SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 04/18/2011



Solid Waste Advisory Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting 18 April, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 18 April, 2011 at 1520 Rutherford Lane 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, Fayez Kazi, Brent Perdue, Bob Schafer, Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Annette Moreno, Bob Gedert, Donald Hardee, Phillip Tindall, Jessica King

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – No citizens spoke during citizen's communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 03/16/11 were approved on a Commissioner Rahm McDaniel motion, Commissioner Rick Cofer second on a 5-0-1 vote. Commissioner Bob Schafer abstained because he was absent at the March meeting. Commissioner Maydelle Fason was absent.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Long Term Recycling Contract Solid Waste Services (SWS) Director gave a PowerPoint presentation over the contract negotiations and answered questions. JC Porter with Austin Zero Waste Alliance, Lee Kuhn with Allied Waste, Bob Gregory and Gary Newton with Texas Disposal Systems, and Kerry Getter with Balcones Resources were allowed to speak on the item.
 - A resolution recommending Council (1) split volume at their discretion between the vendors who have agreed to terms (2) the agreement must be completed by April 28, 2011 (3) if an agreement cannot be achieved by April 28, 2011, the negotiations can be extended at the discretion of the Solid Waste Services Director and Council (4) if an agreement cannot be achieved by April 28, 2011, the contract will be taken back to SWAC for discussion and action (5) and a 6th street location is not acceptable for a transition site; was approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 4-0-2 vote count. Commissioners Gerry Acuna and Bob Schafer recused themselves from this item due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Maydelle Fason was absent.
- b. Update on Master Plan Item was postponed to the May meeting.

c. Department Director's Report – SWS Director Bob Gedert briefly went over his monthly report on Performance Measures, Star Employees and City Department Partnerships.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Master Plan Update, Recycling Negotiations, Forecast, Waste to Energy, State of Technology, Hauler License Fee and Dare to Go Zero Recap

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. without objection.