policies and make recommendations on changes to give preference to banks that support community reinvestment goals. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole , Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directs the City Manager to report on the city's current banking policies and provide Council with information on what policy changes would be necessary to give preference to banks that support community reinvestment goals, such as local credit unions.
1-Mar-12	Parks & Open Space	20120301-051	Approve a resolution endorsing the recommendations made by the Urban Parks Stakeholder Group in its October 2011 Urban Parks Workgroup Report and directing the City Manager to implement certain recommendations of that report. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	To help achieve the goal of becoming a more family-friendly city, the Council directed the City Manager to create a working group of stakeholders to develop an implementation plan to reach the new urban parks goals. On October 20, 2011, after a year of deliberation, the Urban Parks Stakeholder Group delivered its recommendations. This resolution provides for the City Council's endorsement of the recommendations made by the Urban Parks Stakeholder Group in its October 2011 Urban Parks Workgroup Report and directs the City Manager to implement various actionable recommendations.
24-May-12	Parks & Open Space	20120524-083	Approve an ordinance creating the Lake Austin Task Force (LATF); directing the City Manager to work with the LATF to develop and report to Council LATF's recommendations for changes needed to promote, preserve, and protect Lake Austin; waiving the requirements of City Code Section 25-1-502 relating to processing of amendments to Title 25; and amending the code to prohibit environmental administrative variances for development of properties abutting or within 100 feet of the shoreline of Lake Austin. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	In response to concerns from residents, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Waterfront Planning Advisory board passed resolutions requesting that the City Council assemble a multi-disciplinary task force to recommend methods and policies to provide reasonable use of Lake Austin while protecting Public Health and safety and the value and integrity of Lake Austin as a natural resource. This ordinance carries out that request.

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2-Aug-12	Parks & Open Space	20120802-074	Approve a resolution declaring August 8, 2012 as Save Our Springs Day and in recognition of Save Our Springs Day, the City Council directs the City Manager to implement a one-time free swim day at Barton Springs Pool on August 8, 2012 and waives the pool entry fee for people visiting Barton Springs Pool on that day. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	August 8, 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Save Our Springs Ordinance with 64% of the vote. In recognition of this anniversary and in consideration of the significance of the adoption of this ordinance to the sustainability of Barton Springs, this resolution marked the day with the declaration and free entry to Barton Springs Pool.
23-Aug-12	Parks & Open Space	20120823-068	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore the feasibility and fiscal impact of managing cemetery operations through one or more City departments and provide a report to the City Council Audit and Finance Committee. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Recent audits have identified the need for additional resources to support city-owned cemeteries which are currently under the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore options to leverage other departmental resources and partnerships.
23-Aug-12	Parks & Open Space	20120823-072	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to conduct a comprehensive analysis of impacts from events at Auditorium Shores and Zilker Park , and provide recommendations on a balanced solution that enhances public access and enjoyment of Austin's public park system. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Increasing demands for use of Auditorium Shores and Zilker Park as venues for popular events have led to increasing impacts of surrounding areas and venues as well as expanded strains on the parks themselves. This resolution calls for a comprehensive analysis of impacts and a broad stakeholder dialogue to develop recommendations on a balanced solution for enhanced public enjoyment and access to the city's parks system.
11-Oct-12	Parks & Open Space	20121011-081	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to dedicate staff resources from relevant departments to help facilitate and oversee the planning process and be prepared to preliminarily report to Council no later than April 30, 2013 to ensure a comprehensive approach to capital improvements within the study area, provide bimonthly reports and provide a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board prior to reporting to Council. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	Under Resolution 20120823-072, the City Council directed a planning process to ensure a balanced solution to enjoyment and access to Auditorium Shores and Zilker Park in the face of increased demands for their use as event venues. The Austin Parks Foundation is contemplating a similar planning effort which would include an analysis of all items to be considered under the original resolution. This resolution directs the City Manager to integrate the planning efforts with the Austin Parks Foundation.
28-Feb-13	Parks & Open Space	20130228-039	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a revised design of Bartholomew Pool that incorporates community input and remedies the site's groundwater challenges. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	During demolition of the structurally damaged Bartholomew Pool, significant amounts of groundwater were discovered. The discovery necessitated work stoppage and reevaluation of the project. The community was advised and additional redesign work was directed to allow for inclusion of community-driven improvements to the pool design. These improvements include upgrades to structural design to address the groundwater condition, deep water areas for diving and teaching children to swim and gain confidence in their skills, and added flexibility in design to accommodate future aquatic facility trends. This resolution affirms the Council's support for the redesign effort and directs the city manager to work expeditiously and with the community to complete the redesign effort.
28-Feb-13	Parks & Open Space	20130228-042	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to offer one free day at Deep Eddy Pool during the period of March 9 - 17, 2013. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution creates a free swim day was offered at Deep Eddy during Spring Break, while Barton Springs was closed for updates.
23-May-13	Parks & Open Space	20130523-075	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore the feasibility of an interlocal agreement with administrators of Camp Mabry Garrison Command that would facilitate the use of Camp Mabry's grounds for public events previously held on City property ; and to determine whether or not the City can financially participate in moving some of the displaced events originally slated for Auditorium Shores. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	During the construction period for the Auditorium Shores master plan process there was concern that some long-standing events at that location would be displaced. Since Camp Mabry had recently reopened its property for public use, the City Manager was directed to determine the feasibility of using it for some of the displaced Auditorium Shore events.

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29-Aug-13	Parks & Open Space	20130829-078	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to the City Code in response to recommendations of the Lake Austin Task Force and directing the City Manager to process code amendments relating to shoreline and dock development and to the registration and identification of docks and; directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance related to wake zones, evaluate implementation of certain fees and implement enforcement of water quality protections designed to ensure environmental and related health, safety, welfare, sustainability, and coordinated lake management relevant to Lake Austin. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Lake Austin Task Force Report provided recommendations, many of which will require longterm, coordinated planning, funding, and implementation activities to accomplish. There were, however, recommendations that Council identified as needing more urgent response due to potential Public Health and safety concerns and deadlines associated with grant applications. This resolution identified those high priority recommendations and established a calendar for associated ordinances, code changes, fee adjustments, potential budget amendments, administrative and enforcement process adjustments, and direction to the City Manager to outline an approach to achieve coordinated lake management as recommended by the Lake Austin Task Force to ensure a long range and sustainable means to address the many additional concerns and issues identified by the Lake Austin Task Force.
26-Sep-13	Parks & Open Space	20130926-074	Approve an ordinance to recognize the donation of six acres of new parkland in north Austin by the Oertli family , to name the park Oertli Park , and to waive the applicable requirements of Chapter 14-1 of the City Code related to naming this property. (SPONSOR: Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	Members of the Oertli family first arrived in Travis County in 1904 from Switzerland, and farmed in Austin and surrounding communities almost continuously from then until 2005. Fritz Oertli opened his first dairy farm on Shoal Creek in the 1920's, and then moved his operation to Buttermilk Creek in the 1930's. The family continued as farmers in the greater Austin area for the next six decades. The Oertli farm on Dessau Road in north Austin recognized as the last operating dairy farm in Travis County stopped milking operations in 2001 and ended all farming activities in 2005. In early 2013, the Oertli family donated approximately six acres of their property to the City of Austin to be used as parkland that will serve many citizens in the single-family and multi-family developments adjacent to the land. This ordinance recognizes the donation and names the parkland "Oertli Park".
26-Sep-13	Parks & Open Space	20130926-077	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to obtain community input and report to Council by October 24, 2013 with options for the future use of the City-owned tract of land located at 401 West St. Johns Avenue in Austin, also known as Reznicek Field. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin owns a 7.36 acre tract of land in the upper Waller Creek watershed at 401 West St. Johns Avenue, that site was purchased for stormwater management use and the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has identified it as an appropriate location for a stormwater management pond to address pollution. In 1970 the Austin City Council approved the use of this site as a sports field and has leased the site to the University Hills Optimists (JHO) for its exclusive use since 1971. The 2003 Brentwood/Highland Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a park on this property but the City has yet to take action to consider or facilitate such a use. This resolution directs the City Manager to hold a community meeting to solicit suggestions, ideas and options for the future use of this tract of land.
27-Mar-14	Parks & Open Space	20140327-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to expedite the public process for renaming the baseball fields located at 5801 Ainez Drive to Freddy P. Zamora Jr. Baseball Fields , and bring back an ordinance for Council approval on May 1, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Dove Springs applied to rename three baseball fields in its community after Freddy P. Zamora Jr. who tragically passed away at the age of 18 after battling cancer. Freddy Zamora Jr. participated in community and sports programs throughout his youth, was an honor student, youth team leader, student tutor and community events conductor, serving as a positive example to other youth in his community. This resolution directs the City Manager to expedite the public process for renaming the baseball fields to allow the renaming to be part of the memorial celebration of his life in the Dove Springs community on May 31, 2014.

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10-Apr-14	Parks & Open Space	20140410-034	Approve a resolution initiating a renaming process under City Code Section 14-1-34 to rename the Rosewood Recreation Center the Delores Duffie Recreation Center . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Delores Duffie served the East Austin community for more than 50 years as a committed community organizer, public servant and social activist who worked tirelessly to improve educational facilities, housing conditions, promote social justice and address safety concerns. This resolution initiates a renaming process to rename the Rosewood Recreation Center the "Delores Duffie Recreation Center".
15-May-14	Parks & Open Space	20140515-029	Approve a resolution declaring June 14, 2014 as Bartholomew Pool Day and in recognition of Bartholomew Pool Grand Opening, the City Council directs the City Manager to implement a one-time free swim day at Bartholomew Pool on June 14, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	In 2006, Austin voters approved general obligation bonds to replace Bartholomew Pool, but before initiation of the replacement effort began, the pool experienced structural failure and was forced to close in 2009. When completed in 2014 the new Bartholomew Pool was unique with three separate pools to accommodate toddlers and adults, with recreation facilities including two slides and a diving board. This resolution implemented a one-time free swim day for the Bartholomew grand opening.
15-May-14	Parks & Open Space	20140515-030	Approve an ordinance giving the city-owned land comprised of the terminus located in the 500 block of West 3rd Street between Nueces and Shoal Creek Pedestrian Bridge, the honorary name of Margaret Moser Plaza ; and waiving the applicable requirements of Chapter 14-1 of the City Code related to naming public property. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Margaret Moser is a pioneer in Texas journalism and the matriarch of the Austin music scene. As an accomplished author, performer, and producer, Ms. Moser is widely recognized for her decades of extraordinary contributions to Austin music and musicians. This ordinance gives the city-owned land and Plaza the honorary name of Margaret Moser Plaza.
12-Jun-14	Parks & Open Space	20140612-060	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate and expedite the master planning process for Lamar Beach Metro Park and to include public discussion regarding the Pressler Street extension and ensure that nonprofits currently operating at Lamar Beach Metro Park are provided the opportunity to continue their services at Lamar Beach Metro Park after the master planning process is complete. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department had funding available for a master plan of Lamar Beach Metro Park through mitigation funding from the Transportation Department for the construction of the Pressler Street extension. Lamar Beach Metro Park has been the home of multiple community and City of Austin organizations that provide public benefits, including the Austin Animal Center, West Austin Youth Association (WAYA), the YMCA of Austin, and Austin Pets Alive! (APA). A master planning process would provide an avenue for the existing partners and Austinites to provide additional feedback about their vision for the future of the park. This resolution directed the City Manager to initiate and expedite the master planning process for Lamar Beach Metro Park, to include public discussion regarding the Pressler Street extension and to ensure that nonprofits currently operating at Lamar Beach Metro Park are provided the opportunity to continue their services at Lamar Beach Metro Park after the master planning process is complete

