



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – January 19, 2016

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann, at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair; James Dwyer, Andrew Gill, Luke Metzger, Cyrus Reed, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair, was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived prior to discussion on Item 3, New Business. Gregory Santiago and Shane Saum were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Kurt Stogdill, Liana Kallivoka, Michael Husted, John Umphress, Scott Jarman and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the December 15, 2015 regular meeting. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. Metzger abstaining.**

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

There were no speakers.

Ms. Cregar arrived.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Authorize negotiation and execution of contracts with qualifying vendors for enrollment of and continued access to thermostats participating in Austin Energy's Power Partner Thermostat Program, in a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 over the two-year contract terms. **Motion to approve by Mr. Wong, seconded by Ms. White, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- b. Approve issuance of a rebate to Nimes Capital, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Ballpark Austin Apartments located at 4600 Elmont Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$85,595 (District 3). **This item was withdrawn by staff.**
- c. Approve issuance of a rebate to NRE Edge LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Edge Apartments located at 1515 Wickersham Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$83,870 (District 3). **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- d. Approve issuance of a rebate to NRE Zone LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Zone Apartments located at 4700 East Riverside Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$72,945 (District 3). **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, passed on a vote of 9-0.**

- e. Approve issuance of a rebate to Riverside Resources, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at its office building located at 10901 Stonelake Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$60,566 (District 9). **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, passed on a vote of 9-0.**

4. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

Staff briefing on possible local amendments to the 2015 Energy Code by John Umphress and Kurt Stogdill, Austin Energy Green Building. Mr. Reed and Ms. White suggested adding a “solar-ready amendment” requiring that builders leave roof top space for future installation of solar panels. Staff will provide an update at next month’s meeting. Mr Reed and Ms. White also suggested that the Resource Management Commission review the energy code for approval.

Mr. Gill left the dais.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on the Resource Management Commission Working Group report regarding recommendations of the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force, per Council Resolution No. 20151210-029. Members of the Working Group (Mr. Dielmann, Mr. Reed, Ms. Vaughan, Ms. White and Mr. Wong) distributed a list of 10 possible recommendations for review. Members agreed on eight recommendations with minor changes; the two remaining recommendations will be revised by the Working Group for review by the Commission at the next meeting on February 16. Commissioners plan to vote on the recommendations at their meeting in March.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members agreed to continue the Energy Code discussion in February. Mr. Metzger requested information from Austin Water about possible code changes regarding graywater.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:40 p.m.