

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 6/12/2013



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2013

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 12, 2013, at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Rick Cofer called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Cathy Gattuso, Brent Perdue, Dave Sullivan, and Faye Kazi.

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Phil Tindall, Ron Romero, Amy Slagle, Jimmy Miller, Cherilyn Wadley, Donald Hardee, Gena McKinley, Emlea Chanslor, and Ourana Cacho.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of May 8, 2013, were approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 4-0-0 vote. Commissioner Faye Kazi was off the dais; Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

Items under New Business (4a. through 4g.) were addressed before Old Business (item 3).

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action–Rapid Response Remediation Services Contract

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Mr. Thain Maurer, Environmental Compliance Specialist with Watershed Protection Department, presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of a 36-month service agreement with GRUENE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES for rapid response services (for the remediation, transportation, and proper disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous regulated materials found on City of Austin Rights of Way). Mr. Maurer answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

b. Discussion and Action–Grant Funds from TCEQ

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Jimmy Miller, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$2,292,116 in grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to purchase 13 Compressed Natural Gas refuse trucks for Austin Resource Recovery. Jimmy Miller answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

c. Discussion and Action–Purchase of Cart Trailers

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of the purchase of 4 bartop gooseneck trailers. Phil Tindall answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

d. Discussion and Action–Purchase of F450 Trucks

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of a contract with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD. for the purchase of 4 medium-duty vehicles. Jimmy Miller and Phil Tindall answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

e. Discussion and Action–Printing Contract

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with ONE TOUCH POINT GINNY'S for flat sheet printing services for the Austin Resource Recovery Department. Phil Tindall and Bob Gedert answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

f. Discussion and Action–Photo and Video Service Contract

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of two 36-month contracts with CASTLEVIEW PRODUCTIONS for videography services and with HENNIG PRODUCTIONS for photography services. The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

g. Discussion and Action–Purchase of Reusable Bags

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to authorize approval of the purchase of 50,000 Reusable Canvas Bags from the lowest bidder. Phil Tindall answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Cathy Gattuso motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Jeff Paine and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez were absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion–Hauler Ordinance Update

1 citizen spoke about the agenda item.

- Mr. Ron Torrey, Captain Hook Austin, expressed his concern that the ordinance has not been planned well and the funds are not being used properly. He also stated that

private haulers need to be informed of the ordinance. He suggested only \$100/firm is needed to enforce the ordinance if a public awareness campaign is done.

Matthew Christianson, Division Manager for Code Compliance Department, presented an update on the status and goals of the Waste & Recycling Hauler Licensing Program to combat illegal dumping. Matthew Christianson answered Commissioners' questions.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Customer Service Survey

Amy Slagle, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the results of the customer service survey for 2012. Liz Jambor, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence Manager for Austin Energy, and Bob Gedert answered Commissioners' questions. Commissioner Rick Cofer requested the distribution of the survey results to the commissioners.

b. Director's Report

Director Bob Gedert presented a report on the following items: Highest and Best Use, ARR Services, Staff Hires and Promotions, Current and Upcoming Job Postings, Statistical Reports, and Performance Measures. Rick Cofer suggested re-adding dead collection tonnage information to the Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection report.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Presentation—July

Todd Lane Facility Update Presentation—July

SUBO Outreach Update—July

Hornsby Bend Operations and Management Discussion—August

Briefing on Composting Pilot—August

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rick Cofer adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. without objection.