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26-Jun-14	Parks & Open Space	20140626-081	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement the recommendations resulting from the community meetings and the Parks and Recreation Board regarding future options for the use of City property located at 401 West St. Johns Avenue. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin owns a 7.464 acre tract of land in the upper Waller Creek watershed at 401 West St. Johns Avenue which was purchased for stormwater management. The 2003 Brentwood/Highland Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a park on this property. In 1970 the City Council approved the use of the Property as a sports field and has leased the site to the University Hills Optimists (UHO) since 1971 for its exclusive use and remains locked when youth sports activities are not taking place so is largely inaccessible for more general park use. Community meetings were recently held to solicit ideas for future use of the Property. This resolution directs the City Manager to implement the recommendations resulting from the community meetings and the Parks and Recreation Board regarding future options for the use of City property located at 401 West St. Johns Avenue.
7-Aug-14	Parks & Open Space	20140807-093	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a method to ensure a regular adjustment of the parkland dedication fee , to provide an updated analysis and recommendation for fee adjustment to Council, to create a work plan and timeline for conducting a more comprehensive review, and make recommendations for revisions to the existing parkland dedication ordinance. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Austin's existing Parkland Dedication(PLD) ordinance established an initial parkland dedication fee in 2007 with direction to the City Manager to review and prepare a report every three years providing recommendation for adjusting the fee amount. A Council budget question in 2014 discovered no subsequent analysis or fee adjustment had occurred since its 2007 adoption. This resolution directed the City Manager to develop a method to ensure regular analysis and recommendation for adjustment to the Parkland Dedication fee every three years as indicated in Ordinance No. 20070621-027 and to report and provide staff's first analysis and recommendation for adjustment of the fee.
6-Nov-14	Parks & Open Space	20141106-065	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to petition the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for an amendment to the Texas Administrative Code, which requires that governing boards post and maintain buoys in areas designated as no-wake zones, specifically waiving these requirements on Lake Austin and allowing the City the authority to place buoys, pilings, and other notices as the City deems necessary to protect public health and safety. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	In May 2012, the City Council created a Lake Austin Task Force to address the impact that commercial, residential, and recreational activity has had on Lake Austin. The group finalized recommendations in June 2013, recognizing the steadily increasing development and recreation pressures along the shores of the lake along with increasing size and number of motorized watercraft which may be contributing to an increasing health and safety hazard for swimmers and operators of smaller, non-motorized watercraft. In an effort to address public safety concerns, one of the task force recommendations was to establish a no-wake zone within 50 feet of the entire shoreline of Lake Austin which aligns with established City Code Section 8-5-46(B)(1) which allows a person to swim within 50 feet to the shoreline. Recognizing Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Administrative Codes allow cities to make rules and regulations relating to public safety but with certain requirements, this resolution petitions the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for an amendment to the code relating to positioning of buoys, pilings, and notice requirements providing the City more flexibility in managing their placement.

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11-Dec-14	Parks & Open Space	20141211-219	Approve a resolution initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-1 to implement staff recommendations relating to Parkland Dedication , including land dedication, fees in-lieu of dedication, park development fees, and integration of park fees into the annual fee adoption process. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	It was discovered that the Parkland Dedication (PLD) requirements adopted in 2007 had not been regularly analyzed or updated as required by ordinance. The oversight has subsequently impacted the City's ability to keep up with the parkland demands of a growing population and the goals established by the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. This resolution directs the City Manager to initiate code amendments implementing a staff report's recommendations regarding PLD fee-in-lieu, Park Development Fee, and Land Dedication requirements and return to Council in February 2015 with a draft ordinance. It further directed the City Manager to implement staff recommendations to integrate the PLD fees into the Annual Fee Adoption process and to explore options to apply PLD requirements to commercial development, including hotels.
24-Sep-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-Apr-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.
8-Apr-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)	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. 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.
22-Apr-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)	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. 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.

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13-May-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.
23-Sep-10	Public Health	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>
18-Aug-11	Public Health	20110818-081	Approve a resolution supporting the proposal of certain medical institutions and organizations in central Texas to form the Emergency Neurological Research Collaborative of Central Texas (ENROLL) and to join the Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials (NETT) Network as a "hub" to help achieve benefits to the Austin region. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez) Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Committee.	This resolution provides two critical actions for mental health in the Austin community. First, it expresses the Austin City Council's support in a proposal by a network of medical institutions and organizations known as ENROLL to improve the region's research and education in the treatment of neurological emergencies. Second, it establishes Austin as a "hub" in the NETT Network, a program designed to improve the effectiveness and productivity of neuron-emergency research.
20-Oct-11	Public Health	20111020-055	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that prohibits smoking in City parks . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsors: Council Member Mike Martinez, Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This resolution directs the City Manager to bring forward an ordinance to prohibit smoking in all city parks. This ordinance is intended to address Public Health concerns, control pollution, and mitigate fire risks.
23-Aug-12	Public Health	20120823-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to present an ordinance requiring registration for water wells drilled on any property served by the Austin Water Utility and further directing the City Manager to explore permitting wells to ensure compliance with health and safety codes and to collect data on potential impacts associated with well drilling in Austin Water Utility's service area. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Since 2008, under drought conditions in the region, several water wells have been drilled on property served by the Austin Water Utility. In order to ensure appropriate permitting for the safety of our water supply, this resolution directs the City Manager to prepare an ordinance requiring registration of private water wells and to investigate additional mechanisms to enhance safety.
11-Oct-12	Public Health	20121011-080	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to include certain unfunded projects in the City's 1115 Medicaid Waiver application and to report back to the City Council within 90 days with a fiscal analysis and funding strategy for those projects. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Under Resolution 20120802-029, the City Council supported the participation in the new federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program, in support of transformational health-related programs. These programs, if applied for and accepted, bring in \$1.46 for every dollar invested by the City. In order to maximize opportunity for matching funds, this resolution directs the City Manager to include certain unfunded programs in the application process and to develop a strategy for funding these projects.

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14-Feb-13	Public Health	20130214-051	Approve a resolution supporting full expansion of Medicaid coverage in Texas and amending the City's Legislative Agenda to reflect that support. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Texas has the highest rate of uninsured (24%) and underinsured in the country with approximately 230,000 (23%) Travis County residents uninsured. The federal government has agreed to cover the entire cost of expanding Medicaid for the first three years, and will pay no less than 90% of the total cost thereafter. This would help ensure 1.5 million more Texans get medical care and reduce the number of Travis County's uninsured by almost half. Governor Perry has indicated that Texas will decline expanded Medicaid coverage, which could cost the state, counties and municipalities billions of dollars in federal aid. This resolution amends the City's Legislative agenda to support full expansion of Medicaid coverage for Texas.
28-Feb-13	Public Health	20130228-038	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations for a local and healthy food purchasing policy for the City and a healthy vending machine policy for City facilities. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Obesity costs the United States \$147 billion dollars annually in direct health care costs. One way to lower health care costs is to improve residents' diets: healthier diets alone could prevent an estimated \$71 billion per year in medical expenses, lost productivity, and lost lives nationwide. In Travis County, 2 out of 3 adults are overweight or obese, and 21% of youth are overweight. This resolution directs the city manager to develop standards for a local and healthy food/beverage purchasing policy for City of Austin facilities and a health options vending standard. With these steps, the City will move toward improved local and healthy choices.
21-Mar-13	Public Health	20130321-045	Approve a resolution amending the City's legislative agenda to support reinstating pre-2012 funding levels for Women's Preventive Health and Family Planning Services and to endorse the inclusion of unbiased, scientifically founded information in the Women's Right to Know pamphlet published by the Texas Department of State Health Services. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Family Planning program and the Women's Health Program (WHP) are two significant programs that provide healthcare services for low-income Texas women. The 2011 Texas Legislature cut funding for the DSHS Family Planning programs budget by two-thirds and, reducing it by over \$72 million and excluded Planned Parenthood facilities participation in WHP which resulted in a significant reduction in healthcare and family planning for low-income women, and a substantial loss of federal funding for Texas. Additionally women seeking to terminate pregnancies in the state of Texas are provided with information required by the Women's Right to Know Act; and these pamphlets presently contain biased and leading information not
22-Aug-13	Public Health	20130822-086	Approve a resolution supporting Huston-Tillotson University's initiative to create a wellness center for east Austin and directing the city manager to keep council apprised of opportunities to partner with Huston-Tillotson University in this endeavor. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The Austin/Travis County HHSD 2012 Critical Health Indicators Report identified significant health disparities in Travis County for African American residents including disproportionate rates of mortality from diabetes, incidence of HIV and AIDS, and lack of access to prenatal care. African American Resource Advisory Commission Recommendation noted that African American communities do not have adequate access to mental and behavioral health treatment because of various barriers such as lack of knowledge about available interventions, Transportation difficulties, competing family responsibilities such as child care, family privacy and shame. Huston-Tillotson University (HTU) proposes, the creation of a Community Health and Wellness Center at HTU, would fill a critical void by providing culturally-sensitive minority practitioners to implement a three pronged approach of Patient Care, Research, and Community Interventions that action will significantly improve the environment of care for the minority residents of EastAustin, improve the overall mental health of patients in the community, and enhance the quality of life for indigent populations. This resolution supports the efforts to create this wellness center at HTU and to look at opportunities for the City to partner with HTU.

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26-Sep-13	Public Health	20130926-081	Approve an ordinance creating a Commission on Seniors to serve as an advisory board to the City Council concerning the quality of life for seniors in the Austin area and to ensure they are productive, independent, and healthy. (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	This ordinance creates an 11 member Commission on Seniors. The Commission shall: (1) advise the council on issues related to the senior population in the Austin area; (2) evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices that create a positive impact and reduce the burden on seniors; (3) determine the needs of seniors in the Austin community, and advise council regarding these needs; and (4) promote the contributions of seniors to the cultural, economic, and historical value of Austin.
24-Oct-13	Public Health	20131024-084	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-1 to create an Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission . (Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance amended City Code 2-1-104 to create the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission which shall advise the City Council on issues related to the Asian American Resource Center and will provide on-going guidance for the City's Asian American quality of life initiatives.
24-Oct-13	Public Health	20131024-085	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to identify areas within the budget to conduct facilitated discussions of the Asian American quality of life issues in Austin; develop strategies to address the findings coming out of a Community Scorecard and the discussions; report back to Council with recommendations for enhanced or new City programs and practices ; and provide the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee with a six-month update. (Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Asian Americans represent the fastest growing demographic group in Central Texas with an estimated 90,000 living in the greater Austin area. With the opening of the Asian American Resource Center and the creation of Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission, the City of Austin will be better able to address this rapidly growing community. This resolution directs the City Manager to support Asian American quality of life issue discussions and develop strategies to address the findings.
21-Nov-13	Public Health	20131121-050	Approve a resolution endorsing the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and directing the City Manager to pursue strategies with its CHIP partners to implement the Community Health Improvement Plan. (Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The National Association of County and City Health Officials selected Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as a demonstration site for Community Health Improvement Planning and Accreditation Preparation. Working in partnership with community leaders, data was gathered creating the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and subsequent Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The City Council, with this resolution, recognizes the leadership of Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department and the work of partner agencies and stakeholders as significant in the effort to achieve greater health and opportunity across our region, endorses the Community Health Improvement Plan, and directs the City Manager to pursue strategies with its CHIP partners to implement the plan's goals.
27-Mar-14	Public Health	20140327-035	Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary in order for the City to become a Workplace Partner for Life and promote organ and tissue donation. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This resolution recognizes the value of the Workplace Partnership for Life initiative whose mission is to educate the importance of organ, eye, tissue, blood, and bone marrow donations and to encourage the public to register as donors. With Texas ranked 49th in the nation in registered organ donors, there is a need to educate and an opportunity to increase public participation to alleviate the high number of patients awaiting transplantation to survive. To that end, the City Manager is directed to take any all steps necessary in order for the City to become a Workplace Partner for Life and to communicate the benefits of organ and tissue donor registration to both employees and the general public.

