



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2015

The Resource Management Commission convened on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:31 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair; Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair; James Dwyer, Luke Metzger, Cyrus Reed, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Gregory Santiago was absent. One vacancy exists (District 3).

Staff in Attendance: Danielle Murray, Denise Kuehn, Pat Sweeney, Kurt Stogdill and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy; and Mark Jordan of the Austin Water Utility.

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting. **Motion to approve by Mr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 9-0.**

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Paul Robbins spoke in opposition of a possible recommendation by the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force relating to HVAC and appliance replacements in the Free Weatherization Program.

3. NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT

Items 3a, 3b and 3d were approved on consent; Items 3c and 3e were pulled from consent for discussion. Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services and Kurt Stogdill, Manager, Green Building & Sustainability, answered questions related to Items 3c and 3e, respectively.

- a. Recommend approval of the issuance of a rebate to Austin 18 Hotel, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 110 East 2nd Street, in an amount not to exceed \$198,487. **Motion to approve on consent by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Cregar, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- b. Recommend approval of the issuance of a rebate to Brandywine Operating Partnership, L.P., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 5707 Southwest Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$130,828. **Motion to approve on consent by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Cregar, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- c. Recommend approval of the issuance of a rebate to Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 1300 Park Center Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$197,259. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Reed, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- d. Recommend approval of the issuance of a rebate to Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 12100 Samsung Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$104,028. **Motion to approve on consent by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Cregar, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- e. Recommend authorization to negotiate and execute a 12-month interlocal agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS on behalf of the Clean Energy Incubator, a program of the Austin Technology Incubator, for mutual assistance in the clean energy field, in an amount not to

exceed \$195,000. **Motion to approve by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a vote of 9-0.**

4. NEW BUSINESS: NON-CONSENT

- a. Discuss solar energy purchases to meet goals included in the Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan – Mr. Reed explained the Sierra Club’s report, “Options Going Forward on Additional Solar for Austin Energy” and introduced a draft resolution related to utility scale solar purchases. Pat Sweeney, Director, Energy & Market Operations, answered questions. Commissioners discussed possible revisions to the draft resolution but, due to a lack of consensus, took no action.
- b. Consider changing the start time of future Commission meetings to 6:00 p.m. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a vote of 9-0.**

5. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Staff presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Customer Energy Services budget by Denise Kuehn Director, Energy Efficiency Services and Danielle Murray, Manager, Solar Program.
- b. Staff overview of Austin Water Utility’s Conservation programs by Mark Jordan, Water Conservation Program Manager.
- c. Member update regarding the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force by Mr. Reed and Mr. Wong.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Commissioners requested items on the following topics: an overview from the Office of Sustainability and additional information on program expenditures from the Austin Water Utility. In addition they reviewed a list of earlier requests including: Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force update; Texas Gas Service program overview; update on plans to meet the 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 an update on commercial and residential energy code revisions.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:45 p.m.