



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013**

### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

#### **I. Mission Statement**

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) mission statement (per City Code Section 2-1-168) is:

- (A) Maintain an overview of all programs, studies and proposals concerning the efficient use of energy, alternate energy technologies, renewable energy resources, including solar and wind, and the conservation of energy, excluding the use of conventional coal, nuclear, natural gas, or petroleum technologies.
- (B) Serve as a liaison with other city commissions, including the Electric Utility Commission.
- (C) Receive citizen input on alternate energy technologies, renewable energy sources, and on energy conservation.
- (D) Review and analyze:
  - (1) energy conservation technologies and renewable energy sources as to their short-term and long-term feasibility in the city;
  - (2) energy conservation policies, alternate energy technologies, and renewable energy projects in other cities and states;
  - (3) water conservation policies, alternate technologies, and water conservation projects in other cities and states; and
  - (4) City Code to identify potential amendments that encourage the use of alternate energy technologies and renewable energy sources, and the conservation of energy.

(E) Advise the city council:

- (1) in developing and reviewing city plans and programs in the area of alternate energy technologies, renewable energy sources, and energy conservation.
- (2) as to available funding from private and public sources which are available to the city for alternate energy technologies and renewable energy, and for the conservation of energy;
- (3) on energy conservation, on alternate energy technologies, and on renewable energy sources and report to city council on the status of its activities at least annually;
- (4) in developing and reviewing city plans and programs that encourage water conservation as it relates to water consumption from the tap to customer and within structures or building; and,
- (5) regarding appropriate City Code amendments that encourage the use of alternate energy technologies and renewable energy sources, and the conservation of energy.

(F) Encourage:

- (1) the conservation of energy, the use of alternate energy technologies and renewable energy sources in City-owned facilities; and
- (2) the private and public sectors to develop and to use alternate energy technologies and renewable energy sources, and to conserve energy.

## **II. Actions Supporting Mission Statement**

The Resource Management Commission met diligently during calendar year 2013, holding eleven regular meetings and canceling one (October) due to schedule challenges. The RMC's mission-specific actions included:

- Scheduling meetings at 6:30 pm at City Hall and Town Lake Center on a monthly basis, adhering to all required protocol for meetings, agendas, and duties of officers.
- Electing officers in November, with Leo Dielmann repeating as chair and Sean Kelly repeating as vice-chair.
- Receiving citizen input on alternative energy technologies, renewable energy sources, and on energy and water conservation at regular meetings.

- Providing overview of city programs, studies and proposals concerning the efficient use of energy, alternate energy technologies, renewable energy resources, including solar and wind, and the conservation of energy.
- Reviewing and analyzing:
  - Energy conservation technologies and renewable energy sources as to their short-term and long-term feasibility in the city;
  - Energy conservation policies, alternate energy technologies and renewable energy projects in other cities and states;
  - Water conservation policies, alternate technologies, and water conservation projects in other cities and states; and
  - The City Code to identify potential amendments that encourage the use of alternate energy technologies and renewable energy sources, and the conservation of energy.
- Reviewing and making recommendations to Council on resolutions, city plans and programs, contracts for products and services, city code amendments and use of available funds from private or public sources (e.g., energy efficiency and solar rebates) to make services or programs more cost effective and/or more available to the citizens and businesses in Austin.
- Encouraging conservation of energy, the development and use of alternate energy technologies, and the development and use of renewable sources for City-owned facilities, as well as throughout the private and public sectors.
- Working with other city commissions, including the Electric Utility Commission, Environmental Board, Resource Recovery Board, and the Water and Wastewater Board (e.g., 10/21/13 Joint Meeting of the RMC and EUC for presentations and discussion regarding the Local Solar Advisory Committee's recommendations and the Value of Solar).
- Supporting Austin Energy's efforts regarding Resolution 20120927-083, directing AE to host a one-day Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Process and place a related standing item on the RMC agenda for one year..

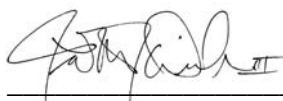
### **III. Compliance with Mission Statement**

All actions of the RMC during calendar year 2013 were within the scope of and in compliance with its Code-mandated mission statement.

#### **IV. Goals and Objectives for 2014**

The RMC has adopted the following goals and objectives for calendar year 2014:

- Continue to provide overview of programs, studies and proposals; advice to City Council; and encouragement for the conservation of energy, the use of alternate energy technologies and renewable sources in City-owned facilities and departments, specifically highlighting the departments that have accomplished their goals toward this end.
- Continue to encourage the private and public sectors to develop and to use alternative energy technologies and renewable energy sources, and to conserve energy, specifically through the advancement of customer programs and education to enable greater adoption.
- Continue to work with the staff of Austin Energy, Austin Water, Texas Gas Service, the Climate Protection Program, the Office of Sustainability, and Austin Resource Recovery, specifically to see that they are meeting the City's goals in regard to greater adoption of conservation, the use of alternate technologies and renewable sources.
- Continue to regard citizen input on these issues as important as any other source.
- Support additional studies to evaluate energy efficiency and distributed generation, and to assist the staff in developing interim goals and new programs.
- Support AWU staff in the development of a comprehensive water conservation plan and annual reporting.
- Continue to provide opportunities for City departments to highlight their successes in energy efficiency, water conservation, and sustainable practices.
- Adopt the concepts of triple bottom-line sustainability in the RMC's decisions, recommendations, and advice to council; i.e., consider the balance between the environmental, economic, and societal-equity impacts of our decisions, recommendations, and advice.
- Appoint representatives to serve on the Council-created Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force (20140306-024) and the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force (Resolution 20140410-033)



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Leo Dielmann  
Chair