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12-Jun-14	Public Health	20140612-074	Approve a resolution affirming the City Council's support of Texas' environment, drinking water, and health and thereby supporting HR 2825 of the 113th Congress, the CLEANER Act , which proposes to close the loopholes that exempt oil and gas production methods commonly referred to as fracking from key provisions of our nation's hazardous waste law. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Austin City Council is deeply concerned about high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and its growing threat to our environment and public health. It is estimated that hundreds of chemicals and other dangerous substances can be used in fracking fluid, many of them toxic and some of them known carcinogens. Fracking operations in Texas produced 260 billion gallons of toxic waste in 2012 alone and as a result of inadequate or non-existent regulations; waste from fracking is often mismanaged. Because the state of Texas provides limited active protection of the public from the effects of fracking, we need the federal government to act to protect Texas communities. This resolution affirms the Council's support of Texas' environment, drinking water, and health and supports HR 2825 of the 113th Congress, the CLEANER Act, which proposes to close the loopholes that exempt fracking from key provisions of the nation's hazardous waste law.
26-Jun-14	Public Health	20140626-077	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore potential funding options in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets to allocate an additional \$850,000 of one-time funds and/or provide repayment options for Phase 1 of Huston-Tillotson's (HT) Community Health and Wellness Center , and identify other opportunities to provide additional resources on an ongoing basis for programming at the HT Center. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	Data gathered from the Austin/Travis County Department of Health and Human Services (HHSD) suggests that there are numerous critical community needs including the need to provide innovative community-based platforms to address overall healthcare quality and access, particularly in indigent and uninsured populations. In response to these urgent needs, Huston-Tillotson University (HT) is endeavoring to build a Community Health and Wellness Center (Center) to serve both the HT campus needs and the citizens in the surrounding communities. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore potential funding options in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets to allocate an additional \$850,000 of one-time funds and/or provide repayment options for Phase 1 of Huston-Tillotson's Community Health and Wellness Center, and identify other opportunities to provide additional resources on an ongoing basis for programming at the HT Center.
26-Jun-14	Public Health	20140626-078	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate current funding levels for the Health and Human Services Department and social service contracting , and develop recommendations for a metric to determine the minimum level of funding in future budget years. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The City of Austin invests more than one-third of the HHSD budget in social services contracts which are awarded through a competitive process to nonprofits to address basic needs, behavioral health, child & youth needs, community planning, HIV needs, homelessness, and workforce development. Investment in social services reduces the City's near and long-term cost burden for emergency services and helps build a local workforce. Overall social service contract funding levels are not currently based on any measurable standards that reflect the needs of the community, and would more accurately address critical needs if the minimum funding level was based on a predictable metric. This resolution directs the City Manager to evaluate current funding levels for the Health and Human Services Department and social service contracting, and develop recommendations for a metric to determine the minimum level of funding in future budget years.

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26-Jun-14	Public Health	20140626-094	Approve a resolution directing the Commission for Women to engage with the Women's Engagement Group, a group of public stakeholders, hosted by the Central Health Board of Managers Ad Hoc Women's Health Committee, to support opportunities for dialogue on the provision of women's health services , and report back to Council with a status of the efforts. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Upon its creation Central Health assumed responsibility for the provision of healthcare services to residents of Travis County including the provision of women's health services and ensuring that all women have access to the complete range of health services. To that end, the Central Health Ad Hoc Women's Health Committee has established a Women's Engagement Group. The City's Commission for Women has worked on women's health care issues. With the transformation of health care services and new partners working together in Austin/Travis County, there is a tremendous opportunity for the City of Austin Commission for Women to work with the Women's Engagement Group hosted by the Central Health Ad Hoc Women's Health Committee on women's health care issues. This resolution directs the Commission for Women to engage with the Women's Engagement Group to support opportunities for dialogue on the provision of women's health services.
7-Aug-14	Public Health	20140807-109	Approve an ordinance adding Chapter 10-11 to the City Code to prohibit the sale and delivery of electronic smoking devices to minors . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Studies show that adolescents can become addicted to nicotine after ingesting the equivalent of 20 traditional cigarettes, the amount traditionally available in a single pack, and the appeal created by the flavored electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes and/or liquid nicotine may lead young people into a lifetime of nicotine addiction. This ordinance prohibits the sale and delivery of electronic smoking devices to minors.
25-Sep-14	Public Health	20140925-082	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to analyze the impacts of House Bill 2 which passed the second special session of the 83rd legislature, relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities , and amend the City's legislative agenda to support legislation that repeals House Bill 2. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	House Bill 2, passed the 83rd legislative session and contains restrictions including a ban on abortions after 20 weeks, a restriction on pharmaceutical abortion, a requirement that all doctors who perform abortions have hospital admitting privileges within 30 miles of each facility where they provide care, and a requirement that all abortion clinics meet the standards required of ambulatory surgical centers. The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Texas Medical Association, and the Texas Hospital Association have all agreed that the provisions in HB 2 will put women's health and safety in danger. This resolution amends the City of Austin's legislative agenda to support legislation that repeals HB 2.
11-Dec-14	Public Health	20141211-224	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore key features and deliverables of a walkability study for the area bounded by I-35, Manor Road, Chestnut/Pleasant Valley and Lady Bird Lake by identifying costs, potential funding sources and scope of such a study. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	Supported by the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team and the Guadalupe Association for an Improved Neighborhood, this resolution directs the City Manager to explore key features and deliverables for a walkability study for the area bounded by I-35, Manor Road, Chestnut/Pleasant Valley and Lady Bird Lake by identifying costs, potential funding sources, and the scope of such a study and to report back to the Pedestrian Advisory Commission and Council with 210 days.
22-Oct-09	Public Safety	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.

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17-Dec-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.
28-Jul-11	Public Safety	20110728-109	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an amendment to the Fire Code which prohibits open flame cooking in multi-family complexes in areas not currently designated for outdoor cooking when environmental conditions exist that represent a high risk of wildfires. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Central Texas has experienced a number of wildfires over the last couple years during intense drought and heat conditions. Because apartment complexes contain dense populations, outdoor cooking fires in areas close to buildings and vegetation present a serious danger. This resolution directs the City Manager to draft an amendment to the Fire Code to prohibit open flame cooking in multi-family complexes in areas not currently designated for outdoor cooking when environmental conditions exist that represent a high risk of wildfires.
23-Aug-12	Public Safety	20120823-070	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to study the Technology developed by FireWatch America to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of use by the City of Austin to assist in the detection and suppression of fires in the Wildland Urban Interface and identify possible opportunities for interlocal agreements and cooperation. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Severe drought conditions increase the need for vigilance in fire detection in the wildland-urban interface. Leveraging Technology to identify the origin of fires suggests the potential for improved and more efficient responses not only for the City of Austin but also surrounding jurisdictions. This resolution initiates the study of existing Technology by FireWatch America that has been successfully implemented elsewhere.
17-Jan-13	Public Safety	20130117-057	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to perform an analysis of the causes of the increase in traffic fatalities in Austin in 2012 and develop countermeasures to prevent future fatalities. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	After several years of a downward trend in traffic fatalities, in 2012 Austin experienced an increase of 44% from the previous year. Although that increase is consistent with a nationwide trend, it is important to understand the causes of the upsurge. This resolution directs the city manager to do an analysis of the causes behind the increase in Austin traffic fatalities which would allow for targeted countermeasures to be developed to reduce traffic fatality rates.
28-Feb-13	Public Safety	20130228-035	Approve a resolution signifying the City Council's intent to endorse efforts to develop a comprehensive approach to reducing gun crime . (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, leaders in several states and municipalities committed to pursue legislation to curb gun violence. To that end, in December 2012 Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, as a member of the Mayors Against Illegal Guns, joined this bipartisan coalition of more than 850 mayors in urging President Obama to take immediate and near term actions to make it harder for dangerous people to illegally possess guns, and easier for police and prosecutors to crack down on them. Additionally, due to prohibitions in the Texas Local Government Code, Austin, unlike cities in other states, must rely on legislative action at the state or federal level to effect changes related to firearm and ammunition sales. This resolution calls on state and federal leaders to enact extensive gun law legislation.

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12-Dec-13	Public Safety	20131212-075	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to launch the formal process required to designate Hazardous Materials Routes through the City of Austin and to keep City Council apprised as funding sources are identified and implementation strategies are developed for the related Commodities Flow Study. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	Because Austin's population has now exceeded the 850,000 threshold, state law requires the city to develop a Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Route. With this resolution, Council directed the City Manager to prepare a report that includes some context regarding the public health risk of transporting hazardous materials through Austin, a process and timeline for designating hazardous materials route(s) and staff recommendations to establish route(s) per mandated process. The resolution also recognizes the collaborative effort between various departments, the state and regional planning organizations and Travis County. The City Manager is further directed to keep Council apprised of the coordination efforts, identification of funding sources, and implementation strategy for initiation of a Commodities Flow Study.
27-Feb-14	Public Safety	20140227-045	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to form a Distracted Driving Study Group to develop recommendations to modify the current ordinance and to report the Study Group recommendations to the Public Safety Commission and to Council by August 1, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Directs the City Manager to form a Distracted Driving Study Group that includes representatives from several city commissions and relevant city departments to receive public input and to develop recommendations on updates and modifications to the current distracted driving ordinance enacted in 2009. The City Manager is further directed to report the study group's recommendations to the Public Safety Commission and the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications commission for input before reporting to Council by August 1, 2014.
15-May-14	Public Safety	20140515-028	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to bring forward funding options for a buyout of homes in the 100-year Onion Creek floodplain and the 25-year Williamson Creek floodplain as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget process, conduct stakeholder meetings with impacted homeowners, and provide a report to Council regarding the history of the monthly drainage charge. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Halloween flood on October 31, 2013, had a devastating effect on thousands of families in Austin and Travis County and there were legitimate concerns about safety and additional property damage from potential future floods for homes in the 100-year Onion Creek floodplain and the 25-year Williamson Creek floodplain. This resolution directed the city manager to bring forward funding options for a buyout of homes in the 100-year Onion Creek floodplain and the 25-year Williamson Creek floodplain as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget process.

