

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

10/13/2010



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
13 October, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 13 October, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Faye Kazi, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason, Brent Perdue, Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Sam Angoori, Jessica King, Tammie Williamson, Annette Moreno, Sylba Loren Storm-Perez, Gena McKinley, Ron Romero, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Roshanda Smiley, Vidal Maldonado, Shirley Gillespie

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Andrew Garrison spoke regarding a fundraising party for the documentary film about the City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department, *The Trash Project*.

Reuben Hayslett of the Austin Zero Waste Alliance asked about the Plastic Bag Report

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 09/08/10 were approved on Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Rahm McDaniel second on a 6-0-0 vote. Faye Kazi was not present for the vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action - Hauler License Fee Sub-Committee Update & Recommendation

Ron Torrey of Captain Hook was allowed to speak on this item. Faye Kazi shared the sub-committee process and the resulting resolution.

A recommendation that City Staff bring to bring to City Council the following actions:

1. Language to revise the affected City Ordinance and Code references with the intent to omit and/or suspend indefinitely all Solid Waste Services hauler licensing fee and hauler container fee requirements,
2. Adopt City Ordinance language similar to the Universal Recycling Ordinance with respect to hauler registration and reporting requirements,
3. Reimburse fees paid by haulers during FY2010,

4. Initiate an education program to inform residents, businesses, and haulers about proper and legal means for hauling and recycling/disposing waste,
5. Directly engage stakeholders during both the development and implementation of the Solid Waste Master Plan regarding the future of hauler registrations, fee collection, reporting requirements, ordinance enforcement, and public outreach and education. Additionally, ensure cooperation from other City departments, as necessary, for implementation or enforcement of the Master Plan as it relates to the Hauler License Fee Ordinance; was approved on Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Rahm McDaniel second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Brent Perdue recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

b. Discussion and Action – Recommendation on Change to the SWAC Bylaws

Candy Parham of the Office of the City Clerk spoke regarding the rules and regulations for changing the SWAC Bylaws document. A special committee was appointed to include Brent Perdue (chair), Maydelle Fason and Rick Cofer to review the SWAC Bylaws.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Tour of Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) Material Recovery Facility

Ryan & Dennis Hobbs formally invited the commission to tour the TDS facilities. The commission will be visiting the site individually or in pairs.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Discussion – Hornsby Bend Master Plan Presentation

Representative not in attendance, item will be moved to Future Agenda Items

b. Discussion – Aviation Department’s Recycling Efforts

Kane Carpenter, Environmental Manager for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Austin Aviation Department’s recycling efforts.

c. Discussion and Action – Request for Council Action Item

Ron Romero, Project Coordinator for Solid Waste Services presented a request to authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements services contract with ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF AUSTIN, Del Valle, TX., or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV No. SDC0158 for refuse and recycling collection services for city departments in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,022,770, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,007,590 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$6,045,540. The request failed on a Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 3-1-3 vote Commissioner Rahm McDaniel opposed. Commissioner Rick Cofer recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Commissioners Brent Perdue and Gerry Acuna abstained.

d. Discussion – Presentation on City Code Chapter 15-6, Commercial Multi-family Recycling Ordinance

Jessica King presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the staff recommendations and staff analysis of the Commercial Multi-family Recycling Ordinance. A special called meeting to allow for discussion and action was scheduled to be held on October 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

e. Director's Report

Bob Gedert, director of Solid Waste Services, gave his monthly report.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Green Events Presentation

Plastic Bag Report Discussion & Action

Universal Recycling Ordinance Phase 2 Update (recurring item)

Staff Briefing on C & D

Allied Waste Services IFB-BV Discussion and Action

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. without objection.