

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 1/9/2013



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 9 January, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Rick Cofer called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Brent Perdue, Jeff Paine, Fayez Kazi, Dave Sullivan, and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Vera Labriola, Jessica King, Ourana Cacho, Lauren Hammond, Gena McKinley, Donald Hardee, Ron Romero, Richard McHale, Jessica Edwards, Vidal Maldonado, Sylba Loren, and Elizabeth Corey.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1 citizen spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

- Stacy Guidry, Austin Zero Waste Alliance, proposed that the number of citizens allowed to address the Commission during the Citizen's Communication is increased.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 12/12/12 were approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 5-0-1 vote, Commissioner Jeff Paine abstained. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso was absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action - ZWAC Rules of Procedure (Citizen Input on Staff Briefings)

Director Bob Gedert introduced the sections in the Rules of Procedure (adopted at the regular December 2012 meeting) that needed to be disused and voted on: comments and discussion on staff briefing and the number of citizens signing for Citizens' Communication.

- Candy Hinkle from the City Clerk's Office answered commissioners' questions about the rules and Austin City Code.
- The Chair, Rick Cofer, proposed to add a sentence about allowing ten individuals to sign up for Citizen Communication from four to ten.

Commissioner Fayez Kazi proposed a friendly amendment to divide the number of speakers to five speakers at the beginning and five at the end of the meeting. The proposal passed on a Commissioner Save Sullivan motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso was absent.

b. Discussion and Action – Committees and Workgroups

The proposal to maintain the Universal Recycling Ordinance Committee, to create a new Construction and Demolition Ordinance Committee, and to suspend the Hauler License Fee Committee was approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Fayezi Kazi second on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso was absent.

The proposal to create a Producer Responsibility Working Group and Food Surplus Working Group was approved on a Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso was absent.

c. Discussion - ZWAC Committees and Workgroups—annual reports

Director Bob Gedert presented the Annual Review of the Hauler License Fee Committee and the Annual Review of the Universal Recycling Ordinance Committee.

d. Discussion – Single Use Bag Ordinance Education/Outreach

Gwen Williams, Sherry Matthews Advocacy Marketing, presented the plan of for education and outreach on Single Use Carryout Bags Ordinance.

e. Discussion and Action - URO Phase 2 Ordinance

Item was postponed until February 2013.

f. Discussion and Action - Resolution to Support Single Use Carryout Bag Legislation

Commissioner Brent Perdue presented the Resolution to Support Single Use Carryout Bag Legislation resolution authored by absent co-chair Cathy Gattuso.

The resolution was adopted on a Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second with a friendly amendment to strike point 3 under the THEREFORE clause proposed by Chair Rick Cofer, on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso was absent.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. ZWAC Audit Report

Director Bob Gedert presented the findings of ZWAC audit that included records from June of 2011 through May of 2012. Commissioners discussed steps to be taken in 2013 to remedy issues from the report.

b. Director's Report

Director Bob Gedert presented a report on following items: Recycling Market Trends, Diversion Measurement Changes, 2013 Ordinance Development, Scheduled Council Items, Staff Hires and Promotions, Performance Measures, and Statistical Reports.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FY2012 Accomplishments—February

URO Phase 2—February

ZWAC Annual Report —February

Bylaws Update—February

Briefing on Compost Rebate Program—February

Recyclable Materials Market Pricing—March

Briefing on Composting Pilot— March

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rick Cofer adjourned the meeting at 8:31p.m. without objection.