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26-Jun-14	Public Safety	20140626-099	<p>Approve a resolution opposing the use of Travis County resources for implementation of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Secure Communities program, urging the Travis County Sheriff to stop complying with ICE detainers, directing the City Manager to research options to minimize or replace the City's use of the Travis County Central Booking Facility, and directing the City Manager to send a copy of the resolution to the Travis County Judge, Commissioners, and Sheriff. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)</p>	<p>The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) Secure Communities (S-Comm) program is a federal immigration enforcement program that issues ICE detainers, which are requests that individuals in local custody be held for 48 hours. ICE detainers have led to record-high deportation numbers nationally and in Travis County, with Travis County ranking among the highest counties in the nation in deportations, resulting in over 4,741 deportations since June of 2009, an average of 19 people per week. The ICE detainer program generates fear in the immigrant community and discourages cooperation with law enforcement and reporting of crime, even among victims of crime, eroding trust between the immigrant community and the County's and City's law enforcement officers and significantly harming local community policing efforts resulting in harmful separation of children from their parents. In addition, it is a significant expense for Travis County taxpayers. Recent court decisions have declared that the ICE detainer program violates the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable search and seizure and made clear that when constitutional abuses such as these arise from localities' compliance with ICE detainers, the counties themselves may be legally liable for such violations. This resolution states the Council's opposition to the use of Travis County resources for implementation of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Secure Communities program, urging the Travis County Sheriff to stop complying with ICE detainers, and directing the City Manager to research options to minimize or replace the City's use of the Travis County Central Booking Facility.</p>
7-Aug-14	Public Safety	20140807-110	<p>Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an ordinance related to distracted driving. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)</p>	<p>In February 2014, the City Council directed the formation of a Distracted Driving Study Group to receive public input and to develop recommendations on modifications to the current ordinance. This resolution directs the City Manager to incorporate recommendations from the Study Group into an ordinance for Council consideration.</p>
11-Dec-08	Residential Compatibility	20081211-071	<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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10-Dec-09	Residential Compatibility	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>
8-Apr-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>
10-Mar-11	Residential Compatibility	20110310-024	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore parking options for the South Congress area and adjacent neighborhoods , including the creation of a Parking Benefits District, Residential Permit Parking districts, and the application of Residential Permit Parking within Vertical Mixed Use districts, and report back to council within 90 days; and initiate a code amendment related to Residential Permit Parking within Vertical Mixed Use districts. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley Council Member William Spelman and Council Member Laura Morrison)	South Congress Avenue has become a nationally known retail district that includes shops, restaurants, Music venues and food trailers. The growth of this district has exacerbated parking programs for the adjacent neighborhoods and reduced parking available for residential homes. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with residents, commercial property and business owners, and other stakeholders to develop short and long-term recommendations addressing parking issues on South Congress Avenue and in adjacent neighborhoods
9-Jun-11	Residential Compatibility	20110609-039	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9-2 of the City Code relating to noise from refrigerated vehicles . (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez)	This ordinance prohibits the use of refrigeration vehicles and equipment between 7pm and 6am if such equipment generates audible noise or vibrations at a residence.
15-Dec-11	Residential Compatibility	20111215-060	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals and other stakeholders to develop recommendations on improvements to the Land Development Code and technical codes to address urban noise mitigation for construction of new residential dwelling units and other uses with overnight guests , such as hotels, in the downtown area. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	As Downtown Austin continues to grow with higher residential density and larger buildings, the need for urban noise mitigation also increases from increased business activity, evening and night life, and public transit and traffic. This resolution directs the City Manager to look at building standards for new buildings locating in a noisy urban environment, where pre-construction implementation of sound mitigation techniques may be more cost-effective and efficient than post-construction fixes.

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8-Nov-12	Residential Compatibility	20121108-051	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 13-1 relating to temporary helistops . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	There is a potential for significant disruption and noise to residents and businesses from the operation of temporary helistops in the case that a large number of operations are approved under a temporary helistop permit. This ordinance caps the number of operations allowed under a permit to 18 takeoffs and landings, limits the number of permits within 180 days and 1.5 miles to 2, and enhances the information required for submission of a permit application.
8-Nov-12	Residential Compatibility	20121108-052	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to recommend amendments to City Code Chapter 13-1 and Title 25 relating to permanent and temporary heli-facilities . (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Given the granting of permits for temporary heli-stops with hundreds of operations and the potential for significant impacts to the surrounding residents and businesses, several questions arise as to the appropriateness of the process, discretion, compatibility, and interpretations of the current code for temporary and permanent heli-facilities. This resolution initiates a discussion that will result in a recommendation to Council for modifications and improvements to the heli-facility code.
11-Dec-14	Residential Compatibility	20141211-220	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 14-8 relating to permits for neighborhood block parties ; and creating a penalty. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This ordinance provides new definitions to the City Code for "neighborhood block party" and "residential street" and further requires a permit to close any portion of a neighborhood street to conduct a neighborhood block party. Further outlining of application requirements, process for appeal of denial, barricade and insurance requirements, offense and penalty descriptions and prohibition of closure of an intersection are addressed.
25-Sep-08	Resource Management: Energy	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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6-Nov-08	Resource Management: Energy	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>
6-Nov-08	Resource Management: Energy	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.
6-Aug-09	Resource Management: Energy	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>
24-Jun-10	Resource Management: Energy	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.

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1-Mar-12	Resource Management: Energy	20120301-046	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that, if adopted, would implement a system-wide electric rate revenue increase based on the existing rate structure; directing the City Manager to retain an independent residential, low-income, and small business consumer advocate; adopting a rate-related work session schedule ; and requiring the use of 2011 test year data for a final rate proposal. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	This resolution establishes a work schedule for the City Council to evaluate the complex assumptions underlying a proposal from Austin Energy to modify utility rates and to make informed policy decisions to enable the utility craft rates equitable to all customer classes.
26-Apr-12	Resource Management: Energy	20120426-081	Approve a resolution creating the Austin Local Solar Advisory Committee and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Pecan Street Inc. to provide committee support. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	In February 2011, the City Council adopted the Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan, including an affordability goal. Austin has great potential for developing and providing solar energy resources to residential and commercial customers in a manner that protects Austin's environment, maintains energy self-sufficiency, and enhances the local economy. This resolution creates a local solar energy committee consisting of a variety of stakeholders and experts to provide additional input and recommendations regarding the development of local solar energy and to further enhance Austin Energy's plans.
24-May-12	Resource Management: Energy	20120524-087	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to work with Austin Water Utility (AWU) and Austin Energy (AE) to identify a way to provide a monthly discount to participants in the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) without individual AWU water meters within the AWU service territory. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Austin Water Utility currently enrolls approximately 5,500 customers in its low-income customer assistance program known as CAP. Participation in CAP waives fixed minimum water and wastewater charges as well as the revenue stability fee at an average discount of \$20 / account. Austin Energy, on the other hand, enrolls approximately 9,000 customers. This discrepancy can partially be attributed to the fact that AWU does not currently provide a discount to CAP customers who do not have individual water meters. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with the two utilities to identify a way to provide a discount to CAP customers without individual water meters.
21-Mar-13	Resource Management: Energy	20130321-041	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a comparative report evaluating the performance of both Texas and national public utilities that are governed in whole or in part by an independent board , both individually and with respect to Austin Energy's performance and policy goals. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	On February 14, 2013, City Council passed Resolution 20130214-046 directing the City Manager to "craft an ordinance that would create and define the powers and duties of an independent board of trustees"; The impending decision about transferring responsibilities to an external board would be one of the most significant in the utility's last 100 years and the decision needed to be undertaken by utilizing the most recent, thorough data and information available. To that end, this resolution directed the City Manager to provide a report comparing Austin Energy to other municipal utilities managed at least in part by an independent board, both in Texas and those of similar size across the nation.
25-Apr-13	Resource Management: Energy	20130425-064	Approve an ordinance amending the community benefit charge schedule of Ordinance No. 20120607-055 to define eligibility criteria for the Austin Energy customer assistance program . Related to Item #65. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Customer Assistance Program (CAP) funds programs to help qualifying low income and other disadvantaged residential customers, including bill discounts, payment assistance, and free weatherization services. and is available to residential customers who receive assistance from the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), the Travis County Hospital District Medical Assistance Program (MAP), the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI), Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or the Telephone Lifeline Program. CEAP, MAP, SSI, Medicaid and SNAP recipients will be given priority for program funding, followed by CHIP and then Telephone Lifeline recipients.

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24-Oct-13	Resource Management: Energy	20131034-053	Approve a resolution amending the Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan to 2020 to specify a goal for the portion of solar generation that will be local distributed solar projects. (Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Bill Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In April 2012, City Council appointed a Local Solar Advisory Committee (LSAC) consisting of experts from nonprofits, businesses, business associations, and city commissioners, among others. The Local Solar Advisory Committee recommended adopting a new 400MW goal; distinguishing local solar goals into specific types: residential, commercial, and large local (including utility-owned community solar and utility-contracted projects like the Webberville solar project); and phasing out the upfront rebate for residential solar projects over time as the price of solar becomes more competitive. Austin Energy and their consultants have analyzed the Local Solar Advisory Committee recommendations and concluded that achieving 400MW is technically feasible, but there remain disagreements about how to compare the cost of achieving that goal to other sources of energy. City Council's commitment to developing a local solar program has contributed to the growth of many local jobs in solar manufacturing and installations, and establishing a local solar goal will provide some of the certainty needed for continued investment and sustainability of a local solar industry until further discussions regarding comparable costs will occur. This resolution amends the Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan to specify that 50% of the previously adopted 200 megawatt goal will be local solar, and at least 25% of the 200 megawatt goal will be local customer-owned solar. It also recommends that the City Manager consider using the LSAC recommendation to increase the overall solar goal to 400MW as a basis for future discussions.
6-Mar-14	Resource Management: Energy	20140306-024	Approve a resolution creating an Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force to examine and make recommendations regarding the 2014 update to Austin Energy's Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	As a followup to Generation Plan 2020 work, Austin Energy initiated public sessions to collect input and begin planning for the Generation Resource and Climate Protection Plan through 2024 (Generation Plan 2024). City Council believed that the Generation Plan 2024 would further benefit from recommendations from an independent body such as a Generation Resource Planning Task Force and to that end, this resolution outlined the structure and nature of representation of the task force, provided direction to make recommendations for the 2024 plan consistent with meeting or exceeding the goals established in the 2020 plan, and to issue its final report no later than June 30, 2014 to the Council Committee on Austin Energy. The resolution also included dissolution of the Task Force upon Council's adoption of an updated generation plan or on December 21, 2014, whichever occurs first.
12-Jun-14	Resource Management: Energy	20140612-057	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to plan for full cost recovery of Austin Energy line extensions , with an exemption for certain affordable housing, beginning October 1, 2014. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Recovering only partial fees for line extensions shifts those costs to other ratepayers. The Electric Utility Commission recommended 100 percent cost recovery for line extension, with an exemption for certain affordable housing. This resolution directs the city manager to plan for full cost recovery with an affordable housing exemption.
12-Jun-14	Resource Management: Energy	20140612-069	Approve a resolution supporting the rules published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on June 2, 2014 to control greenhouse gas pollution from power plants in the United States. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	According to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is comprised of the world's leading climate scientists, greenhouse gas emissions need to be cut by at least 80% from 1990 levels by 2050 to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The Clean Air Act gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to regulate emissions of greenhouse gases. This resolution supports the EPA rules published on June 2, 2014 to control greenhouse gas pollution from power plants in the United States.

