



Wednesday, August 13, 2025

The City Council will convene at 10:00 AM on
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Austin City Hall
Austin City Hall 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX
and some members may be participating via
video conference



Mayor Kirk Watson
Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, District 2
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1
Council Member José Velásquez, District 3
Council Member José "Chito" Vela, District 4
Council Member Ryan Alter, District 5
Council Member Krista Laine, District 6
Council Member Mike Siegel, District 7
Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8
Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, District 9
Council Member Marc Duchon, District 10

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely. For full instructions on participation in person or by telephone, please visit the Council Meeting Information Center:
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The City Council may go into a closed session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) regarding any item on this agenda.

10:00 AM – City Council Convenes

Budget and Organizational Excellence

1. Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance adopting and levying a property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
2. Conduct a public hearing and consider proposed rate and fee changes for Austin Water as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budget.
3. Conduct a public hearing and consider proposed rate and fee changes for Austin Energy as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budget.
4. Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance authorizing fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026, and waiving fees and other charges.
5. Approve an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.
6. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; and repealing Ordinance No. 20240814-009 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions. Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.
7. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Emergency Medical Services Department; and repealing Ordinance No. 20240814-010 relating to the Emergency Medical Services Department classifications and positions. Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department.
8. Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Police Department, creating certain positions, and repealing Ordinance No. 20240814-008 relating to Police Department classifications and positions. Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.
9. Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

City Clerk

10. Approve an ordinance ordering a special municipal election to be held in the City of Austin on November 4, 2025, to submit to the voters a proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate that exceeds the voter approval rate, for the purpose of funding or expanding programs intended to increase housing affordability and reduce homelessness; improve parks and recreation facilities and services; enhance public health services and public safety; ensure financial stability; and provide for other general fund maintenance and operation expenditures included in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget as approved or amended by City Council; providing for the conduct of the special election; authorizing the City Clerk to enter into joint election agreements with other local political subdivisions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the election; and declaring an emergency.

Item(s) from Council

11. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide to Council a publicly posted monthly report concerning overtime use by sworn employees in the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department.
Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Council Member José Velásquez, and Council Member José "Chito" Vela
12. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a public dashboard to report on the performance of service providers contracted to achieve the Homelessness Strategy Office's plan.
Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Council Member José "Chito" Vela, and Council Member José Velásquez
13. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a Parks Maintenance Fund funded by the Special Event Park Maintenance Fee.
Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Marc Duchon, and Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes
14. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore ways to expand the childcare fee waiver program to include new childcare facilities.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Mayor Kirk Watson, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member José Velásquez, and Council Member Ryan Alter
15. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Department of Aviation to explore and evaluate the feasibility of fee adjustments and new revenue sources at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member Paige Ellis, and Council Member José Velásquez
16. Approve a resolution related to the feasibility and implementation of a fee dedicated to maintaining parks and feasibility and creation of a parks district or a local government corporation to serve the purpose of a parks district.

Sponsors: Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Ryan Alter, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Marc Duchen

17. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide and support additional shelter capacity for families experiencing homelessness.

Sponsors: Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Mike Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

18. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to study and report to Council on the feasibility of creating a new Joint Emergency Communications Department to consolidate 911, emergency and non-emergency dispatch and communications through the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Department.

Sponsors: Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member Ryan Alter, Council Member José "Chito" Vela, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Mike Siegel

19. Approve a resolution requesting an amendment to City Code that would allow for veterinarians employed by the City to spay and neuter all animals owned by the City without delay or notification and would restore veterinary decision-making regarding spaying and neutering animals owned by the City.

Sponsors: Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member José "Chito" Vela, Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, Council Member Mike Siegel, and Council Member Marc Duchen

20. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to review all development and permitting fees, create a stakeholder group to assist with the review and provide input on the impact of full cost recovery on large and small projects, and provide a report with recommendations and any suggested changes to fees, process, and structure.

Sponsors: Council Member José "Chito" Vela, Mayor Kirk Watson, Council Member José Velásquez, Council Member Ryan Alter, and Council Member Krista Laine

21. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a real estate development strategy and asset management system to evaluate existing City-owned lands related to climate project usage including but not limited to carbon sequestration, sustainable food production, and renewable energy generation.

Sponsors: Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

22. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a Climate Revolving Fund dedicated to receiving funds from and expending funds for investments in energy upgrades to City facilities, capture related savings, and reinvest funds for additional savings.

Sponsors: Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member Ryan Alter, Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Council Member Krista Laine

23. Approve a resolution related to the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City budget and directing the City Manager to take necessary steps in the event a proposed tax rate election does not pass.

Sponsors: Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Council Member Paige Ellis

24. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to partner with local school districts and the Central Texas Food Bank to establish on-site food pantries at Title I elementary schools located within the City limits with parent support specialists on campus.

Sponsors: Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member Krista Laine, Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Ryan Alter

25. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to explore and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a fee to fund a comprehensive solar panel recycling process.

Sponsors: Council Member Mike Siegel, Council Member José Velásquez, Council Member José "Chito" Vela, and Council Member Ryan Alter

Housing

26. Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year service agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to manage and operate various housing programs on the City's behalf during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in an amount not to exceed \$118,254,863. Funding in the amount of \$118,254,863 is available in the City's Operating and Capital Budgets.

Management Services

27. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 1 (General Provisions) to add new Section 1-1-15 regarding references within the City Code to a department, agency, or office of the City; and amending City Code Section 2-11-16 (Information Security Office) to create the information security program to effectuate a merger between the Information Security Office and Communications and Technology Management.

10:30 AM - Austin Housing Finance Corporation Meeting

28. The Mayor will recess the City Council meeting to conduct a Board of Directors' meeting of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Following the adjournment of the AHFC Board meeting, the City Council will reconvene.

10:30 AM - Mueller Local Government Corporation Meeting

29. The Mayor will recess the City Council meeting to conduct a Board of Directors' meeting of the Mueller Local Government Corporation. Following adjournment of the MLGC Board meeting the City Council will re-convene.

Adjourn

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