

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 05/12/2010



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
12 May, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 12 May, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Brent Perdue, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason

Staff in Attendance:

Annette Moreno, Jessica King, Bob Gedert and Amy Slagle

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizen Reuben Hayslett with the Austin Zero Waste Alliance mentioned he heard there is a plastic bag study being done by the City to see how much cost to the tax payer a ban on plastic bags would be. He asked the Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) if there have been any reports on the issue. Staff will return in August, 2010 with a report on the issue.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 04/14/10 were approved on a Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Rick Cofer second on a 5-0-0 vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Hauler License Fee Subcommittee Update – Commissioner Bob Schafer informed the Commission that a proposed new document should be available in July or August.

Citizen Ron Torrey was allowed to speak on the item. Mr. Torrey is concerned with the Commission relying on City Staff to prepare a new document on this issue. The Commission urged him to have patience and allow staff to draft something new within the time frame.

- b. Set Date for a Special Meeting to Discuss the Recycling Ordinance Subcommittee Recommendations – A special called meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 26th to review the subcommittee recommendations. Staff will also look for a back-up date in June as another possible meeting date.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Director's Report – Bob Gedert gave an update on the Department's Performance Measures.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Presentation

MRF Update

Toilet Recycling Issue (Staff Update)

Single Stream Recycling Contract

Fiscal Reality

What happens after September 30th

What are the City's options

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. without objection.