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28-Aug-14	Resource Management: Energy	20140828-095	Approve a resolution adopting a policy to promote energy conservation by establishing standard temperature settings during summer months in all City office buildings. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	This resolution adopts a policy to promote energy conservation and establishes a standard for thermostat settings for cooling during summer months in all City office buildings that meets or exceeds the Texas Facilities Commission standard, except in those justifiable circumstances when doing so would be operationally impractical.
28-Aug-14	Resource Management: Energy	20140828-158	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create policies which increase energy efficiency program offerings for low income and low-moderate income customers , and creating a Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	The 2014 Austin Generation Task Force report recommended that City Council set a new energy efficiency goal for saving energy among the "under deserved population," low and moderate-income customers. This resolution directed the City Manager to implement a planning process to evaluate recommendations of the 2009 and 2014 Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Forces and to develop program changes, including potential increases of the energy efficiency demand reduction goal, establishing energy efficiency programs, and funding levels for equitable, effective program offerings for Austin Energy's customers, with particular emphasis on low income and low-moderate income households.
20-Nov-14	Resource Management: Energy	20141120-099	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to engage an independent consumer advocate to represent the interests of residential, small business, and house of worship customers leading up to and throughout the next electric rate review process . (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The setting of electric rates requires highly technical expertise that is not necessarily available to certain classes of customers. This resolution directs the City Manager to engage a consumer advocate to represent the underserved classes as had been directed under City Council adopted Ordinance 20120607-055, and to engage the Council Committee on Austin Energy in developing the scope, budget and work schedule for the advocate.
20-Nov-08	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	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.
19-Nov-09	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	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.
22-Sep-11	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	20110922-051	Approve an ordinance naming the property known as the Ivanhoe Tract , generally located north of RM 2222, between Loop 360 and FM 620, as the Kent Butler Ecological Reserve, and waiving the applicable requirements of Chapter 14-1 of the City Code related to naming this property the Kent Butler Ecological Reserve. (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member William Spelman CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The City of Austin invests money in the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land for endangered species habitat preservation and natural resource protection. Kent Butler was instrumental in establishing the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) which encompasses over 29,000 acres of preserve. Mr. Butler passed away on May 13, 2011, and this ordinance names a portion of that preserve in his honor to commemorate his service to our community.

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26-Apr-12	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	20120426-076	Approve a resolution directing the city manager to work with city staff and the Urban Forestry Board to develop a pilot program using the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund to identify, maintain, and preserve prominent trees along transit corridors and in the urban core. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	Mitigation is required when a tree is authorized to be removed under the city code. Part of the mitigation requirements includes funds that are provided to the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund. Additionally, when public trees are damaged or removed or a donation is made, funds are distributed to the Planting for the Future Fund. There are many purposes identified in the designations of these funds; however, the key purpose is often the planting of new trees. During drought conditions and months that are traditionally drier, planting new trees may not be the best way to enhance the urban canopy due to unfavorable conditions for new trees to thrive. This resolution asks the Urban Forestry Board to consider and make recommendations on a program to direct mitigation funds for ongoing tree maintenance to preserve the urban canopy, especially during drought conditions.
13-Dec-12	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	20121213-097	Approve a resolution declaring 2013 as the Year of Food Waste Prevention and Food Recovery in Austin, Texas , and direct the City Manager to request all relevant City Departments, particularly Austin Resource Recovery and Health and Human Services Department to participate in a stakeholder process to explore ways that Austin can become a national leader in food recovery. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food Recovery Hierarchy is to first reduce and prevent waste through effective food ordering and handling procedures, secondly to direct appropriate food surplus to people and animals, and lastly to direct remaining leftovers to industrial uses and compost. Development of efforts to recover food surplus will further align the City's actions with its goals from Imagine Austin and the Zero Waste Plan, among others. This resolution declares 2013 as the Year of Food Waste Prevention and Food Recovery in Austin, and directs staff from all relevant city departments to participate in a stakeholder process to develop education, awareness and actions to help Austin become a national leader in food recovery.
16-Oct-14	Resource Management: Green Infrastructure	20141016-029	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report to the City Council with legal options to address Council concerns regarding proposed road projects located within the Barton Springs Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, including State Highway 45 Southwest. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	As part of an ongoing effort to protect an environmentally sensitive area, endangered species, and the Balcones Canyon Preserve Program partnership with Travis County from the construction of the proposed State Highway 45 SW across Flint Ridge Cave, the City Council directed the City Manager to explore legal options available to the City regarding proposed highway projects located over the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones.

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6-Aug-09	Resource Management: Water	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>
27-Aug-09	Resource Management: Water	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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
19-Nov-09	Resource Management: Water	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>

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28-Jul-11	Resource Management: Water	20110728-110	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to determine the costs of postponing completion of Water Treatment Plant 4 for five years and for ten years, relative to the costs of on-time completion, and to halt further issuances of Notices to Proceed for construction of Water Treatment Plant 4 until these cost estimates have been provided to the Council and the public (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Extreme drought conditions underscore the need to use available water wisely by improving and expanding conservation and reclamation efforts, and by preventing and reducing distribution losses. At the same time, demand for water is considerably lower than previously forecasted by the utility and well within current treatment capacity. Construction of Water Treatment Plant 4 was undertaken with funds that would otherwise be available to support conservation, reclamation, and distribution improvements, and postponing completion of that plant could make available additional funding to support these improvements. This resolution directs the City Manager to determine the approximate costs associated with postponing completion of Water Treatment Plant 4, while recognizing the substantial progress that has occurred on the plant.
18-Aug-11	Resource Management: Water	20110818-077	Approve a resolution directing the Resource Management Commission (RMC) to provide a briefing to Council, with assistance from community resources if it chooses, on the topic of water conservation and reuse during the August 25th Council meeting. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	In the midst of one of the worst droughts in state history, it is important to reflect on and assess the city's policies concerning water conservation. This resolution directs the Resource Management Commission to provide a briefing to Council on the state of these policies to begin a policy dialogue.
22-Sep-11	Resource Management: Water	20110922-052	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with a Joint Subcommittee of the Resource Management Commission, Water and Wastewater Commission and Impact Fee Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for a tiered, progressive Revenue Stability fee structure and short and long-term financial plans to strengthen the financial stability of Austin Water Utility. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>Weather changes result in significant revenue volatility for the Austin Water Utility. Because the majority of Austin Water Utility costs are fixed, the operational budget of the utility is highly susceptible to this revenue volatility. As part of the FY 2012 Annual Budget, the water utility recommended the establishment of the Revenue Stability Fund, a reserve fund, to mitigate the impacts of revenue fluctuations due to weather changes.</p> <p>This fixed Revenue Stability Fee is regressive, whereby low-water users absorb a higher percentage increase to their water bill than high-water users, and thus is a disincentive to water conservation. The intent of this resolution is to establish a graduated, progressively-based Revenue Stability Fee which increases with water usage as a means to further encourage water conservation.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to work with a joint subcommittee of the Resource Management Commission, the Water and Waster Commission, and the Impact Fee Advisory commission to address the Revenue Stability Fee and other short-term and long-term financial policies to strengthen the financial stability of the water utility.</p>
12-Jan-12	Resource Management: Water	20120112-063	Approve a resolution extending the deadline for the City Manager and the Joint Subcommittee of the Resource Management Commission, the Water and Wastewater Commission, and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee to present recommendations for short-term and long-term financial plans to strengthen the financial stability of the Austin Water Utility , and clarifying and expanding the scope of the original resolution passed September 1, 2011. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	The City Council directed the City Manager to work with a Joint Subcommittee of the Resource Management Commission, the Water and Wastewater Commission, and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for short-term and long-term financial plans to strengthen the financial stability of the Austin Water Utility, while continuing the city's goals of ensuring affordability of water rates and increasing water conservation. This resolution extends the deadline for the joint committee to complete its work and provides additional policy direction.

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27-Sep-12	Resource Management: Water	20120927-088	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to submit comments, supporting analysis, and the professional opinion from the Watershed Protection Department staff to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the scientific factual basis for the proposed listing to protect the Austin Blind and the Jollyville Plateau Salamanders under the Endangered Species Act no later than October 22, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services have proposed to include the Austin Blind Salamander and the Jollyville Plateau Salamander as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The proposed critical habitat for these species lie wholly and almost wholly (respectively) within the City of Austin jurisdiction. These species have been researched and monitored by City experts within the Watershed Department for many years. This resolution directs the City Manager to provide relevant information and professional opinions to U.S. FWS on the proposed listing that are prepared by the technical staff within the Watershed Protection Department.
23-May-13	Resource Management: Water	20130523-074	Approve a resolution declaring the second Saturday in August for Barton Springs Fest , providing a half day free swimming and celebration at Barton Springs by all interested persons and renew the City's commitment to work with the citizens of Austin to protect Barton Springs and the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	On August 8, 1992 Austin voters overwhelmingly approved the citizen-initiated Save Our Springs (SOS) Water Quality Ordinance to protect Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer ecosystem. While much progress has been made in those protections, the quality and quantity of Barton Springs flows have been diminished over the last twenty-years, and much work remains to be done to assure that Barton Springs and the Aquifer are protected into the future. This resolution creates the Barton Springs Fest, the brainchild of the SOS Alliance, as an annual event at Barton Springs Pool to commemorate the passage of the SOS ordinance by providing education about the natural and cultural value of Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer, as well as raising awareness about the importance of protecting the springs.
26-Sep-13	Resource Management: Water	20130926-083	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to limit any utility service cut-off for nonpayment to electric service only . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	When an Austin Energy customer is disconnected for late or nonpayment, under certain circumstances their water is also disconnected. Prior to 1988, the City of Austin did not disconnect water service for late or nonpayment. Access to safe drinking water is essential to human health and adequate sanitation. This resolution directs the City Manager to propose options to curtail disconnection of residential water service for late or non-payment of utility bills.
27-Mar-14	Resource Management: Water	20140327-039	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to analyze and report to Council the costs and timelines for a variety of short- and long-term water-related capital projects and funding options available. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Due to ongoing historic drought conditions that may be part of a long-term, multi-year drought cycle Council directed the City Manager to provide a comparative analysis of a variety of alternative water source options, including short, mid, and long-range needs, and the costs, reservation options, funding options, and planning timelines associated with each. It further directed the alternative water sources should include, but not be limited to, conservation, regional transmission systems and partnerships, groundwater, aquifer storage, as well as other potential sources in the region and to report back to Council within 60 days.

