

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

Meeting Date	Topic	Resolution/Ordinance	Agenda Posting Language	Summary
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. (Notes: SPONSOR: 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.
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. (Notes: SPONSOR: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council 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.

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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. (Notes: SPONSOR: 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.
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. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council 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. (Notes: SPONSOR: 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.
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.
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.

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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. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council 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	Resource Management: Energy	20130926-076 DRAFT	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 . (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Chris Riley, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member Laura Morrison)	In April of 2010, the City Council adopted the Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan to 2020 (the "Generation Plan") which establishes a general framework for investment in certain types of energy and emphasizes the City's continued commitment to invest in renewable energy. The Generation Plan includes an overall installed solar capacity goal of 200 megawatts (MW) and does not specify the location or character of the solar production. A City Council-appointed Local Solar Advisory Committee (LSAC) worked with Austin Energy staff and developed a set of recommendations aimed at cultivating a healthy local solar industry. The LSAC recommended distinguishing local utility-owned solar from local distributed solar goals in the Generation Plan. This resolution amends the Generation Plan to specify that at least 60 megawatts of the previously adopted 200 megawatt goal for solar generation will be local distributed solar projects.
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. (Notes: 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 (UHO) 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.
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. (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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 . (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura 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.
29-Aug-13	Social Services	20130829-073	Approve a resolution endorsing the expansion of the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation Programs and to increase the city financial contribution. (Notes: 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.
29-Aug-13	Parks & Open Space	20130829-076 DRAFT	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to identify potential site locations within the Austin Parks system for a monument to be donated to the City of Austin by House the Homeless, and to report recommendations to Council. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)	House the Homeless, with a mission of education and advocacy surrounding all issues of homelessness, will donate a sculptured monument to the City of Austin. This resolution directs the City Manager to work with stakeholders to identify potential site locations within the Austin Parks system.

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29-Aug-13		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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
22-Aug-13	Local Business	20130822-087 <u>DRAFT</u>	The City Manager is directed to enter into a nine month contract in the amount of \$50,000 to begin September 1, 2013, with the Austin Independent Business Alliance for managing and supporting IBIZ districts. (Sponsor: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member William Spelman)	The City of Austin has a history of supporting its locally owned, independent businesses and recognizes their cultural and economic importance to our community. For example, shopping at locally-owned businesses puts three times the dollars into our local economy compared to chain stores. Members of the Austin Independent Business Alliance (AIBA) represent more than 6,000 employees, making member companies collectively one of the top five employers in Austin. AIBA created IBIZ Districts which help market and promote local businesses. This resolution directs the City Manager to negotiate a contract with AIBA for management and support of IBIZ Districts.
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	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.
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.
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.
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.
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.(Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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.
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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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9-May-13	Land Use/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. (Notes: 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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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)

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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. (Notes: 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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Sponsor: 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 . (Sponsor: 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.
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..

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11-Apr-13	Land Use	20130411-040 DRAFT	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)	As part of the Council approved Downtown Austin Plan, the Downtown Density Bonus Program established the method by which the developer and community can equitably share the benefits of additional height and density above existing zoning limitations. It further clarifies CURE is no longer available as the means of achieving additional height or density. This code amendment is directed to align with another code amendment initiated with Resolution No. 20130328-031 so that both come to City Council on the same date.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
21-Mar-13	Labor Relations	20130321-043	Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-164 relating to the Municipal Civil Service Commission . (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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 consistent with current and relevant science, including, but not limited to the statement that women face an "increased risk of developing breast cancer after an induced abortion...". This resolution states that the Austin City Council supports and endorses 1) the State of Texas restoring full state funding of Women's Preventive Health and Family Planning Services to their levels prior to the 2011 budget cuts. 2) the Department of State Health Services include only unbiased, non-leading, scientifically founded information in the Women's Right to Know pamphlets. And amended the City of Austin's Legislative Program for the 83rd Legislature to support legislation that restores funding of Women's Preventive Health and Family Planning Services.
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.
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.
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.
28-Feb-13	Equality & Human Rights	20130228-034	Approve a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform . (Notes: 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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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 . (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Laura Morrison, Co-sponsor 2: Council Member William Spelman)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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. (Notes: 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.
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.

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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. (Sponsor: 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.
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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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).

