



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – March 22, 2016

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting. **Motion to approve by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Wong, passed on vote of 6-0 with Ms. Cregar, Mr. Reed, Mr. Santiago and Ms. White off the dais and Ms. Vaughan absent.**

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

There were no speakers. Mr. Paul Robbins signified his intent to speak on Item 3a.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Texas Gas Service: Briefings and discussion regarding the End-of-Year and Quarterly Reports and the Energy Measurement and Verification Study by Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service, and Paul Raab of Energy Tools, LLC.

Mr. Paul Robbins spoke on the data presented and suggested that the RMC encourage Texas Gas Utility to set a goal of 1% annual savings.

- b. Austin Energy: Briefing and discussion regarding possible local amendments to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code by Debbie Kimberly, VP, Customer Energy Solutions; and John Umphress, Michael Husted and Liana Kallivoka of Austin Energy Green Building.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding possible local amendments to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). Members reviewed draft language distributed by Mr. Reed on an additional amendment designed to promote solar energy for both residential and commercial energy codes.

David Dixon of Build Native spoke in favor of a “solar-ready” amendment and offered suggestions on appropriate language.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the residential and commercial energy codes as proposed by Austin Energy with direction to staff to add a sentence in the Energy Rating Index (ERI) stating that the ERI shall not consider on-site power production; and, in that the RMC is in support of a solar-ready amendment, a Working Group will be established to work with staff to refine language of an amendment for review by the RMC next month; seconded by Mr. Metzger; passed on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner Saum off the dais and Ms. Vaughan absent.

A Working Group, composed of Ms. Cregar, Mr. Reed, Ms. White and Mr. Wong, was formed to address the language of the solar-ready amendment for review and action next month.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding bylaws. **Motion to approve the revised bylaws as presented, and with universal changes approved by City Council, by Mr. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Metzger, passed on a 6-0-3 vote with Vice Chair Cregar and Commissioners Santiago and White abstaining.**

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners requested the continuation of the discussion with action on the solar-ready amendment to the Energy Code and reiterated requests for an update on the Community Solar project and briefings on electric and thermal storage.

ADJOURN – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:45 p.m.