



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – MAY 17, 2016

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, May 17, 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; Cyrus Reed, Vice Chair; James Dwyer, Luke Metzger, Shane Saum, Susanne Vaughn and Kaiba White. Ms. White was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly afterward. Andrew Gill, Gregory Santiago and Michael Wong were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Mark Jordan of Austin Water; Debbie Kimberly, Dan Smith, Jim Collins, Danielle Murray, Denise Kuehn, Kurt Stogdill, Heidi Kasper, John Umphress and Toyee Goodson of Austin Energy.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. **Motion to approve by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, passed on vote of 6-0 with Ms. White off the dais.**

Mr. Dielmann recommended hearing Item 4a, the briefing on the SHINES project prior to considering Item 3c, a related contract. Commissioners agreed.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no speakers.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a.** Recommend issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to FLEXTRONICS in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the installation of treatment and filtration systems, pumps, storage and distribution piping to recycle treated manufacturing process rinse water to offset the use of potable water. **Motion to approve on consent by Mr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 7-0 with Mr. Gill, Mr. Santiago and Mr. Wong absent and one vacancy.**
- b.** Recommend approval of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20150908-001 to decrease the Austin Energy Operating Fund Ending Balance by \$1,040,134 and increase the Conservation Rebates expenses by \$1,040,134 to provide additional funding for the Free Weatherization and Customer Assistance Program Low Income Weatherization programs. **Motion to approve on consent by Mr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 7-0 with Mr. Gill, Mr. Santiago and Mr. Wong absent and one vacancy.**
- c.** Recommend authorization to negotiate and execute a 36-month contract with PECAN STREET INC. to provide residential solar and energy storage implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$900,000. **Motion to approve by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Saum, passed on vote of 7-0 with Mr. Gill, Mr. Santiago and Mr. Wong absent and one vacancy.**

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Briefing on the Austin SHINES (Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar PV) Project by Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery.
- b. Briefing on Austin Energy's District Cooling Systems by Jim Collins, Director, On-Site Energy Storage.

5. OLD BUSINESS – Discussion and possible action on a solar-ready amendment to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

Mr. Reed provided an update on meetings with staff members from Austin Energy and the Development Services Department (DSD) and requested that the RMC postpone vote on the amendment one month so that Austin Energy Green Building Staff could gather additional input from construction industry professionals. Kurt Stogdill and John Umphress, Austin Energy Green Building, answered questions. Commissioners discussed the need to increase the number of inspectors in the DSD. Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Services, provided information on how Austin Energy and DSD are working on optimizing resources as they pertain to building inspections.

6. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS – Discussion regarding accelerating the target for local solar in the Resource, Generation & Climate Protection Plan. (Sponsors: Ms. White and Mr. Reed) Commissioners postponed consideration of this item to their June 21 meeting.

7. ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT – Discussion regarding the Annual Internal Review Report to be submitted by July 31, 2016 to the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Dwyer offered to create a first draft of the report for review at the next meeting. Mr. Dielmann asked that Commissioners individually email their suggestions for goals and objectives to Ms. Goodson, Staff Liaison, for inclusion in the document.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dielmann noted that Item 6 was deferred to the June meeting and that the discussion on the solar ready amendment would continue. Mr. Reed requested a discussion on Texas Gas Service's goals and budget for their conservation program. Ms. White suggested a discussion of the DSD's staffing levels for inspectors in conjunction with the discussion of the solar ready amendment at next month's meeting. She also requested information on the proposed budget from Austin Energy's Customer Energy Services division before August.

ADJOURN – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:41 p.m.