



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – February 16, 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 Vice Chair Jennifer Cregar, at 6:16 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair; James Dwyer, Andrew Gill, Luke Metzger, Cyrus Reed, Gregory Santiago, Shane Saum, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Leo Dielmann, Chair, was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly afterward.

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Scott Jarman and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy; Mark Jordan of Austin Water; Zach Baumer of the Office of Sustainability; and Gerry Caulk and Jennifer Wall of Fleet Services.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting. **Motion to approve, as amended, by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Wong, passed on vote of 10-0. The following sentence was added to Item 4, the briefing on possible local amendments to the 2015 Energy Code: “Mr Reed and Ms. White also suggested that the Resource Management Commission review the energy code for approval.”**

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Lanetta Cooper spoke regarding Item 4 and the need for better data recording and tracking of energy efficiency programs.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorize issuance of a rebate to Foundation Communities for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Trails at the Park Apartments located at 815 W. Slaughter Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$62,367. (District 5) **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a vote of 11-0.**
- b. Authorize 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) **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a vote of 11-0.**
- c. Authorize issuance of a rebate to Oracle America Inc., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at its data center located at 11400 N. Lamar Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$118,808. (District 7) **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a vote of 11-0.**
- d. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12 month contract with TELVENT USA HOLDINGS LLC DBA SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC for the purchase of continued access to Energy Profiler Online, a web-based load profiling software, in an amount not to exceed \$366,308 with four 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$366,608 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,833,040. **Motion to approve by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Dielmann, passed on a vote of 11-0.**

4. 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.

Paul Robbins intended to speak on Item 4, but asked for time to review the recommendations brought forward by the Working Group.

Discussion by Commissioners focused on revisions to Recommendation A-2, #23 and C-4, #14, as listed on the Working Group's draft list. A-2 would set a demand savings goal for programs targeting low and moderate income customers. C-4 would establish service options for installing air conditioners in homes participating in the free weatherization program.

As a courtesy to presenters, Commissioners agreed to hear the first staff briefing (Item 5a) before further discussion on Item 4.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Quarterly report from Austin Water by Mark Jordan, Conservation Program Coordinator.

4. OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Paul Robbins made suggestions and comments regarding the draft recommendations brought forward by the Working Group.

Commissioners discussed and generally agreed on revisions to Recommendation A-2. They also discussed revisions to Recommendation C-4, including creating a new, separate recommendation that would establish a process for assessing existing central air conditioners in homes participating in the free weatherization program. Commissioners briefly debated postponing action on the recommendations, but agreed to take action at this meeting.

As a courtesy to presenters for the remaining staff briefings (Items 5b and 5c), they agreed to continue discussion of Item 4 after the briefings.

Commissioner Saum left the dais.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- b. Quarterly report from the Office of Sustainability by Zach Baumer, Climate Protection Manager.
- c. Report from Fleet Services on sustainability activities by Jennifer Walls, Deputy Fleet Services Officer.

4. OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Commissioner White prepared a revised list of recommendations for review based on suggestions made earlier in the meeting. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Wong, passed on a vote of 9-1, with Commissioner Saum off the dais and Commissioner Dwyer voting no.**

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners requested quarterly updates from Fleet Services, information regarding graywater from Austin Water, a continuation of the discussion on Energy Codes (with action) in March, an update on the Community Solar project and information on electric and thermal storage including information about a possible large-scale storage project.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:43 p.m.