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7-Aug-14	Resource Management: Water	20140807-090	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a schedule for implementation of certain key recommendations of the Water Resource Planning Task Force no later than September 25, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole	In 2014 the City Council created the Water Resource Planning Task Force to examine and make recommendations regarding any alternative water sources including, but not limited to, conservation, reuse, regional transmission systems and partnerships, groundwater, aquifer storage, as well as other potential sources in the region consistent with the goals and provisions of the Imagine Austin Plan. Their final report recommended that the City of Austin take immediate actions to mitigate the impact of ongoing drought and to catalyze investment in a water-resilient and water-efficient economy and focus on local opportunities to enhance Austin's water supplies, including code revisions to facilitate commercial/industrial water reuse and rainwater capture and infiltration. This resolution directs the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a schedule for implementation of certain key recommendations of the Water Resource Planning Task Force.
7-Aug-14	Resource Management: Water	20140807-108	Approve a resolution supporting the proposed rule defining Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act , urging the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to adopt the proposed rule, and directing the City Manager to submit written comments to the proposed rule. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a clarifying rulemaking to restore protection for streams and wetlands previously protected under the Clean Water Act, safeguarding water quality in the nation's waters, protecting jobs in businesses that depend on clean water and safeguarding drinking water for one in three Americans. The City of Austin Water Utility and Watershed Protection have a vested interest in protecting the quality and quantity of our headwater streams in the Austin area. This resolution supports the proposed rule defining Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act, urging the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to adopt the proposed rule, and directing the City Manager to submit written comments to the proposed rule.
11-Dec-14	Resource Management: Water	20141211-119	Approve a resolution creating the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force and further directing the City Manager to hire a consultant to assist in the development of a Integrated Water Resource Plan. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	With the continueing drought and increasing area populations, the City Council created the Water Resource Planning Task Force to examine and make recommendations regarding any alternative water sources including, but not limited to, conservation, reuse, regional transmission systems and partnerships, groundwater, aquifer storage, as well as other potential sources in the region. Among their key recommendations was the development of an Integrated Water Resource Plan and Independent Conservation Assessment and exploration of different approaches beyond the Utility's current financial model and to conduct an independent assessment of water conservation. This resolution directed the City Manager to hire a consultant to support the Integrated Water Resource Plan process with a commitment to and expertise in water conservation and efficiency, water reuse, distributed and decentralized water systems, sustainable water resource planning, and alternative water utility financial models. It further clarifies the Water Resource Planning Task Force is created to support the Integrated Water Resource Plan and its members represent a diverse and balanced representation of a broad range of customers, environmental/conservation community, builders, and recreational users and the City Manager is to provide reasonable and necessary resources and technical assistance to the group. The Task Force group is also directed to include department ex officio, non-voting members from the Office of Innovation, Sustainability, Water Utility, Austin Energy, Watershed and Development Review, Solid Waste Services, Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

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22-Oct-09	Resource Recovery Management	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.
24-Jun-10	Resource Recovery Management	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.
21-Apr-11	Resource Recovery Management	20110421-053	Authorize negotiation of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for the promotion and implementation of Zero Waste; direct the City Manager to bring the Interlocal Agreement back to Council for authorization of execution after review by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member William Spelman CO 2: Council Member Sheryl Cole)	The Solid Waste Advisory Commission recommended to the City Council to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the purpose of developing an Austin-Travis County Zero Waste Plan compatible with the Austin Zero Waste Strategic Plan. This resolution directs the City Manager to negotiate such an agreement with the county and bring it back for council consideration.
26-Jan-12	Resource Recovery Management	20120126-049	Approve an ordinance amending Section 2-1-182 of the City Code to change the name and revise the duties of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission . (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution changes the name of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission and expands its duties to include providing assistance to the City Council to protect the Public Health and quality of the environment through efficient collection, recycling, and disposal of municipal solid waste.
11-Dec-14	Resource Recovery Management	20141211-128	Approve a resolution initiating code amendments related to recycling requirements for construction and demolition projects and directing the City Manager to consider the recommendations proposed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission, stakeholders, and staff. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member William Spelman)	A goal of the City's adopted Zero Waste Strategic Plan is to reduce waste sent to the landfill by 90% by 2040. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality estimates that construction material accounts for at least 20 percent of that waste. With this resolution the Council initiated specific amendments to Title 25 to improve construction and demolition materials recycling.
23-Jul-09	Social Services	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.
22-Oct-09	Social Services	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.

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23-Jun-11	Social Services	20110623-098	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate Social Services contracts for fiscal year 2012-2013 using the scoring matrix and scores for the Social Services Request for Proposals based on the modified 70% funding option recommended by staff to the Council Public Health and Human Services Committee, explore funding option outside the Request for Proposals process for certain other offerors, and extend current Social Services contracts through September 30, 2012. (SPONSOR: Council Member Randi Shade CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison) Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Committee.	This resolution directs the City Manager to allocated funding for the city's Social Services contracts based on the recommendations from the Public Health and Human Services Committee. The resolution also provides direction to consider funding options for Austin Travis County Integral Care and the Center for Child Protection outside of the Social Services budget.
6-Oct-11	Social Services	20111006-055	Approve an ordinance ending the no-contact period for RFP# WDJ004 Social Services Contracting .(SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The Council changed the social service allocation process to match the requirements of standard procurement processes, such as general city contracting. Questions arose concerning who could contact Council to express support for various social service providers. Individuals felt uncomfortable reaching out to Council members for fear of disqualifying deserving entities that provide necessary resources for our community. Because the Council uses public input to effectively allocate funds to meet community needs, this ordinance ends the no-contact period for this particular solicitation. Future action will address this confusion for subsequent funding processes.
10-Nov-11	Social Services	20111110-069	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare recommendations and provide funding strategies for an interlocal agreement with Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) in order to support additional mental health services from ATCIC. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The City of Austin and Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) have long-standing agreements to jointly plan and coordinate essential mental health and development disability services. However, the city recently adjusted its procurement process for Social Services, which severely limited this coordination. This resolution directs the City Manager to provide options for funding strategies for a new Interlocal agreement with ATCIC that allows the two entities to work together.
24-May-12	Social Services	20120524-086	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop and implement a pilot program to study House Bill 216 Homes for the elderly and disabled and to report by September 30, 2012 recommendations on fiscal, logistical, and policy components of a program implementing and maintaining local regulation of such homes. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	<p>HB 216 relates to the local regulation of certain establishments that provide housing and at least one additional qualifying service for elderly or disabled persons. In October 2009, the City Council directed the City Manager to assess the state-adopted model standards for local regulation of such homes and to recommend a potential program for Austin to implement to improve safety for such residents.</p> <p>Over the last couple years, city staff has actively sought input from and coordinated frequent discussions with a variety of stakeholders about concerns and options. Because the majority of these homes are believed to be unlicensed, the City lacks adequate data for program planning and cost projections.</p> <p>This resolution directs the City Manager to develop and implement a pilot program utilizing existing resources to identify and assess relevant data for a random city-wide sample of currently operating facilities that meet definitions in HB 216.</p>
1-Nov-12	Social Services	20121101-039	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to seek input from interested community stakeholders regarding desirable components of an integrated emergency tenant displacement response plan for rental residents and to communicate the plan once finalized to applicable constituencies. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Situations arise whereby tenants of multifamily residential developments are displaced due to unsafe conditions. City staff are currently developing a coordinated disaster response plan to serve individuals and families in these situations. This resolution directs the City Manager to enhance input from community stakeholders in development of this plan and to ensure communication to all parties after the plan has been developed.

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8-Nov-12	Social Services	20121108-098	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to evaluate the potential for early termination by mutual agreement of the lease at 2818 San Gabriel Street to the Arc of the Capital Area , to assess potential city uses for the site, and to quantify the public benefit to the City of its taking occupancy of 2818 San Gabriel Street before expiration of the existing lease. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Arc of the Capital Area serves over 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities annually. The Arc's lease of City property under responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department at 2818 San Gabriel is set to expire in 2015. It may be mutually agreeable to terminate the lease early. This resolution directs the City Manager to evaluate potential departmental uses for the property and potential benefit to the City for early termination.
20-Jun-13	Social Services	20130620-059	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to present options for funding the Congregate Meals Program that provides free meals for senior citizens through the end of the fiscal year, and determine if next fiscal year's allocation to the Capital Area Council of Governments for this purpose can be increased to maintain current levels of service. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Meals on Wheels and More Congregate Meals Program provides approximately 70,000 meals to seniors. As a result of sequestration and other factors Meals on Wheels and More was no longer able to subsidize the program funding for approximately 15,000 meals. This resolution directs the city manager to identify options for funding the program through the end of the fiscal year.
22-Aug-13	Social Services	20130822-084	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA VetCorps members to the City of Austin . (Sponsor: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a national service program designed to fight poverty through the utilization of VISTA members who commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency for capacity and sustainability building initiatives that deal with community issues like literacy, health services, economic development, neighborhood building, and more. The University of Texas manages the VISTAS logistics. Austin has been selected as a host city for the VetCorps project being conducted by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in partnership with the National Guard Bureau's Prevention, Treatment and Outreach Program with funding assistance from the Corporation for National Community Service. VetCorps VISTA members will work with the City of Austin to provide support to veterans and military families. This resolution directs the City Manager to execute an agreement with UT for assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA VetCorps members to the City of Austin.
29-Aug-13	Social Services	20130829-073	Approve a resolution endorsing the expansion of the African America Men and Boys Harvest Foundation Programs and to increase the city financial contribution. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The African American Men and Boys Conference began in 2006 as a special project designed to provide resources, information, and support for developing a more self-sufficient African American community and was incorporated as the African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) in 2007 to build upon the already successful grassroots efforts to improve quality of life in the African American community by increasing awareness of college and career pathways. AAYHF identified specific outputs and performance measures that will result from the increased funding. This resolution endorses the expansion and increase in city funding.

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12-Jun-14	Social Services	20140612-071	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an item for consideration during the fiscal year 2014-15 budget process to fund a position with a partner community organization and explore a partnership with Travis County to fund, coordinate and facilitate significant Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach and enrollment, and provide options for the City to facilitate the establishment of effective technology and outreach for use of SNAP, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) at various retail and farm stand locations. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has proven to be a federal nutrition program that effectively lifts many persons out of poverty and has a 1.79 local economic multiplier effect. The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program targets low-income, nutritionally at risk populations and provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is associated with WIC, and provides fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables to WIC participants. In 2011, only 57 percent of eligible persons in Travis County enrolled in SNAP resulting in a loss of \$169,304,251 in federal SNAP benefits and a loss of \$303,054,609 of economic activity to Travis County that year. Direct outreach and application assistance to residents eligible for SNAP has proven to significantly increase SNAP enrollment, This resolution directs the City Manager to prepare an item for consideration during the fiscal year 2014-15 budget process to fund a position with a partner community organization and explore a partnership with Travis County to fund, coordinate and facilitate significant SNAP outreach and enrollment, and provide options for the City to facilitate the establishment of effective technology and outreach for use of SNAP, WIC and FMNP at various retail and farm stand locations.
26-Jun-14	Social Services	20140626-151	Approve a resolution adopting a resolution of the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and the Travis County Commissioner's Court supporting efforts to provide financial and other assistance to the Family Resource Centers , directing the City Manager to identify funding available to assist with critical short-term and long-term needs of the centers, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement addressing the centers' short-term financial needs. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Family Resource Centers provide comprehensive, wraparound support services for at-risk families on Austin Independent School District ("AISD") campuses and there are critical short-term as well as long-term funding needs to continue the work of the Centers, with some being at risk of imminent closure. This resolution adopts a recommendation from the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and the Travis County Commissioner's Court supporting efforts to provide financial and other assistance to the Family Resource Centers.
7-Aug-14	Social Services	20140807-099	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore options for funding for the Austin Youth River Watch Program and report the options to Council as part of budget presentations. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	The Austin Youth River Watch (AYRW) Program was created in the early 1990s to mentor high school students and teaches students to collect and track water quality data while also learning leadership skills and being encouraged to stay in school. The data collected is used by the city to track pollutant levels in creeks and rivers and is used by the Lower Colorado River Authority to monitor water quality in Austin's rivers. Historically this program has been funded by Austin Water Utility (AWU), but given severe budget cuts in AWU this resolution directs the City Manager to explore other options for funding for the Austin Youth River Watch Program.
20-Nov-14	Social Services	20141120-094	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to allocate \$1 million of funding from the Health and Human Services Department approved during the fiscal year 2014-15 budget process and to redirect \$250,000 from the Health and Human Services Planning Fund to the social service contracts that will go into effect on September 1, 2015, and to incorporate an additional \$1 million in funding for social service contracts in proposed budgets that will be submitted for Council consideration beginning in Fiscal Year 2016-17. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution reallocations funding to address ever-present and increasing unmet needs for social services in the community.

