



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – JULY 21, 2015

The first meeting of the reconstituted Resource Management Commission, representing the 10-1 Austin City Council, convened on July 21, 2015 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Staff Liaison Toye Goodson at 6:33 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Jennifer Cregar, Leo Dielmann, James Dwyer, Luke Metzger, Patrick Moore, Cyrus Reed, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Gregory Santiago was absent.

**Staff in Attendance:** Debbie Kimberly, Liz Jambor, Denise Kuehn, Kurt Stogdill, Shems Duval and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF** – Commissioners introduced themselves followed by Austin Energy staff introductions.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL** – There were no speakers.

**3. STAFF BRIEFING:** Overview of Austin Energy's Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management Programs by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions and Liz Jambor, Director, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT**

Items 4a and 4b were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

- a. Approve issuance of a rebate to 3700 San Clemente, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 3700 N. Capital of Texas Highway, in an amount not to exceed \$99,082.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Wong passed on a vote of 10-0.**

- b. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with SMART CHARGE RESIDENTIAL INC., for the maintenance and repair of current and future electric vehicle charging stations located in the Austin Energy service area, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$360,000.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann and seconded by Mr. Metzger passed on a vote of 9-0-1, with Mr. Moore abstaining.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS: NON-CONSENT** – Appoint a representative to serve on the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force per Council Resolution No. 20140828-158.

Two speakers addressed the Commission: 1) Paul Robbins suggested that the new representative be accountable to the RMC and not to their own agenda; 2) Carol Biedrzycki introduced herself as Task Force Chair and former RMC member and appointee to the Task Force. She said she had kept the RMC apprised of the work of the Task Force including their most recent report distributed prior to the June meeting which was subsequently cancelled.

Members discussed the likelihood of a Council resolution on the August 6 agenda designed to ensure that current Task Force continue serving through the October 1 end date. **Motion by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Wong, to appoint a representative to the Task Force conditional upon Council action on the issue at the next City Council meeting. Ms. Cregar's amendment, requesting the Task Force to deliver their proposed report before it is final, was withdrawn.**

Mr. Reed, who serves on the Task Force, explained that the Task Force was directed to do so in the original Council resolution that created the group. **The motion passed on a vote of 10-0.**

**Motion by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to appoint Mr. Wong to the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force.** Ms. White requested that her colleagues consider appointing her to the Task Force given that she had attended most of their meetings and was familiar with their work. Her request was formalized into a substitute motion and seconded by Mr. Moore, but was withdrawn. **The motion passed on a vote of 6-4 with Commissioners Gill, Moore, Reed and White voting against.**

**6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Metzger, nominating Mr. Dielmann to serve as Chair, passed on a vote of 10-0. Motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, nominating Ms. Cregar to serve as Vice Chair, passed on a vote of 10-0.**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Cregar, passed on vote of 10-0.**

**8. DISCUSSION REGARDING BYLAWS** – Ms. Goodson explained that bylaws changes would be necessary due to the expansion of most City boards and commissions, including the RMC, from seven to 11 members. Changes include quorum requirements and dates regarding terms of office. The RMC would likely take action at their next meeting, pending direction from the City Clerk.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Commissioners requested items on the following topics: Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force update (August and September); solar energy goal included in the generation plan (August); FY16 budget information from Austin Energy and Austin Water Utility (August); Texas Gas Service program overview (September); local storage goal included in the generation plan; ACEEE city scorecard comparison; how Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility and Texas Gas Service evaluate new programs; cost-benefit analysis used by the three utilities for individual measures and programs vs. portfolio of all measures and programs; how Austin Energy and Austin Water Utility use local resources like UT and AISD to expand reach of programs; and Austin Energy update on commercial and residential code revisions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:05 p.m.