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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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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 <i>not</i> 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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
1-Nov-12	Affordable Housing	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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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.
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.
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.
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.
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	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.
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.

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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	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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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 . (Notes: 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.
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.
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.
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.
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	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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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	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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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>

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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.
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.
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	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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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	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.
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.

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26-Apr-12	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.
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.
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 amphitheatres that are related to non-commercial uses the same as one that is related to commercial uses, including opportunities for public input.
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.
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.

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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 may 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>
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.
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.
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.
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>

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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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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	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.
1-Mar-12	Open 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.

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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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 . (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
12-Jan-12	Parks & Open Space	20120112-067	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to draft an Aquatic Facilities Comprehensive Master Plan . (Notes: 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.

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12-Jan-12	Families & Children	20120112-064	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager 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. (Notes: 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>
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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. (Notes: 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.
3-Nov-11	Good Government	20111103-043	Approve a resolution affirming City Council's intention to hold a charter amendment election in November 2012. (Notes: 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.
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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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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. (Notes: 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.
6-Oct-11	Social Services	20111006-055	Approve an ordinance ending the no-contact period for RFP# WDJ0004 Social Services Contracting. (Notes: 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.
6-Oct-11	Transportation	20111006-053	Approve an ordinance implementing a Parking Benefits District Program. (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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>
22-Sep-11	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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.(Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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.
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 (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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").
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
9-Jun-11	Open Government	20110609-042	Approve a resolution supporting H.R. 1746, the Community Access Preservation Act. (Notes: 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.

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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. (Notes: 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>
9-Jun-11	Residential Compatibility	20110609-039	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9-2 of the City Code relating to noise from refrigerated vehicles. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (Notes: 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.
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. (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

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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. (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.
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. (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.
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 . (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.
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.
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.
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.

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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>
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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>
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.

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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>
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.
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	20100805-029	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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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".
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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)	<p>In 2004, the Austin City Council moved forward on the path to health and wellness by forming the Mayor's Fitness Council Task Force with the mission of having Austin, Texas designated as the fittest city in the nation by the year 2010. As an unincorporated entity, the task force is not eligible for certain funding and grant opportunities. However, in March of 2009, the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit corporation was formed to help the taskforce fulfill its mission and garner additional funds.</p> <p>This resolution authorizes the execution of a co-sponsorship agreement with the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit organization and dedicates income generated by the task force as initial start-up funding to the Mayor's Fitness Council non-profit organization to make it eligible for both matching and outright grants targeted to non-profit corporations in Texas.</p>
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)	<p>For over a decade, Austin has hosted the annual PRIDE event celebrating diversity and promoting equality for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. Austin PRIDE attracts an estimated 45,000 attendees, including several thousand visitors, and is continually growing in popularity. The Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce has conservatively estimated that the annual PRIDE event brings \$1.5 - \$2.5 million into the Austin economy.</p> <p>Recognizing the mission of the event and its significant impact on the local economy, this resolution establishes the annual Austin PRIDE event as an official city co-sponsored event.</p>
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>
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)	<p>Section 9-4-14 of the City Code (generally known as the "Sit/Lie Ordinance") prohibits sleeping outdoors and sitting or lying down in the right-of-way within the Downtown Business Area. Within the ordinance, there is an exemption for individuals with medical emergencies or if someone uses a wheelchair or similar device as a result of a disability. However, there are many other medication exemptions identified by <i>House the Homeless</i> that should be considered.</p> <p>This resolution directs the city manager to work with homeless advocates to consider adding other possible medical exemptions. Also, it directs the city manager to look into the feasibility of installing more benches in the downtown area.</p>

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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.
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>
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.
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.
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)	<p>Water Quality Controls are required for properties that ask for resubdivision. This property requested a resubdivision but was denied by the Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP), which means the property will no longer be developed as planned. City staff required payment for the water quality controls prior to ZAP's vote. The process has since been corrected to require payment after the Land Use Commission's decision.</p> <p>Only the City Council can authorize reimbursement of these funds. This ordinance authorizes repayment; however, it ensures that when the subject property is developed in the future, water quality controls will be required.</p>