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20-Nov-14	Social Services	20141120-095	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create a stakeholder process to make recommendations regarding future social service Request For Application processes and to identify existing funding and service gaps. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution directs the City Manager to create a stakeholder process to move forward with lessons learned from the recent request for application processes for social service contracts.
11-Dec-14	Social Services	20141211-114	Approve a resolution adopting a funding metric policy to be used in preparing future proposed budgets for the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) and social service contracts, and adopting a three to five year goal and implementation plan for increasing the funding of HHSD and social service contracts. (SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	In June 2014 Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations regarding whether current funding levies for the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) and social service contracting were sufficient to meet the community's needs with the direction including a study of best practices and funding levels for those services in peer cities. The resulting study identified Austin as having the lowest investment of budget funding (2.0%) compared to Denver (.7%), San Antonio (6.6%), San Francisco (11.1%) and Seattle (3.6%). Further HHSD staff identified a \$15 million funding gap for social service contract based on previously unfunded requests and \$41 million gap based on a calculation of the current cost per service of \$210 per the 198,207 currently unserved low income individuals in the City of Austin. This resolution established a budget policy that requires the City Manager to develop, as part of the annual budget process for Council consideration, an annual increase to existing social service and workforce development contracts in an amount equal to, or great than, increases in the Consumer Price Index and an annual increase for the HHSD in an amount equal to, or greater than, the annual percent increase of population growth. Council further directed investing of \$15,763,307 of additional funding for social service contracts and investing \$12,840,870 in the HHSD within 3-5 years, and development of an implementation plan to Council no later than May 1, 2015.
25-Feb-10	Technology	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)	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. Visit this website to see the official response by the City of Austin: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/bigbig/
26-Jan-12	Technology	20120126-052	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to implement a pilot program using Quick Response Codes to provide information about City projects and operations to citizens. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	In an effort to keep pace with rapidly changing Technology, this resolution directs the City Manager to begin a pilot program for implementing the use of QR codes within various city departments and report back to the Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Committee to report findings.

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27-Sep-12	Technology	20120927-084	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore options for funding and expanding the existing annual agreement with Austin Technology Council and if funding is found, negotiate, and execute an amendment to the Austin Technology Education Labs Pilot Proposal, with expanded requirements, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The Austin Technology Council is a trade and service organization that serves as an important community portal into Technology companies which create the innovation landscape of the city and are key to economic opportunity. There is an opportunity to expand the current partnership between ATC and the City by enhancing services in the community with the Austin Technology Education Labs Pilot proposal. This resolution directs the City Manager to explore possible funding opportunities for this expansion.
22-Aug-13	Technology	20130822-083	Approve a resolution adopting certain criteria for creating a list of proposed public or non-profit sites to receive free Google Fiber broadband Internet service ; directing the City Manager to include that criteria when reviewing and assessing applications for the sites, and establishing a process and an intended timeline for creating the list of sites. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	On April 9, 2013 Google announced its plans to bring high-speed broadband Google Fiber to Austin residents, building a network with Internet speeds of one gigabit per second. Google agreed to provide broadband Internet services through its fiber network free of charge until 2023, to 100 sites, primarily public or non-profit facilities, in the City of Austin that provide access and services directly to Austinites through what is being called the Community Connections program. The City is responsible for creating the list of proposed sites and this resolution adopts the criteria for reviewing and assessing Community Connections applications for proposed public or non-profit sites to receive free Google Fiber.
12-Dec-13	Technology	20131212-070	Approve a resolution adopting the proposed public and non-profit sites for the Google Fiber Community Connection Program . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley)	Google announced plans to bring Google High Speed Fiber to Austin residents and has agreed to provide broadband internet services free of charge until 2023 to City Hall, the new Central Library and up to 100 sites, primarily public and non-profit facilities to create the Community Connections program. With the City responsible for creating the list of proposed sites, selection criteria and a process was established that included the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (CTTC) and Council's Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Committee (ETT). This resolution presents the ETT recommended selection list of public and non-profit facilities for adoption and establishes a process for replacement facilities if a selected candidate does not get implemented.
27-Feb-14	Technology	20140227-049	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore expanding the existing annual agreement with Austin Technology Council to include the Austin Tech Partnership, which is a proposed enhanced community engagement service. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Austin is a critical partner and community portal to the Central Texas technology corridor and the Austin Technology Council (ATC) is the region's most significant non-profit technology trade and service organization. This resolution recognizes the benefit of partnering in making the City a top tier innovation destination, positioning the City to lead global competition in developing a public private partnership to sustain and enhance the economic benefits of innovation and technology ecosystems. It further directs the City Manager to explore the expansion of the existing agreement with ATC to include the Austin Tech Partnership for 2014 and future budget years and to develop performance measures and evaluate program costs for the Austin Tech Partnership.

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20-Mar-14	Technology	20140320-056	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (CTTC) and other relevant Commissions, community organizations and stakeholders to develop a Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan and bring back to Council for consideration by October 23, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	Because digital engagement is now a requirement to fully participate in many elements of society including education, health care, civic engagement, job opportunities and social connections, the City Council recognizes the importance of building digital communities and achieving a vision of digital inclusion for all residents. This resolution identifies key resources to serve as the foundation toward the development of a Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan and directs the City Manager to work with the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (CTTC) and other relevant commissions, community organizations and stakeholders to develop a plan to address access and adoption of digital technology in our community. The City Manager is directed to present the proposed Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan to the CTTC, the Council's Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Committee (ETT) and to the City Council for consideration by October 23, 2014.
1-May-14	Technology	20140501-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to address digital inclusion , which deals with community-wide access to and adoption of digital technology, in the recommendation for the 2014 annual update to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan . (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell)	Council initiated an effort to develop a Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan to address access and adoption of digital technology, intending it to serve as a guiding document for providing digital inclusion opportunities and to contribute to the City's goals of ensuring all Austin residents are served and have access to digital technology opportunities. The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan serves as a roadmap for shaping the future of Austin and documents the community's vision for the next 30 years, including promoting the prosperity of all, which is one of six key noted challenges, but as yet does not address digital inclusion. This resolution directs the city manager to work with the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to identify opportunities to incorporate digital inclusion into the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan in anticipation of the 2014 annual update recommendations to be brought to Council for consideration.
28-Aug-14	Technology	20140828-094	Approve a resolution adopting two replacement sites for the Google Fiber Community Connections Program . (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Google has agreed to provide broadband Internet services through its fiber network free of charge until 2023 to 100 sites, primarily public or non-profit facilities in the City of Austin that provide access and services directly to Austinites through what is being called the Community Connections program. This resolution adopts two new sites to replace two sites that had a change in their status.
18-Jun-09	Transportation	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.

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27-May-10	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.
4-Aug-11	Transportation	20110804-022	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with residents of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood to pursue recognition of the Tejano Healthy Walking and Tejano Music Legends Trails as a National Recreational Trail by the United States Secretary of the Interior. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	The East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood developed the Tejano Healthy Walking and Tejano Music Legends Trails as a means to preserve historic and cultural amenities in the neighborhood while also encouraging walking as an active, healthy mode of Transportation and recreation. This resolution directs the City Manager to pursue recognition of this work by the United States Secretary of the Interior.
6-Oct-11	Transportation	20111006-053	Approve an ordinance implementing a Parking Benefits District Program. (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley CO 1: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	This ordinance provides the process for establishment and management of parking benefit districts, whereby metered parking spaces are introduced in an area to help manage parking concerns and the proceeds go to infrastructure investments in the neighborhood.
26-Jan-12	Transportation	20120126-042	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide recommendations for implementation and enforcement strategies for a \$100.00 taxicab clean-up fee and to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the fee. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	When a passenger in a taxicab has an accident that sullies the vehicle, the driver must go out-of-service to properly clean the cab.This resolution directs the City Manager to provide a recommendation on a taxicab clean-up fee that could be assessed to the individual that caused the situation.
26-Apr-12	Transportation	20120426-080	Approve a resolution endorsing the East 51st Vision Plan in principle and directing the City Manager to bring forward a list of potential action items to implement its recommendations. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	East 51st Street is a prominent border of the Mueller community and represents an important transition to the established Windsor Park neighborhood to the north. In the spring of 2011, Catellus Austin LLC, the developers of the Mueller community, commissioned a consultant to undertake a planning and design process to establish a coordinated vision for East 51st Street between IH35 and Old Manor Road, where the street provides important frontage for both the Mueller and Windsor Park neighborhoods. This resolution adopts the recommendations of that plan and directs the City Manager to incorporate fiscal planning to carry out the goals.
27-Sep-12	Transportation	20120927-087	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to withdraw and later resubmit the City's amendment request to the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan related to State Highway 45 Southwest . (Sponsor: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	Upon adoption of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan in June 2012, the City Council directed to the City Manager to process a proposal for an amendment to the CAMPO regional Transportation plan to remove State Highway 45W, to be consistent with Imagine Austin. Staff followed this direction, but it was subsequently determined that current traffic modeling data is flawed. In order to be fully informed in decision making, this resolution directs the staff to withdraw the proposed amendment until such time as corrected modeling data is available.
13-Dec-12	Transportation	20121213-062	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to extend the parking cash out pilot program until a permanent program takes effect, and to implement a permanent program for city buildings in areas with managed parking by October 1, 2013. (Sponsor: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Parking cash out programs provide financial incentives to employees who forego their access to a work site parking space and find alternate commuting options. The City Council initiated a pilot parking cash out program for City employees at City Hall and the Faulk Central Library under Resolution 20110113-039. This resolution extends the pilot program through the end of FY 2012/2013 and directs the development of a permanent program beginning in the next fiscal year.

