

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 04/14/2010



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
14 April, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 14 April, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, J.D. Porter, Brent Perdue, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Tammie Williamson, Sam Angoori, Annette Moreno, Jessica King, Rebecca Khenetti, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Liane Miller, Mindy Noel

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Karly Jo Dixon with the Austin Zero Waste Alliance asked staff and Commissioners questions about the Green Events Ordinance Resolution passed by Council in the fall of 2009. Jessica King, Division Manager with Solid Waste Services provided answers to Ms. Dixon's questions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 02/10/10 were approved on a Commissioner Bob Schafer motion, Commissioner JD Porter second on a 6-0-0 vote.

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3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee Update

Recommendations are almost done and a special called meeting will need to be held to review the document.

b. Discussion – Hauler License Fee Sub-Committee Update

Commissioner Schafer announced their last meeting had good attendance, good ideas, and the stakeholders presented important aspects of the ordinance that need to be address.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action-Waste Management Inc. Landfill Expansion Appeal Process Resolution

A resolution requesting City Council to be a party in any appeal process for the Waste Management, Inc. Landfill Expansion was approved on a Commissioner JD Porter motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on 6-0-0 vote.

b. Discussion and Action-Resolution for the City of Austin to Recommend a Presidential Executive Order Establishing a National 75% Recycling Rate

A resolution requesting City Council to pass a resolution recommending a Presidential executive order establishing a national 75% recycling rate was approved on Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner JD Porter second on a 6-0-0 vote.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Director's Report

- **Department Update: Performance Measures**

Director Gedert presented a few stats on Departmental performance measures, he asked for the Commission to send him specific measures they would like to review monthly.

- **MRF Bid Review Timetable**

Director Gedert informed the Commission that the short list will make presentations to Council in May.

- **Future Planning for FY11: Brief Overview**

Director Gedert informed the Commission that a presentation will be made regarding the SWS budget next month.

- **Zero Waste Summit Report**

Director Gedert informed the Commission that he recently attended a Zero Waste Summit in Colorado.

b. Discussion – Zero Waste Progress Report

- **Green30 Challenge (Composting Incentive)**

Rebecca Khenetti with Solid Waste Services presented a Power Point presentation to the Commission explaining the pilot program.

- **Office Stream Update**

Jessica King with Solid Waste Services presented a video on the Office Stream program.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FY 2011 SWS Budget

Green Events Ordinance Update for August Meeting

Federal Zero Waste Initiatives

Hauler License Fee Sub-Committee

Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee Special Called Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. without objection.