

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

06/13/2012



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
13 June, 2012

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 13 June, 2012 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Faye Kazi, Brent Perdue, Jeff Paine, Cathy Gattuso, and James Nortey

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Carl Smart, Dan Cardenas, Tammie Williamson, Sam Angoori, Roshanda Smiley, Vidal Maldonado, Jessica King, Ron Romero, Blanche Quarterman, Sue Cooper, Jessica Edwards, Phil Tindall, Andy Dawson, Ourana Cacho and Gretchen Kingham

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 05/09/12 were approved on a Commissioner James Nortey motion; Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second on a 6-0-0 vote, Commissioner Rick Cofer was absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Hauler Ordinance

Three Citizens were allowed to speak on the item:

- Andrew Dobbs, Texas Campaign for the Environment, spoke in support of the ordinance with added language to allow for a City Council Appeal.
- Adam Gregory, Texas Disposal Systems, spoke in support of the ordinance with added language to allow for a City Council Appeal.
- JD Porter, Central Texas Zero Waste Alliance, was not in chambers for discussion.

Director Bob Gedert gave a presentation on the proposed Hauler Ordinance.

The Commission, ARR Director Bob Gedert, Code Director Carl Smart, and Assistant City Attorney Tamara Kurtz, engaged in discussion.

A motion to amend the draft hauler ordinance PART 14, Chapter 15-6, Article 3, of the City Code §15-6-59 to add *“The City Manager’s decision may be appealed to the City Council not later than sixty days after the decision of the City Manager. The City Council decision regarding this appeal shall be final”* was made by Commissioner Faye Kazi, with a friendly amendment from Commissioner Brent Perdue to remove *“The City Manager’s decision regarding this appeal shall be final”*, the motion received a second from Commissioner Cathy Gattuso, and passed on a 6-0-0 vote, with Commissioner Rick Cofer absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faye Kazi to recommend an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-6, relating to private solid waste collection service, reporting of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials, vehicle and container licensing, and education to ensure solid waste hauler compliance with sanitary and safety standards for solid waste collection vehicles and containers and reporting requirements with the addition of the above noted recommendation, the motion received a second from Commissioner Cathy Gattuso, and passed on a 6-0-0 vote, with Commissioner Rick Cofer absent.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. City of Austin's Budget Office Presentation

Chris Jistel, with the City of Austin's Budget Department gave a presentation on the City's FY13 budget.

b. FY 13 Budget & Cost Efficiencies Presentation

Director Gedert gave a presentation on Austin Resource Recovery's FY13 budget.

A vote to approve the Austin Resource Recovery FY13 budget was passed on a Commissioner Faye Kazi Motion, Commissioner James Nortey second on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Rick Cofer was absent.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Single-Use-Bag Update – Director's Rules

Director Gedert gave a presentation on the Single Use Bag Ordinance activity. Division Manager Jessica King also spoke on the item.

b. Director's Report

Council Items, Event Recycling, Staffing, Performances Measures, and Statistical Reports

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

July: Brownsfield Presentation, Colorado Study, Single-Use Bag – Director's Rules

August: 9 Zones Report

Fall 2012: Styrofoam Recycling Options, Construction and Demolition Update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. without objection.