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7-Mar-13	Transportation	20130307-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore ridesharing regulations in peer cities and make recommendations by June 1, 2013. (Sponsor: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	New Technology applications are generating a variety of ridesharing business models that currently do not clearly address Public Safety issues and conflicts with existing ridesharing options. This resolution directs the City Manager to study and make recommendations to clarify and address concerns.
20-Jun-13	Transportation	20130620-055	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to assess the Public Health risk from the transport of hazardous materials through the City , determine an appropriate process and potential timeline in the event the City chooses to pursue a designated route for the transport of hazardous materials, and report back to the City Council on all findings. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	With the City's increasing density and population reaching thresholds that trigger Federal and State recognition to establish safe routes for hazardous materials on local highways, this resolution directs the City Manager to identify the appropriate process and timeline in anticipation of pursuing a designated route for the safe transport of hazardous materials through the City.
12-Dec-13	Transportation	20131212-076	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to communicate to relevant agencies the City's concerns about the construction of MoPac sound wall #3 north of Bullard Drive; to re-poll eligible individuals about whether they are in favor of the construction of sound wall #3; and to report back to Council with poll results and an outline of available options related to sound wall #3. (SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	As part of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority's MoPac Improvement Project to build express lanes, the project provided for certain impacted neighborhoods to determine whether concrete sound walls would be a welcome benefit to mitigate vehicular noise from MoPac Expressway. While TxDOT and CTRMA community meetings provided extensive information about the proposed soundwalls the ballots provided eligible voters did not include specific details. Subsequent polling suggested less support with added information, thus Council directed the City Manager to communicate with TxDOT and CTRMA about concerns regarding construction of Soundwall #3, to repoll eligible individuals to measure support for the soundwall and report back to Council an outline of available options for consideration.
13-Feb-14	Transportation	20140213-046	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to communicate to the Texas Department of Transportation and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) that the City wishes to amend the interlocal agreement between the City and CTRMA to rescind authority to construct Sound Wall #3 of the MoPac Improvement Project in City right-of-way. (Sponsor: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	This resolution follows the earlier Council Resolution No. 20131212-076 directing the City Manager to re-poll adjacent property owners located near where TxDOT and CTRMA proposed construction of soundwall in public right-of-way. Re-polling confirmed a majority did not support the wall construction and staff concurred they would not have recommended its construction to CTRMA without support of affected property owners. The City manager was directed to communicate to TxDOT and CTRMA the city's desire to amend the Interlocal Agreement to rescind its approval for use of the City's right-of-way for the construction of a portion of Sound Wall #3 and to report back to Council with steps necessary to effect amendments to the Agreement.

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6-Mar-14	Transportation	20140306-025	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to consider the tenets of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, keep the community actively informed and engaged throughout the process, and keep as a priority improved east-west connectivity when discussing the potential alternatives for I-35 corridor improvements . (SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	TxDot in coordination with its transportation partners have been working to develop the Capital Area Improvement Program (CAIP) to improve vehicular flow along the I-35 corridor through Austin. The program calls for increased usage of existing frontage roads and closure of east/west vehicular bridges and underpasses that provide current east/west access across I-35 at St. John's Avenue, 38 1/2 St., 32nd St., Manor Road, 6th St. and Woodland Ave. This resolution recognizes that decreasing east/west connectivity necessitates traveling much longer distances to cross the corridor, increasing local per capita vehicle miles traveled and being in potential conflict with the City's Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to be compact, connected, and sustainable along with the CAIP's goals to improve east/west connectivity, compatibility with neighborhoods, and to enhance bicycle, pedestrian, and transit options. The City Manager is directed to consider the tenets of Imagine Austin and support I-35 alternatives in keeping with the compact and connected vision set forth in the plan and further directs to keep the community informed and engaged in discussing the alternatives, their impacts, and timelines associated with the project.
15-May-14	Transportation	20140515-031	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate a study to examine transportation issues that arise for areas around co-located and/or adjoining schools and to develop recommendations to address identified problems. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	Property with co-located and/or adjoining schools present especially challenging traffic, pedestrian, and child safety issues. The resolution directs the City Manager to study the transportation issues that arise for areas with co-located and/or adjoining schools and to work with school officials and parents to foster a collaborative effort to develop short and long-term recommendations to address any identified problems.

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15-May-14	Transportation	20140515-063	<p>Approve a resolution reaffirming the City's position that the proposed State Highway 45 Southwest toll road is not part of the future transportation network of Austin, reaffirming the City's opposition to SH45 SW, restating the City's support for full compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan, directing the City Manager to engage Texas Department of Transportation, CAMPO, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, and Travis and Hays Counties in a thorough analysis of alternatives, directing the City Manager to evaluate transportation options, conduct environmental studies, review environmental practices, and report findings to Council within 90 days. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)</p>	<p>State Highway 45 Southwest (SH 45 SW) is a proposed highway project presenting significant environmental and financial jeopardy for the City without providing clear benefit for the investment. The segment is currently planned to cross a significant critical environmental feature called Flint Ridge Cave, a unique and important aspect of the City and County's joint Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) which was established to preserve and protect biologically significant natural areas and species by providing acreage of preserve areas in exchange for habitat loss due to development. The cave is also part of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, having a large surface catchment area that studies indicate recharges in fewer than three days to Barton Springs, home of the protected Barton Springs salamander. The proposed segment would connect IH 35 to MoPac, converting MoPac from a local commuter highway serving Austin residents to a western Interstate Highway 35 alternate, adding significant traffic flow without comprehensive studies to anticipate additional financial impacts that may be incurred by making the connection. The Imagine Austin Comprehensive planning process removed the SH 45 SW highway segment from its plan and City Council has requested withdrawal of SH45 SW from the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to better align with the comprehensive plan's goals. With this resolution City Council reaffirmed its position that the proposed SH45 SW is not part of the future transportation network of Austin and is opposed to the construction of this segment of highway. The Council also confirmed its support for full compliance with the requirements of the BCCP and Endangered Species Act and protection of water quality and quantity in the Barton Springs Zone of the Edwards Aquifer in the construction and operation of all new highway projects and continued involvement as a "Partnering Agency" in the environmental review undertaken by TxDOT for construction of SH45 SW. This resolution also directed the City Manager to identify alternative transportation investments to improve commuting between northern Hays and far southern Travis counties and Central Austin while reducing total costs and environmental harm and impacts to MoPac commuting.</p>
28-Aug-14	Transportation	20140828-091	<p>Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to recommend to CTRMA, TxDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration that a non-elevated and non-tolled parkway design with minimal frontage roads be advanced as an option for full and fair consideration under the Environmental Impact Statement in the final design phases for the US 290/SH 71 Oak Hill Parkway project. (SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)</p>	<p>Since 2006, local citizens organized as "Fix 290" sought to replace TxDOT's proposed elevated tollway and parallel frontage roads through Oak Hill with a smaller footprint 'parkway' design through a critical 1.1 mile of US 290 between Williamson Creek and the "Y" intersection because of environmental concerns and the potential to significantly impact the cohesiveness of the community. At this point in the process the concept of a non-elevated option or a parkway is not being advanced but the federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not yet concluded. This resolution recommends to CTRMA, TxDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that a non-elevated and nontolled "parkway" design with minimal frontage roads be advanced as an option for full and fair consideration under the EIS in the final design phases for the US 290/SH 71 Oak Hill Parkway project.</p>

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2-Oct-14	Transportation	20141002-079	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to communicate to the Texas Department of Transportation the City's preference that the I-35 Modified Existing Alternative , also known as the elevated alternative, not proceed in the National Environmental Policy Act process. (SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	TxDOT's Mobility 35 process is studying I-35 from Georgetown to Buda in an effort to identify solutions to improve mobility, safety and connectivity challenges along the interstate corridor and included the participation of a local community group that provided recommendations for interstate improvements in the downtown area. This group's recommendation and general consensus in the community supports a "Depressed" alternative for the interstate as it crosses through the downtown area. With this resolution the City of Austin communicated its preference that the "Modified Existing" alternative, also known as the elevated alternative, not proceed in the National Environmental Policy Act, "NEPA" process.
16-Oct-14	Transportation	20141016-030	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a timeline and budget for improvements to Brodie Lane and report back to Council by November 20, 2014. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	Traffic on Brodie Lane has been increasing due to population growth and commuting habits of residents of Austin and Hays County. The Transportation Department has indicated operational improvements are needed on Brodie Lane to help improve traffic flow. This resolution directs the City Manager to develop a timeline and budget for improvements to Brodie Lane and report back to Council.
28-Jul-11	Workforce Development	20110728-106	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to require compliance with the City's 10 hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved safety training requirement for all construction workers and the 30 hour OSHA approved safety training requirement for all construction supervisors in the City's third party agreements, including but not limited to developer participation agreements, ground lease agreements, and other third party agreements. (SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution provides for policy direction needed to require city contractors to comply with the standards and principles of the City's OSHA Worker Safety Training Requirements, which include a mandatory 10 hour OSHA approved worker safety class and a 30 hour OSHA approved supervisor safety class (the "Safety Training Requirements").
20-Oct-11	Workforce Development	20111020-060	Approve a resolution to accept the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee of the City, Austin Independent School District, and Travis County to increase literacy, and authorize the Subcommittee to oversee the development and enhancement of programs that support increasing literacy rates and skills . (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 2: Council Member Kathie Tovo)	The City of Austin, Travis County, and the Austin Independent School District coordinate resources on topics that concern all three jurisdictions through a Joint Subcommittee. This resolution authorizes that subcommittee to oversee the development of working and advisory groups to assist in the creation of programs that support increasing literacy rates and skills.
3-Nov-11	Workforce Development	20111103-038	Approve a resolution requesting the City Manager prepare recommendations and provide funding strategies whereby the City of Austin may financially participate in the establishment of the Social Enterprise Complex , based on the Southwest Key Proposal and report back to Council no later than January 3, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Chris Riley)	This resolution directs the City Manager to prepare recommendations and provide funding strategies for the City of Austin to participate in the establishment of a Social Enterprises Complex that would allow Southwest Key to double the number of community members served through: a workforce resource center, a computer Technology center, job-readiness and life skills training; and job coaching and advanced training that includes vocational certification.

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22-Mar-12	Workforce Development	20120322-065	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a budget amendment for the April 5, 2012 Council Meeting transferring \$250,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund to the Health and Human Services Department Budget and begin negotiations with Southwest Key Programs to establish contracting principles and performance measures so that funds can be allocated as quickly as possible. (Sponsor: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison)	<p>The City Council previously adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare recommendations and provide funding strategies for the City of Austin to participate in the establishment of a Social Enterprises Complex, as proposed by Southwest Key Programs. The establishment of a Social Enterprises Complex would allow Southwest Key to double the number of community members served through: a workforce resource center, a computer Technology center, job-readiness and life skills training; and job coaching and advanced training that includes vocational certification.</p> <p>In a memorandum from city staff, the only available funding source to address council's request would be an allocation from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund. This resolution directs those funds to meet the city's target participation.</p>
24-May-12	Workforce Development	20120524-091	Approve an ordinance amending Resolution No. 021003-40 to make the 2012 Welcome Home Iraq Veterans Parade and Job and Resource Fair a City Co-sponsored event , waiving certain fees and requirements, and authorizing payment of certain costs for the event which will be held on June 16, 2012. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)	This ordinance designates the Welcome Home Iraqi Veterans Parade and Resource Fair as a one-time city co-sponsored event. This action recognizes the service of the veterans returning home from the Iraqi War and supports the event's mission to provide them resources as they return to civilian life.