



Council Committee on Austin Energy
Thursday, August 14, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

THE **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON AUSTIN ENERGY** CONVENED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014 AT 2:05 P.M. IN THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM, CITY HALL, 301 W. SECOND STREET.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Mayor Leffingwell.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014.

The minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting of the Council Committee on Austin Energy were approved on the motion from Council Member Spelman, seconded by Council Member Riley, with a 4-0-1 vote. Mayor Leffingwell abstained and Council Members Tovo and Martinez were off the dais.

Agenda Item #2: Briefing and discussion of Austin Energy's quarterly report.

Larry Weis, General Manager, presented the quarterly report. He pointed out that the very cold winter and cool summer in 2014 resulted in a lack of sales that should be reflected in the next quarterly report.

Agenda Item #3: Briefing and discussion regarding proposed changes to the Power Supply Adjustment and other charges.

Larry Weis; Ann Little, Chief Financial Officer; Khalil Shalabi, Vice President of Resource Planning and Energy Market Operations; and Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions presented information regarding proposed changes to the Power Supply Adjustment and other charges including the regulatory charge and changes to GreenChoice ®.

Mayor Leffingwell stated that there needs to be some more definition regarding the affordability goal.

Agenda Item #4: Discussion of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Austin Energy Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to transfer \$30,000,000 from the Austin Energy Operating Fund to the Austin Energy Strategic Reserve Fund; increasing the Strategic Reserve Fund's contingency balance and moving the balance closer to complying with Austin Energy's financial policies for reserves.

Larry Weis and Ann Little gave an overview of the cash reserves including comparisons to other electric utilities, the current state of Austin Energy's reserves and what is allowed under the current tariffs.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 3:10 p.m. without objection in order to convene a Special-Called City Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Update from the Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force and discussion of issues related to energy generation planning.

This item was postponed.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion regarding the City's ownership interest in the Fayette Power Project.

This item was postponed.

Agenda Item #7: Briefing and discussion regarding the applicability of the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure ordinance to smaller commercial facilities.

This item was postponed.

Agenda Item #8: Discussion and possible action to set agenda items for future committee meetings.

This item was postponed.

Agenda Item #9: Citizens Communications - The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak.

The meeting was called back to order at 4:27 p.m.

Paul Robbins asked that the Council create an accounting mechanism for low income programs run by Austin Energy in next year's budget. He stated free weatherization saves little energy, stops little pollution and is very expensive because many of the homes need structural repairs. He stated the best thing the Council can do to help low income people city-wide is to create mandatory minimum standards for energy efficiency in rental units.

Carol Biedrzycki stated that she came to speak about the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance. She received a request from a citizen who stated that they received none of the information they were to receive under ECAD. She asked who to go to in order to complain and that there needs to be enforcement.

Adjournment – Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:35 p.m.