

## **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES    06/08/2011**



Solid Waste Advisory Commission  
Minutes

Regular Meeting  
8 June, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 8 June, 2011 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Maydelle Fason, Fayez Kazi, and Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Tammie Williamson, Gabriella Powers, Jessica King, Donald Hardee, Richard McHale, Roshanda Smiley, Keith Murray, Sue Cooper, Cindy Moreno, Ron Romero, Robert Rowan, Cherilyn Wadley, Jessica Edwards, Vidal Maldonado, Dan Cardenas, Sharon Callis, Gretchen Kingham and Annette Moreno

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Lee Kuhn – Representative with Republic Services invited the community to an open house on June 11, 2011 at their Sunset Farms landfill.

Robin Schneider – Texas Campaign for the environment. Ms. Schneider reported that the Texas legislature passed the Television Recycle Take back Bill and they are optimistic that the bill will receive the Governors signature. The Texas Legislature did not support the efforts of retail chains and the Chemical Council to prevent Cities like Austin from taking comprehensive action against Single Use bags, mainly plastic bags.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the regular meeting of 05/11/2011 were approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Fayez Kazi second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Rahm McDaniel abstained and Commissioners Bob Schafer and Brent Perdue were absent from the meeting.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

A motion for Fayez Kazi to sit as an alternate on the Universal Recycling Ordinance Committee was approved on a Commissioner Rahm McDaniel motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Bob Schafer and Brent Perdue were absent from the meeting.

### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. A motion to authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with MAGNA-FLOW ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., Austin, Texas, for grit trap-septic pumping, hauling and disposal services for the Solid Waste Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$198,135 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$66,045 per extension option, for a total contract

amount not to exceed \$396,270 was approved on a Commissioner Rahm McDaniel motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Bob Schafer and Brent Perdue were absent from the meeting.

- b. A motion to authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with SAFETY SHOE DISTRIBUTORS, Houston, TX, for safety shoes and boots for the Solid Waste Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$149,724.88 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$74,862.44 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$374,312.20 was approved on a Commissioner Rahm McDaniel motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Bob Schafer and Brent Perdue were absent from the meeting.
- c. Hauler License Fee Update – Solid Waste Services (SWS) Director Bob Gedert gave a brief update and requested to have the topic deferred until the July meeting. Commission approved deferring the item until July.
- d. Event Recycling Program– SWS Strategic Initiatives Manager, Jessica King, gave a presentation on the Event Recycling Program and answered questions.
- e. Director's Report – SWS Director Bob Gedert gave a report on the following items: Dare-to-Go-Zero, Department Re-Branding, Universal Recycling Ordinance, Juneteenth, Blues on the Green, Event Recycling, Employee Recognition and Awards, SWS New Hires and Promotion, Performance Measures and Single Stream Statistical Report
- f. Solid Waste Services Department Budget - SWS Director Bob Gedert gave a presentation on the FY 2012 Proposed SWS Budget.
- g. Code Compliance Department Budget - Dan Cardenas gave a presentation on the FY 2012 Proposed Code Compliance Budget.  
Citizen Scott Johnson, citizen of Austin, was allowed to speak on this item. Mr. Johnson was glad to hear about the Event Recycling Rebate and that Solid Waste Services was a recipient of an Environment Awareness Award. Would like to see Code Compliance continue to grow in their professionalism and reputation by continuing to be aware of retaliation complaints filed by citizens.

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hauler license fee, waste to energy technologies (broad overview of what waste to energy or conversion means, what are the modern developments in the various technologies), master plan update, minutes from city council that are related to Solid Waste (added to SWAC packet), plastic bags.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. without objection.