



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – April 19, 2016

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann (Chair), James Dwyer, Andrew Gill, Kaiba White and Michael Wong and Susanne Vaughn. Cyrus Reed and Shane Saum were not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly afterward. Luke Metzger and Gregory Santiago were absent. (Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair, resigned on April 15, 2016.)

Staff in Attendance: Drema Gross, Daryl Slusher, Mark Jordan, Robert Stefani and Adam Smith of Austin Water; Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, Kurt Stogdill, Liana Kallivoka, Heidi Kasper and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

Mr. Dielmann announced the resignation of Vice Chair Jennifer Cregar on April 15.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. **Motion to approve by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Wong, passed on vote of 6-0 with Mr. Reed and Mr. Saum off the dais.**

Mr. Dielmann suggested consideration of agenda items related to Austin Energy followed by items related to Austin Water. Commissioners agreed on the following order: 2, 3a, 5a, 4, 5b, 3b, 3c, 6 and 7.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no speakers.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recommend the issuance of a rebate to Fifth/Colorado JV, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 201 West 5th Street, in an amount not to exceed \$82,929. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 7-0 with Mr. Reed off the dais.**

5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

- a. Austin Energy: Progress report regarding the Community Solar project by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, and Danielle Murray, Manager, Solar Program.

4. **OLD BUSINESS** – Discussion and possible action on a “solar-ready” local amendment to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code. Mr. Reed made a presentation “Making Austin Solar Ready.” Commissioners reviewed draft language for residential and commercial solar-ready amendments. No action was taken. Commissioners requested the discussion continue at next month’s meeting after staff solicited input from other stakeholders.

5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS (continued)**

- b. Austin Water: Briefing on graywater systems by Robert Stefani, Conservation Program Specialist.

3. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- b. Recommend approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 6-4 of City Code relating to water use management, providing for permanent once-per-week irrigation for automatic irrigation systems, adding flexibility for hose-end irrigation and home car washing, and limiting waivers for new landscape irrigation to drought tolerant landscapes. **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. White, passed on vote of 8-0.**
- c. Recommend approval of a resolution repealing Resolution No. 20120816-004 and adopting the Revised 2016 Drought Contingency Plan for Retail & Wholesale Public Water Suppliers. This plan is a requirement of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). **Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Reed, passed on vote of 8-0.**

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Terms: May 1 to April 30)

Motion to elect Mr. Dielmann as chair by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Reed, passed on vote of 8-0. Motion to elect Mr. Reed as Vice Chair by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Dielmann, passed on vote of 8-0.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dielmann noted the discussion regarding the solar ready amendment would continue at next month's meeting. Ms. White requested data on graywater systems in the Austin Water service area. Mr. Reed requested a discussion on the goals for Texas Gas Service conservation programs.

ADJOURN – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:26 p.m.