

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Minutes

Special Called Meeting
21 July, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a special called meeting on 21 July, 2010 at 1520 Rutherford Lane, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Fayez Kazi, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Sam Angoori, Tammie Williamson, Jessica King, Sylba Loren

1. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Discussion – Downtown Refuse Collection Contract

Solid Waste Services Department (SWS) Assistant Director Tammie Williamson presented a brief history and statistics on the City's current contract with Waste Management of Texas. This current contract will expire on November 30, 2010 with no extension options. Staff is preparing an Invitation for Bid Best Value (IFBBV). The Commission requested the existing contract be available for their review. Staff will check into the timeline of this bid and will notify the Commission if input into the bid language is feasible based on the timeline.

Ryan Hobbs with Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) asked questions on the Todd Lane transfer station. Dennis Hobbs with TDS gave a history of the origination of the Downtown Refuse Collection Contract.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Long-term recycling processing agreement

SWS Director Bob Gedert gave a brief overview on the recycling processing agreement timeline and current status of the negotiations. The Commission asked that staff notify stakeholders when the backup documentation is posted for the short-term agreement to go to council.

b. Discussion & Action – Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee Recommendations

SWS Division Manager Jessica King presented the Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance report in its entirety. City Attorney Kathleen Buchanan explained the legality of charging tenants and property owners.

Andy Andraasi with Balcones Recycling voiced his concerns regarding the Ordinance.

Dennis Hobbs with TDS voiced his concerns regarding the Ordinance.

The Commission made the following resolutions on the Sub-Committee Recommendations:

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance report, page 5, paragraph 2, to indicate that the implementation timeline will comply with the apartment associations recommendation to move forward with the 75 units and more was approved on Commissioner Fayezi Kazi motion, commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance report to change all occurrences which read 25,000 sq ft should be changed to read 25,999 sq ft was approved on Commissioner Bob Schafer motion, Commissioner Fayezi Kazi second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance page 10, the land development code, regarding impervious cover should specify 100 sq ft of floor area, was approved on Commissioner Fayezi Kazi motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance page 2, paragraph 1, the executive summary, to read, “commercial properties and commercial multi-family properties” was approved on Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance name to read as “The Universal Recycling Ordinance” was approved on Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to amend the Recycling Ordinance page 2, paragraph 2, the executive summary and all occurrences to read as follows, “Within one year after the City of Austin determines that reasonable markets are available, properties required to comply with the terms of the ordinance would also be required to increase the type of minimum materials required to be recycled to include plastic grades 3 – 7, paperboard, tin and steel.” was approved on Commissioner Fayezi Kazi motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to approve the report and recommend the Recycling Ordinance was approved on Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Fayezi Kazi second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. without objection.