

**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 11/13/2013**



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2013

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on November 13, 2013, at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Rick Cofer called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Cathy Gattuso, Dave Sullivan, Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez, and Fayez Kazi.

Staff in attendance:

Bob Gedert, Vera Labriola, Emlea Chanslor, Jessica King, Elizabeth Corey, Richard McHale, Vidal Maldonado, Ron Romero, Charlotte Huskey, Annette Moreno, Aiden Cohen, Jillian Curran, Cherilyn Wadley, Chad Presley, Richard Avila, Gena McKinley, Jeff Dilbert, Austin Talley, and Tiesha Payne.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

**2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES**

Minutes for the regular meeting of October 9, 2013 were approved on Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second, on 4-0-0 vote. Commissioner Fayez Kazi was off dais. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion—Food Waste Reduction Efforts Update**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Commissioner Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez provided an update on food waste reduction efforts and the work of Food Shift Austin. Director Gedert provided comments and answered Commissioners' questions.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and Action—Recommendation— Ecology Action**

The recommendation was sponsored by Commissioner Cathy Gattuso and Chair Rick Cofer. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso read the recommendation for the City of Austin to support relocation of Ecology Action, possibly to a City owned land.

1 citizen spoke about the agenda item.

- Mr. Brent Perdue, Ecology Action, spoke in favor of the recommendation and described the variety of services Ecology Action provides to the citizens of Austin.

Director Gedert expressed his support for the recommendation. The recommendation was adopted on a Commissioner Cathy Gattuso motion, Commissioner Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez second, on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**b. Discussion and Action—2014 Meeting Schedule**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

The proposed 2014 Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule was adopted on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second, on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**c. Discussion and Action—December 2013 Meeting—Proposed Cancellation**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

A proposal to cancel the regular Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2013, was approved on a Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second, on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**d. Discussion and Action—Contract for Replacement Brooms and Accessories for Sweepers**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Director Bob Gedert presented the proposal to authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with United Rotary Brush Corporation for replacement brooms and accessories for City-owned street sweepers. The amount of the contract for the 36-month term was not to exceed \$352,775, with three 12-month extension options. The first extension option was not to exceed \$129,339, the second extension option was not to exceed \$135,706, and the third extension option was not to exceed \$142,391. The total contract amount was not to exceed \$760,211.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Faye Kazi motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second, on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**e. Discussion and Action—Travis County and the City of Austin Interlocal Agreement**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Ms. Jessica King, Austin Resource Recovery, introduced the draft of Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin, for the Promotion and Implementation of the Zero Waste Initiative and answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Cathy Gattuso motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second on, a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**f. Discussion and Action—Election of Officers**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

A vote for Rick Cofer as Board Chair was passed on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso second, on a 4-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

A vote for Cathy Gattuso as Board Co-Chair was passed on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Faye Kazi second, on a 4-0-0 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**a. Single Use Bag Ordinance Update**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Ms. Charlotte Huskey, Austin Resource Recovery, provided a six-month update on the Single Use Bag Ordinance implementation.

Charlotte Huskey, Bob Gedert, and Aiden Cohen of Austin Resource Recovery answered Commissioners' questions.

Chair Rick Cofer recommended that staff present a numerical report of litter reduction since the Ordinance implementation.

**b. Special Events Ordinance Update**

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Ms. Annette Moreno, Austin Resource Recovery, provided an update on Special Events Ordinance development. Ms. Gena McKinley, Austin Resource Recovery, answered Commissioners' questions.

**c. Director's Report**

Director Bob Gedert presented a report on the following items: Hornsby Bend Operation, Mobile Food Vendors Update, Landfill Gas to Energy, Land Purchase, Staff Hires and Promotions, Current and Upcoming Job Postings, Statistical Reports, and Performance Measures.

Chair Cofer suggested an item on the purchased land use in January 2014.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Solar Farm—February

North Service Center—January

Construction and Demolition Ordinance Committee Annual Report—January

Universal Recycling Ordinance Phase 2 Committee Annual Report —January

ZWAC Internal Review Annual Report—January

Audit Findings—January

Onion Creek Flood Relief Briefing—January

Keep Austin Beautiful Update

Composting Voucher Program Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rick Cofer adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. without objection.