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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/
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-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.
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)	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. This resolution authorizes an application for grant funds to help develop and utilize this historic survey web tool.
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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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.
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>
10-Dec-09	Land Use	20091210-043	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to process the necessary code amendments to extend the boundaries of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards). (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member William Spelman Council Member Chris Riley)	<p>The Residential Design and Compatibility Ordinance (also known as the McMansion Ordinance) was adopted by the City Council in 2006 to protect the character of Austin's neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with the character of the existing neighborhood. While the original ordinance applied generally to central neighborhoods, some communities with increasing pressure from development, including the Southwood Neighborhood Association, are requesting Council to extend the same protections to their established neighborhoods.</p> <p>This resolution initiates a stakeholder process to consider the expansion of these regulations to include areas of south of Ben White Boulevard. The City Manager is being directed to engage area residents in a conversation on where these regulations should be expanded.</p>
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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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>
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.
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>
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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)	Since their adoption in 2005, regulations on the relocation for billboards have been the subject of extensive public discussion. Of particular concern to Austin residents is the lack of any restriction on the placement of billboards near residential uses in commercial or other non-residentially zoned areas. While billboards may not be placed closer than 500 feet from a residential use in a residential base district, the city code provides no similar protections for the increasing number of residents that live in mixed-use structures. This resolution directs the City Manager to process the necessary code amendments to prohibit the relocation of billboards within 500 ft of a legal residential use.
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.
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.

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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.
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".
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.
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)	Groundwater is a significant resource that can be utilized to help achieve the City's water conservation and environmental goals. The construction of subsurface structures impacts the City's infrastructure, public health and safety, and the environment by intercepting and disrupting groundwater sources and by resulting in discharges of significant volumes of water to the surface. Per previous direction by the City Council, city staff prepared a report evaluating the city's development codes, technical criteria, and other policies regarding underground structures and groundwater. The Environmental Board reviewed the recommendations in the report and passed a resolution asking the City Council to direct the city manager to immediately begin implementing those recommendations. This resolution fulfills that request.
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.
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.

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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>
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>
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>

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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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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.
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.
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)	<p>In the 1980s, the City of Austin and the State Legislature established 35 Capitol View Corridors protecting views from various notable landmarks and preserving the views of the Capitol for residents in all directions. The Capitol View Corridors have protected the views of the Capitol for more than 25 years and have worked to balance Austin's demonstrated love of their Capitol with encouragement of downtown growth and density. As the seat of the state government, the City of Austin hosts the historic Capitol building and, with that privilege, has the responsibility of preserving views of the structure for all Texans. The Capitol View Corridors, including CVC #3 that protects the views from the historic Wooldridge Park, are protected by state law and modifications to such corridors are outside the jurisdictional authority of the City of Austin.</p> <p>Given limited resources for the Downtown Plan, this resolution directs the City Manager to redefine the scope of work for the ongoing plan to exclude consideration of adjustments to the Capitol View Corridors.</p>
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.
23-Apr-09	Land Use	20090423-050	Approve an ordinance: (1) waiving fees associated with an application for change of use from restaurant (general) to cocktail lounge for existing restaurants that are zoned CS-1, CBD, or DMU and that own or operate a lawfully permitted outdoor music venue; and (2) directing the City Manager to expedite permit review for all such applications. (Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Laura Morrison Mayor Will Wynn)	Due to ambiguity surrounding the regulations which apply to outdoor music venues, some outdoor live music venues have been in operation without the appropriate permits for many years. This ordinance waives the fees associated with a change of use permit or a conditional use permit for those established outdoor live music venues which already retain the appropriate zoning. Conditional use permits need to be approved by the Planning Commission, which includes opportunity for public input.

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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.
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.
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>
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.
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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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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>
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.
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.

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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>
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.
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.
11-Dec-08	Residential Compatibility	20081211-071	Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to enter into a contract on December 12, 2008 with Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. to provide legal counsel regarding the purported BFI/City of Austin settlement agreement and other issues related to the TCEQ State Administrative Law Hearing in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. (Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Mike Martinez Council Member Lee Leffingwell)	<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>
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.

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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.
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.
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-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)	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. 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.
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)	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. 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.

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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.
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 of Texas or the issuance of a bond to fund the acquisition of the Lions Municipal Golf Course and the property used by the West Austin Youth Association.
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	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.
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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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>
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>
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.